



Flowers & Fins

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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.

Time flies! We've made it through Christmas and New Year's and it's time for our first meeting of 2011.

I can't give you all the details on this meeting. We expect to have a guest speaker, but it is not yet confirmed who that will be. I can tell you, though, if you have been coming to our meetings recently, you know that at the very least, you will have the opportunity to meet up with old friends and make a few new ones.

Just consider this a surprise program. I guarantee that whatever we do, a great guest speaker or just our group on its own, you will be glad you came.

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, very rarely cancel the meeting because of the weather, but since it is January, if in doubt check your email or check our website.



Would You Like to Help?

Jim Silzell has volunteered to coordinate refreshments for our regular members' meetings. If you would like to help with refreshments, we will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. It can be as simple or as fancy as you like, homemade or store bought, it's up to you, but for those who would like to help with refreshments, Jim would appreciate your help.

2011 Memberships & Dues

We encourage everyone to renew their membership in SWS as soon as possible. An email membership (you receive newsletter via email) will remain \$15.00 per family per calendar year. Snail mail membership will remain \$20.00 per family per calendar year for renewals through January 31st. After that the rate will go up to \$30.00 per year to recover costs of printing and mailing.

*We encourage you to renew sooner rather than later to **show your support of SWS***, but having said that, we have also decided to extend the renewal period from January 1st to April 1st. Even though we feel this is a great value, we know that everyone has just spent a ton on Christmas, taxes, etc. so.....April 1st it is.



Thoughts On the New Year

by Peggy Redfearn

Looking back, it seems like it was only a little while ago we were suggesting ideas on how to improve our watergarden society and voting unanimously on electing our new officers and board members. A round of applause and a big THANK YOU to everyone willing to serve on the board in the new year. But wait! That was waaaay back in November! Since then, time has flown by!

December, was the icing on the cake.....we toured several homes decorated for Christmas and finished by celebrating with a party at Alan & Pat Ware's home. Thank you to everyone who opened their beautiful, unique, festive homes for us to enjoy! Even though it was cold and blustery outside, the bonds of sharing friendship, food, and experiences from our watergardens kept our spirits warm inside. Not even the cold, howling winds or the falling snowflakes could dampen our spirits! It was the perfect successful ending to 2010 for the Springfield Watergarden Society!

This new year of 2011 brings the promise of a new beginning! We can take time now, during the winter months, to plan for an inspiring year of watergardening. Not just for our Springfield Watergarden Society, but, for each of us to expand our ponds, watergardens, and other endeavors which make our surroundings a reflection of our personalities. A place where we can escape and enjoy, knowing we have created our own haven amidst the turmoil in the world around us. By bringing positive ideas, volunteering when able, sharing our watergardening knowledge, laughing at our mistakes, and encouraging each other, we can continue to have a successful, fun watergarden society in which to flourish and make many happy memories.

Here's wishing you a healthy, prosperous, and a Happy New Year full of exciting new watergardening experiences!



Ian has learned that one of our newer members, Dorothy Haase has been hospitalized and will be for several days. Let's all keep Dorothy in our prayers.

Getting the New Year Started

by Rose Fuller

Can you believe it's 2011? It amazes me how fast time flies. First, you have an entire year ahead of you. Then, summer is over...and then, it's "how the heck did it get to be October?!?"

That's the reason why every year I spend the first week of the New Year taking action toward achieving my goals for the year. I find it helps to jump start the year and then time doesn't slip away with nothing done quite as easily.

This week, I have already made my list of goals that I want to accomplish with my garden, like outlining new flower beds and making changes with the old ones. And, there are changes I want to make with my pond as well.

Then, the next step is to start gathering up the materials and supplies needed to make this *long* list happen...like ordering seeds, plants, etc.

This may seem early but, stop...and think about it. April will be here day after tomorrow (or so it will seem). NOW...would also be a good time to think about the pond tour! Have you signed up to be a part of our tour? If not...why not? It's a great opportunity to show off your garden and have fun at the same time. Put on your thinking cap and give one of the board members a call or send an email to springfieldwatergardensociety@gmail.com. You'll be glad you did. And, if you don't have a pond yet, you can still help a host or help in planning, working on tickets & maps, selling advertising, etc. This is, after all, one of our biggest club events of the year! This is your club, enjoy it more.....PARTICIPATE!

