



Flowers & Fins

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February 10 Members' Meeting

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

Address: 2400 S. Scenic
Avenue, Springfield, MO

Directions: East off Scenic
between Battlefield Road &
Sunshine. Take a right after
you cross the old RR track to
new parking lot on north side
of the Botanical Center.

We have a great meeting scheduled for this month. Ruby Miller will be giving a presentation on making "Papercrete." Ruby has been perfecting her method for a while now and will have samples of pieces she has made as well as samples of the actual material used to make the pieces. Lee Coates will be assisting her in presenting a slide show of how the process is done.

Ruby and Lee have both been instrumental in working with Friends of the Garden in establishing the beautiful gardens at the Botanical Center.

We will have snacks ready for you at 6:30. Try to get there as close to 6:30 as possible. We will start the meeting at 6:45. Remember, building closes at 8 p.m.

We very rarely cancel a meeting because of the weather, but since it is February and the forecast doesn't look too good, check your email or check our website before you come out. You can also call Pat at 417-343-3878 or Mimi at 417-882-0528.

Tour of Tables Tea

The date has been set for the Tour of Tables Tea. It will be held on August 13 between 1:00 & 4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Battlefield.

SWS will have a table this year. Rose Fuller, Doris Woodard and Phyllis Donnelly will be in charge of our table, but if you would like to help, they would be glad to have you join the team. Our theme will be "Fantail Fiesta."

This event is sponsored by the Ever Green Garden Club. An SWS member, Laura Wells, is in charge of the tea this year.



Board of Directors Meeting

SWS Board of Directors met on January 27th at the home of Ian & Phyllis Donnelly. New bylaws have been written for SWS replacing the original bylaws which probably had not been amended for at least ten years. A copy of the new bylaws will be printed in the newsletter.

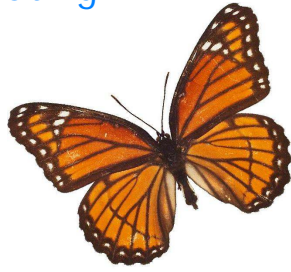
Plans are being made for this year's public pond tour. It will be held on Friday evening July 8 and Saturday, July 9. This drastic change in dates was decided at our January members meeting. Would you like to serve on the pond committee?

We are working on advertising rates so that we can broaden our options.

The board of directors meets on the last Thursday of the month now. Next meeting will be at Janet Wreath's home. Members are invited to attend. Call Pat or Janet for more details.

March Meeting

Our March meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Bill Roston on butterflies in general but will also include the life cycle of butterflies. This will include a powerpoint presentation. We will have the opportunity to learn what we can plant to attract butterflies into our own gardens. As always, invite your friends to come too.



In Memoriam

The Springfield Watergarden Society has purchased a brick at the Botanical Center in memory of Pauline O'Quinn, mother of Jerry O'Quinn who passed away in January.

Lawn & Garden Show

Don't forget the Lawn & Garden Show is this month. It runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday & Saturday, February 18 & 19 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 20. This yearly event is held at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds and will feature over 100 exhibitors.

Admission for adults is \$4.00.

Kids 12 and under are free. Parking is also free.



Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand 01/06/2011 \$ 2,687.98

Balance on hand 01/27/2011 \$ 2,907.98



Is Your Hole Effective?

Winter can be really tough on our fish. Hopefully your pond was fairly free of debris going into winter. When our pond gets covered with ice or snow, it is crucial to keep an opening in the water to let out the carbon monoxide which can build up from decaying debris at the bottom of the pond. There are different schools of thought on how to keep your pond open. Some of you may leave your waterfalls running year round because swiftly moving water rarely freezes completely. If you do this, keep an eye on it to make sure that an ice dam does not form to divert water out of the pond. Also, hopefully you brought your pump up from the bottom so that you are not chilling the water for the fish even more by pulling it from the bottom.

Some people float a heater on the surface of the pond to keep a hole open to allow for the exchange of oxygen and the bad gases. This is effective, but some heaters are pretty expensive to run and the hole may not be large enough. If you see your fish congregating around the hole, they are not getting enough oxygen. We want our fish lying idle on the floor of the pond for their best health.

One good method for keeping your pond open is to use a small pump placed about 8 to 12 inches below the surface of the water with a small PVC pipe coming just above the surface of the water (or even just below the surface) to keep the water stirred up, oxygenating the water, letting out the harmful gases and keeping an open hole in the water.

