



# Flowers & Fins

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## September Meeting

**Social Time - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Time - 7:00 p.m.**

### September 9

**Location:** The home of  
Bob & Buffy Lovett  
2850 South Versailles  
Springfield, MO

**Directions:**

From Battlefield & Hwy 65  
go west on Battlefield thru  
Lone Pine to Chambery &  
turn **right** (north). Go  
**right** (east) on Versailles.  
The house is on the right.

Our speaker for the evening will be our host, Bob Lovett. Bob has several conifer farms and a huge passion for all kinds of conifers. Bob is one of the country's leading experts in this field. In 2008 we visited Lovett Pinetum on Pearson Creek. For this meeting we get to see Bob & Buffy's back yard.

One of the exciting features of this fantastic garden is the creative use of miniature conifers around the garden and around the pond. Many of the conifers used are very unique and unusual. Not at all what we are accustomed to seeing!

We will have a short business meeting before the program.



Lovett Pinetum at our SWS meeting in 2008

## Japanese Fall Festival

**September 10, 11 & 12**

**Hours**

**Friday, Sept. 10 - 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

**Saturday, Sept. 11 - 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

**Sunday, Sept. 12 - 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

We have passes for volunteer workers

## Volunteers Needed

We need lots of volunteers to man the SWS table and to set up for the event. If you have any ideas on what to include at our table, please let us know.

Contact Janet Wreath to schedule your time to work. Her phone number is 885-1385.

**This is YOUR club.**  
**Please help!**

## Fall Tiki Tour

It's time for our fall tiki tour again. Yea!! It will be a progressive tour with three ponds. Mark the date right now.

**Saturday, September 18**  
**Starting Time: 7:00 p.m.**

First will be the fabulous "waterfall house" home to Bob & Monika Feeney. Appetizers will be served at their home.

Second will be a new one for us! Pat Johnson will be hosting us. She is "under construction" on some things but was gracious enough to let us see her work in progress. It is so much fun to watch our friends' ponds & gardens as they grow and mature. At her home, we will be having our main course which will be chilli.

The third home is one of our all time favorites, that of Jim Silzell. There we will be treated to the most awesome of desserts.

To make this tour a success, we need to be mindful of the times. If we can all arrive at about the same times and leave at the same times, then everybody including the hosts get to enjoy!

## Directions & Schedule

**Bob & Monika Feeney**      **Arrive: 7:00 p.m.**  
**4316 East White Hall**      **Leave: 7:45 p.m.**

On Sunshine go past Sam's Club to Forest Heights & turn **left** (north). Turn **right** (east) on Linwood. It will turn left & become Whitehall. The house is on the right. (There are a series of stairs to go down to get to the pond area.)

**Pat Johnson**      **Arrive: 8:00 p.m.**  
**1225 West LaSalle**      **Leave: 8:45 p.m.**

Go back to Sunshine & head south on Hwy 65 to James River Expressway. Take the Expressway to Campbell exit. Turn **right** and then immediately **left** at the Republic Road light. Turn **right** on Broadway (2<sup>nd</sup> street). Turn **left** on LaSalle (1<sup>st</sup> left), house is on the right.

**Jim Silzell**      **Arrive: 9:00 p.m.**  
**2214 West Vincent**      **Leave: ??**

Go back to Broadway & turn **right**. Go **right** (west) on Republic Road. Turn **left** on Cox Road (next left after Kansas Exp.) & take a **right** on Vincent (2<sup>nd</sup> street). Jim's house is on the left corner of Vincent & Park Avenue.

## Changing Times

As most of you are probably aware by now, Linda Siler chose to resign as club president at the last members' meeting. We certainly wish Linda well with future endeavors and wish to thank her for the many years of service she gave to the Springfield Watergarden Society. Dr. Dave

& Helen Simmons have also given up their positions on the board of directors. Dr. Dave has served as vice president for five years now. Dave & Helen will be greatly missed at our monthly board meetings but we hope to continue to see them at members' meetings as they are able.

And our third big change is the resignation of Debbie Cushing as newsletter editor. As many of you know, Debbie had a very serious fall a few weeks ago which has left her with time off from work and time to reassess her priorities. We can only hope to make the newsletter look as good as Debbie did.

The entire Watergarden Society owes a great **BIG thank you** to Linda, Dr. Dave, Helen & Debbie for all their years of service to SWS.

## Where We Are

We have already made a great start at regrouping. Board members and members at large attended the regular board meeting on August 19 which met at the home of Alan & Pat Ware. Because of the need to turn in to the state the names of president and vice president by the end of August to continue our non-profit status, interim positions were filled.

Interim appointments are Pat Ware president, Ian Donnelly as vice-president, Rose Fuller and Janet Wreath as board members. In November we will have our regular election and elect officers and board members for 2010.

A nominating committee was also named. On the nominating committee are Reba Claspill, Jim Silzell, Bob Simpson, Pat Ware and Ann Weisz. While the committee will be looking for people willing to serve, members at large will have the opportunity to nominate from the floor.

If you are interested in serving or have a suggestion of someone you think would be good, please let anyone on the nominating committee know.

## Botanical Center Opening

The grand opening of the new Botanical Center is just around the corner. Opening week is October 11 thru October 17. The Board of Directors of SWS were given the opportunity on August 5 to meet the new director, Katie Steinhoff. Since then Ian Donnelly and Janet Wreath attended a meeting on August 26 with Katie explaining the roles that various clubs and organizations can play with the Botanical Center.