Recipe for a Successful Organization

- 3 cups **Desire**
- 4 cups **Enthusiasm**
- 2 cups **Interest in Human Nature**
- 3 cups **Loyalty**
- 3 ½ cups **Common Sense**
- ¼ cup **Knowledge**
- 5 cups **Friendly Greetings**

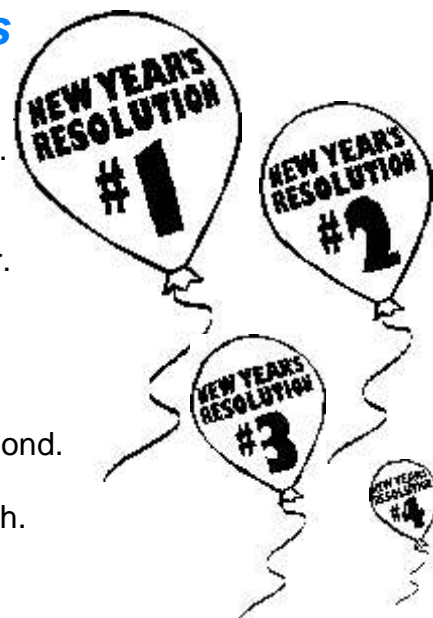
Mix these ingredients with love and a flavoring of good will and cooperation into a good productive unit.

Shared by Phyllis Donnelly

New Year's Resolutions from Ponders

Can you guess which board member made which resolution?

1. Finish building the stream that has been in progress for a while.
2. Find my leak and fix it.
3. Replant the plants around the pond.
4. Add more annuals around the pond this summer for more color.
5. Finish the remodel on our first pond.
6. Put in a cut flower garden.
7. Fill in the pond! (Or just fix the end that fell in this winter.)
8. Split and divide all the overgrown perennials.
9. Have more friends come and enjoy spending time around my pond.
10. Redo my flower beds and build a bridge.
11. Study and learn about new plants and learn more about goldfish.
12. Put in a vegetable filter.
13. Do whatever it takes to make our filter less of an eyesore.



Tour of Tables Tea

Several of our board members were delighted last August to attend the *Tour of Tables Tea* hosted by the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri.

Our members were so impressed with the event that this year SWS is going to have a table. The date for the 2011 event will be some time in July or August. Rose Fuller, Doris Woodard and Phyllis Donnelly will be in charge of our table. They would love to have more help on the project. If you are interested in helping, please let one of them know.



We were very sorry to learn of the death on January 3rd of Pauline O'Quinn, Jerry O'Quinn's mother. Jerry has been a huge supporter of SWS throughout the years and we wish to extend our condolences to Jerry and Sarah.

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Treasurer's Report



Balance on hand 11/18/2010	\$ 2,966.98
Total Income	110.00
Total expenses	(389.00)
Balance on hand 01/06/2011	\$ 2,687.98
<i>Christmas Home Tour expenses</i>	<i>\$ 158.14</i>

Christmas Home Tour

Well, we thought the Fall Tiki Tour couldn't be topped.....but wow! We had an excellent turn out on a really cold, blustery, snowy evening. We don't have an exact count, but around 70 people braved the cold to attend. Some could only come to the first home or two and some could only come to the final homes, but what a great turn out!

The homes of Scottie & Pam Snider, Jim Silzell, Lenard Davenport and Alan & Pat Ware were just awesome. We kept to our time schedule, traveled as a group and had a wonderful time. Many new friends were made. Thank you to all our hosts and thank you to each one of you who came along for this wonderful Christmas event. Here are a just a few pictures from the event.

If you have pictures you would be willing to share, email them to our club address and we will add them to our website pictures.



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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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Congratulations to Janet Wreath on her new appointment to the Greene County Master Gardener Board of Directors. Many of our SWS members are Master Gardeners.

Here are some Master Gardener events coming up in January & February that the public is invited to attend. Some require registration. For more info contact Janet at 885-1385 or the Master Gardener office at 417- 881-8909 or email greenemg@missouri.edu.

Jan. 11 - 6:30 p.m. at Botanical Center, Master Gardener general meeting,
Program: **"Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden"**

Jan. 22 - 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Midtown Carnegie Library, **"Vegetable Gardening for Beginners"**

Feb. 19 - 1-2:30 pm at Midtown Carnegie Library, **"Organic Gardening for Beginners"**



CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR 2010