If your pond has frozen over, you can still make a hole in it by using a pan of hot water to open a hole and then inserting a small pump, bubbler, or heater. If you use a pan of hot water though, tie something to the handle so that it doesn't go to the bottom when it thaws through. Never chop a hole in the ice with a hammer or axe as this can cause shock waves that are harmful to the fish.



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**Board meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month.
Club members are always welcome to attend. Location varies.**

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AAADD - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

It has come to this. I decide to do some work on the car, start to the garage and notice the mail on the table. OK, I'm going to work on the car. BUT FIRST, I'm going to go through the mail.

Lay car keys down on desk. After discarding the junk mail, I notice the trash can is full. OK, I'll just put the bills on my desk. BUT FIRST, I'll take the trash out.

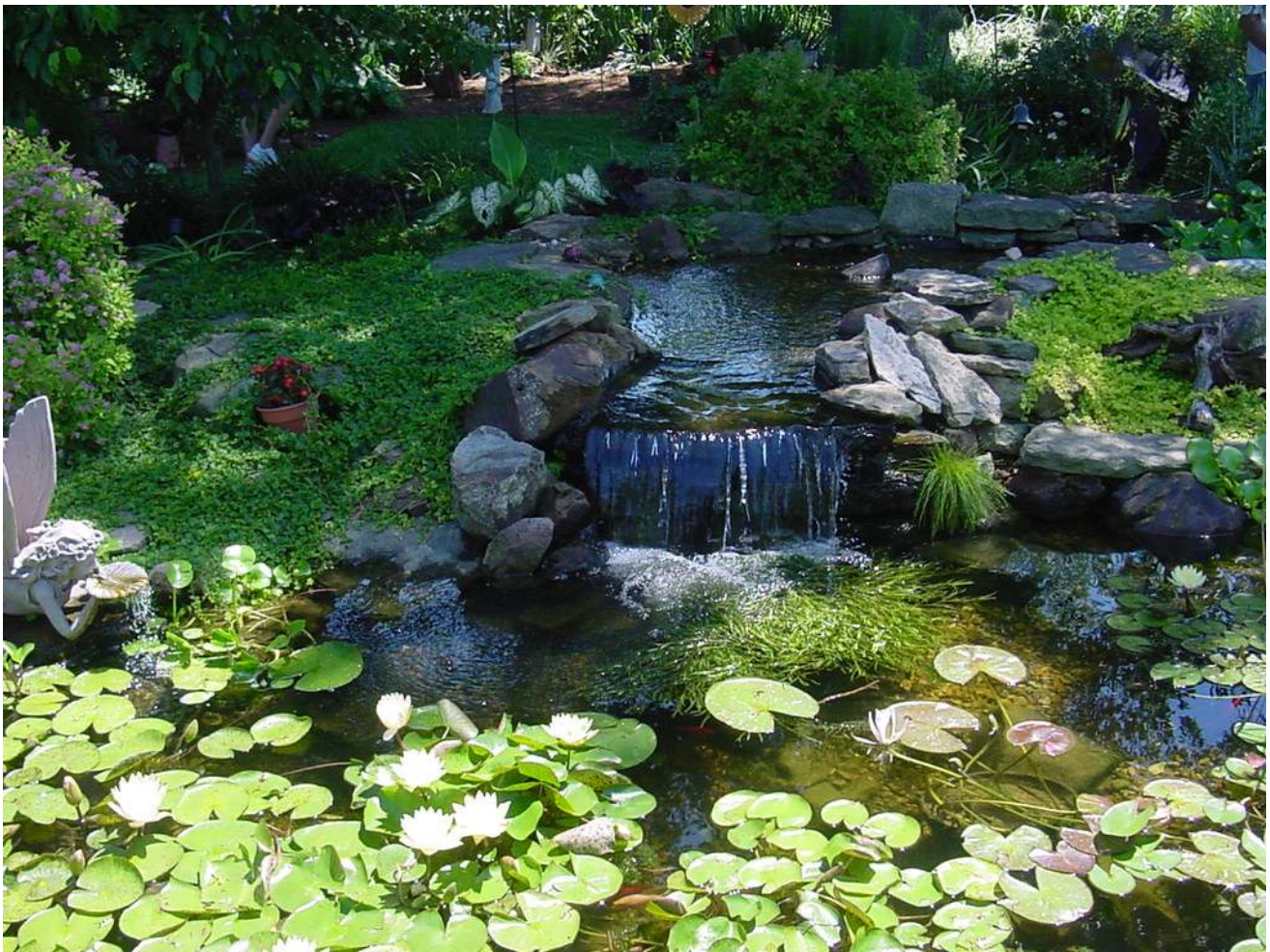
Since I'm going to be near the mailbox, I'll address a few bills. Now where is the checkbook? Oops, there's only one check left. Where did I put the extra checks? BUT FIRST, I need to put the cup back in the kitchen.

