



# Flowers & Fins

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## October Meeting

**October 14**

**Location:** Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park

**Address:** 2400 S. Scenic Avenue, Springfield, MO

**Directions:** East off Scenic between Sunshine & Battlefield Road. Take a right after you cross the old RR track to new parking lot.

# Botanical Center Grand Opening Week

## October 11 - 17



# LEAVES

# PREPARED

# Debris

Our **October members' meeting** will be held in the new Botanical Center! We will not be having an outside speaker for this meeting. Instead, we will have our own "experts" to share their many years of knowledge on **preparing your water garden for fall and winter**. See if you can stump the "experts" with a question or if you are new to the world of water gardening, find out just what you need to know to get ready for the changes coming up.



# Plants

Also we will spend time discussing just where we want to go with SWS. Some of the topics to think about are programming for 2011, website design, pond tour, elections, Christmas home tour, etc. We need lots of input from new and old members alike.

The roll call question for this month will be *"What did you enjoy most about your water garden this summer or if you don't have one, describe something you saw at a members pond that intrigued you."*

# Fish



# Ice

Hope to see all of you there as we all check out the new Botanical Center together!

# pumps

**Social Time - 6:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Time - 7:00 p.m.**

# Filtration

# Aeration Waterfalls

# Pond Heaters

# Pruning

## September Meeting in Review by Peggy Redfearn

September was a whirlwind month of activities for the Springfield Watergarden Society! Our regular meeting took place at Bob and Buffy Lovett's home.

Bob gave an informative talk regarding the smallest to the tallest conifers and how to care for them. His enthusiasm for sharing his love of conifers was contagious! He answered many questions from our members and happily showed the various conifers/evergreens growing in their garden. He is THE man to go to if you have further questions on what kind, where to plant, and how to take care of these beautiful, year round gems in your garden.

Thank you Bob and Buffy for sharing your beautiful garden and pond with us!



## Japanese Fall Festival by Peggy Redfearn

Amazing things can happen when everyone works together! The booth looked great! All the visitors loved the pictures on the boards and the highlight of the weekend were the beautiful miniature waterlilies which bloomed profusely!

The children enjoyed looking into the mini-ponds to see if they could spot the goldfish swimming beneath the waterlilies. We met so many wonderful people and many of them signed up to be members of the Springfield Watergarden Society. Welcome to all of the new members! As the old saying goes, "many hands make light work", and this was certainly the case with so many helping to set up, man the booth and to help take it down. Then afterwards, phone calls, newsletters and information regarding the Tiki Tour were sent out to the new members. Our booth was a success because so many members volunteered their time.....THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Janet Wreath, Jim Silzell & Mimi Grozinger for setting up and to man the table were Ken Grozinger, Peggy Redfearn, Marcy Brown, Ian & Phyllis Donnelly, Rose Fuller, Jana Belk, Susan Brookehart and Bob & Donna Simpson.

They did an incredible job of telling people about SWS. In fact, they did such a great job that we now have 23 new member families as a result.





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Tiki Tour 2010 by Peggy Redfearn

Not letting the grass grow under our feet or still waters be calm, the race was on for making our Tiki Tour a magical evening for all to enjoy.

The tiki torches and twinkling lights lit up the ponds and gardens. This gave an ethereal feel of another world to escape to and socialize with both old and new friends.

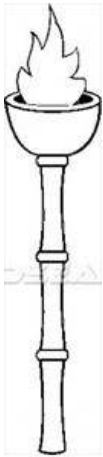
Our progressive tour began with hors d'oeuvres at Bob and Monika Feeney's waterfall home.

With time marching on, we gathered around Pat Johnson's new pond enjoying several varieties of chili, cornbread, and chips.

Our progressive dinner ended at Jim Silzell's home where he tantalized our tastebuds with a selection of homemade desserts and a tour of his pond and garden.

Thank you to all of our hosts and hostesses for opening up their gardens and ponds for us to enjoy and gain inspiration from. A special thank you to everyone behind the scenes for all of their hard work who made this magical evening happen! Even though the tiki torches and twinkling lights are now out, the lights continue to burn in our memories of a wonderful evening sharing food, drink, and laughter with our fellow ponders. Inspiring us, that just maybe, we too can create a magical place of our own to enjoy special moments away from the hustle and bustle of the world.

# Fall Tiki



# Tour



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Grand Opening Week**

**October 11 - 17**

For a Schedule of Events go to

[www.parkboard.org](http://www.parkboard.org)

SWS will have a display table during the grand opening. If you would like to help set up the table or spend some time at the table greeting people, we would love to have volunteers to do so. We do not have to have someone at the table all the time.

SWS will do a presentation on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 3:00 p.m. on "Putting Your Watergarden to Bed for the Winter".

## Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand 8-18-2010	\$3,334.47
Income to date for month	321.72
Expenses to date for month	176.93

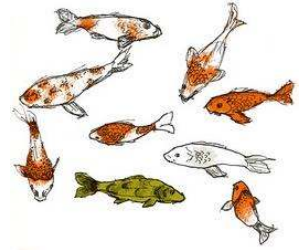
Balance on Hand 9-16-2010	\$3,479.26
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Treasury still looks great, but not all expenses for the Tiki Tour have been paid yet.

## Koi Need Home

New members from Sarcoxie, Karen & Randy have 3 or 4 koi that need a new home. They are about 15" long. They would like to sell them for \$5 - \$10 each or might consider a trade they might even just give them to you!



They can be reached by phone after 4 pm at 417-548-3194 or by you can email them at [sfranger7190@yahoo.com](mailto:sfranger7190@yahoo.com).



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**NEW SINCE JUNE 2010**

Jeff & Shell Alexander  
J. J. Averett  
Brian & Marianne Banks

Elzie & June Berry  
Jan Beth  
Debbie Collins  
Alan & Ann Fear  
Benny & Barbara Gard  
Kathie Hall & Dan Matt  
Diane Herring  
Guy & Deb Highfill  
Kathy Hunter  
Larry Lee  
Angela Lorette  
Bob & Buffy Lovett  
Dan & Linda Mallow  
Al & Janice Markley  
Gary Meints

Jim & Leslie Moran  
Dean & Carol Morlock  
Brenda O'Connor  
Bobbi Ream  
David & Rosemary Reynolds  
Katy & Kenney Robling  
Randy Rollins & Karen Fahnestock  
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The Lovett's pond surrounded by miniature conifers



Another pic of our table at the Japanese Fall Festival



Those beautiful fall leaves! Pond enemy number one this time of year. Covering your pond with bird netting can prevent lots of time spent netting out leaves by hand, emptying skimmer baskets or cleaning out that nasty mulm in the spring.

But, don't place the bird netting directly on the water. Fish can get caught in it and leaves sitting in the net on the water will leave tannins that will discolor your water. As they get wetter, they will also get heavier and weight down the net. Elevate the net 6" to 12" over the water with a PVC or wooden frame.

## The Springfield Watergarden Society

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## Dates to Remember

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| ★ October meeting                        | Thursday, October 14<br>Spfd. Botanical Center<br>2400 S. Scenic Ave. | Social Time: 6:30 pm<br>Meeting Time: 7:00 pm                            | Program on getting<br>your pond ready for<br>winter |
| ★ Botanical Center<br>Grand Opening Week | Week of Oct. 11 thru 17   | <a href="http://www.parkboard.org">www.parkboard.org</a><br>for schedule |   |
| ★ SWS Presentation<br>at Botanical Ctr.  | Saturday, Oct. 16   | Time: 3:00 pm  |   |
| ★ SWS Board Meeting                      | Thursday, Oct. 21   | Time: 6:30 pm  |   |
| ★ November meeting                       | Thursday, Nov. 11   | At Botanical Center  | Election of officers &<br>Board Members<br>for 2011 |
| ★ Christmas Home Tour                    | Saturday, Dec. 11   | Details later  |   |