I head for the kitchen, look out the window, notice the flowers need a drink of water. I put the cup on the counter and there's my extra pair of glasses on the kitchen counter. What are they doing here? I'll just put them away... BUT FIRST, I need to water those plants.

I head for the door and notice someone left the TV remote in the wrong spot. Okay, I'll put the remote away and water the plants. BUT FIRST, I need to find those checks.

END OF THE DAY; Oil in car not changed, bills still unpaid, cup still in the sink, checkbook still has only one check left, lost my car keys. And, when I try to figure out how come nothing got done today, I'm baffled because . . . I KNOW I WAS BUSY ALL DAY!

I realize this condition is serious. I'll get help... BUT FIRST, I think I'll check my e-mail.



Dreaming of days to come!

Dates to Remember

★ February meeting	Thursday, February 10 Botanical Center 2400 South Scenic	Social Time: 6:30 pm Meeting Time: 6:45 pm	Ruby Miller with "Papercrete"
★ Lawn & Garden Show	Fri. & Sat., Feb. 18 & 19 Sunday, Feb. 20	Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Fair grounds
★ SWS Board Meeting	Thursday, February 24	Time: 6:30 pm	At the home of Janet Wreath
★ March meeting	Thursday, March 10 Botanical Center 2400 South Scenic	Social Time: 6:30 pm Meeting Time: 6:45 pm	Dr. Bill Roston "Butterflies"
★ Pond Tour	Friday, July 8 Saturday, July 9	Time: Evening Time: During the day	
★ Tour of Tables Tea	Saturday, August 13	Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	

If you would be interested in hosting one of our summer meetings, please let Pat know. We all enjoy going to other member's ponds and gardens in the summer time. Depending on the weather, we usually are ready to go outside at least in May if not in April.

Springfield Watergarden Society
Replacement By Laws
January 27, 2011

PURPOSE: To promote to the general public the understanding and enjoyment of water gardening and to establish community projects for this purpose.

MEMBERSHIP: Active membership is open to all people.

DUES: Dues are \$15.00 per year per household (newsletter to be sent by email.) Individuals who wish to receive their newsletters by postal service will pay an additional fee of \$15.00 to cover the cost of printing and mailing their newsletters. Dues are payable annually on or before January 1st and will be delinquent January 31st. Exceptions on delinquent date can be made on a yearly basis at the discretion of the board.

MEETINGS - GENERAL: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Starting time will be 6:30 p.m. for a social period before the regular meeting begins. Meeting start time will vary with the seasons. Meeting locations will be announced in the monthly newsletter.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The number of directors is to be thirteen (13) consisting of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and nine (9) at large members. All members of the board at large are to be elected for three (3) year terms with three (3) board members elected each year. Officers are to be elected for two (2) year terms. The president and treasurer are to be elected in odd years and the vice-president and secretary are to be elected in even years. Board of directors meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at a place to be decided by the board members. Compensation is limited to actual expenses incurred by them in performing their duties with prior approval by the board. Membership dues will be waived for board members.

FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year is January 1st to December 31st.

OFFICER'S DUTIES: PRESIDENT - Presides at all meetings, appoints members to committees, makes interim appointments with approval of the board, signs all contracts with approval of the board and serves as ex-officio member of all committees.

VICE PRESIDENT - Serves in the absence of the president and assists the president in all matters large or small. The vice president's name will be on the checking account and will approve all checks written over \$300.00. The vice president will be in charge of programming for all members meetings.

SECRETARY - Takes minutes of all meetings, keeps records of attendance, writes any correspondence and keeps a file of the minutes.

TREASURER - Keeps books, maintains checking account, gives treasurer's report at meetings, pays all just bills, collects all dues and keeps a record of club membership.

VACANCIES: In the event a vacancy on the board occurs, the president with approval of the board, will select someone to fill the position on the board until the next regular election. Any board member absent without just cause for three (3) consecutive meetings shall be replaced by the president with consent of the board.

AMENDMENTS: These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of board members present at any meeting, provided a quorum is present.

VOTING: A majority of board members (7) constitutes a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, no formal action shall be taken except to adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date. Passage of a motion requires a simple majority (ie. one more than half the members present).