At this point we still have many questions, but we do know that as a club we have the opportunity to play an important role in the development of the Botanical Center. Our club is considered a "stakeholder." Now we as a club need to decide how much of a role we want to play.



Our first opportunity will be during the grand opening week. We can set up a table, display or some combination during this time period to showcase SWS. Think about this and we will try to have more info available by meeting time.

*August 29, 2010*

*Dear Watergarden Society Members,*

*As you know, we the members received from the board an e-mail inviting all members to come to the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting to be held on Thursday, August 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Alan and Pat Ware. We were asked to help the Board appoint and elect several interim Officer and Board Member positions to fill the vacancies of those who unexpectedly resigned. The elected interim appointments would fill the vacancies so our Watergarden Society could continue to function until our next regular election, held in November. Which at that time, the members would elect the positions needing to be filled for the 2011 Officers and Board Members of the Springfield Watergarden Society. The Board also asked all members to call or come to the meeting to voice their concerns and to share any ideas they might have for the improvement of our Society.*

*I decided to attend the Board meeting. As a fairly new member, this would be a good opportunity for me to observe the Board, voice my opinion, share my ideas, and to ask any questions I might have.*

*After the meeting began, the letters of resignation were read and were accepted with regret. It seemed everyone in attendance hopes all who resigned will continue to come to our meetings and be a part of our watergarden society. We then needed to fill the vacant positions. After much discussion and debate regarding filling the interim positions, some arm twisting, and some friendly kidding, we unanimously elected someone to fill each vacated position. Each person elected reminded everyone in attendance they would only fill the position until elections take place in November and the newly elected Officers and Board Members take over in 2011.*

*Once we were done with the interim elections, the sharing of ideas for programs and events to finish out the remaining year were bouncing around faster than ping pong balls in a heated match! It was refreshing to see the upbeat, positive attitudes of everyone attending! Over and over it was stated by different individuals that the watergarden society exists because of the members and how exciting it will be to hear even more ideas at the regular meeting in September.*

*For those of you who were unable to make it to the board meeting - you missed out on a positive, fun filled evening with lots of laughter, plenty of good food, getting to know each other better, and participating in challenging our watergarden society to be the best it can be! But, don't despair! In case you are feeling left out, we need you to bring your concerns, share your ideas, and bring your questions to each of our monthly meetings. Without you, the Springfield Watergarden Society would cease to exist. Come to the next meeting! Bring a friend or several friends, put your thinking caps on and prepare to brainstorm your ideas to make your watergarden society a fun place to be and join! Enjoy the program! So, whether you have a pond filled with plants and fish, or no pond, and want a great place to gain some gardening/pond knowledge and make new friendships, plan on attending the next meeting! See you in September!*

*Sincerely,*

*Peggy Redfearn*

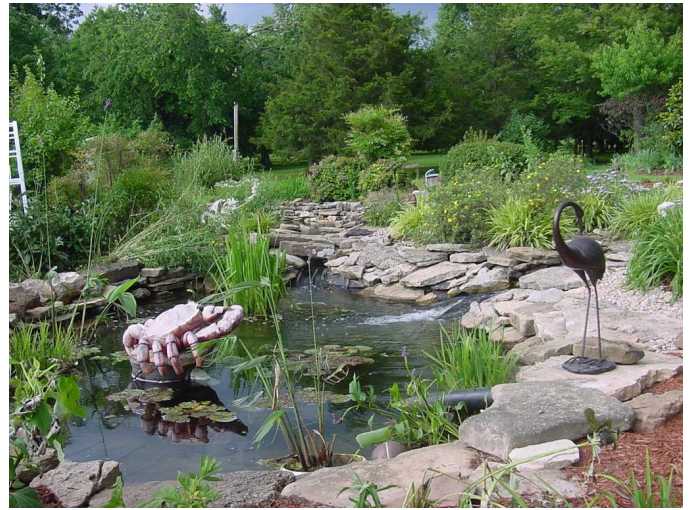
## August Meeting in Review

If you missed the August meeting at Dr. Tom & Cheryl Briggs, you missed a great meeting! First we had the opportunity to check out all the ponds, streams, flowers and especially the family cat! If you were there, you know about this beautiful and exotic creature and if you missed out.....it can't be described!

Even though it was plenty hot outside, the Briggs invited us in for the meeting. Cheryl told us all about their trips to Africa as well as other places where they have hunted. She also explained how a zoo volunteer became a big game hunter. What a charming and entertaining speaker Cheryl is!

After telling us about various hunting trips we were given a tour of the game room as well as seeing animals in the most amazing real life positions all over their home. Too bad I didn't think to take any pictures at the meeting!

Thank you so much to Dr. Tom & Cheryl for inviting us into their home and sharing their adventures with us!



Picture taken at the Briggs during the pond tour in 2008.

## A Bright Future

Here are just a few of the things that we discussed and need ALL of us to be thinking about for the future.

- ✓ Newsletter - We need a newsletter editor, more articles from members, regular columns from members. What do you want from your newsletter?
- ✓ Committees - Responsibility needs to be up to all members. We ALL need a voice in where our club is going. What kind of programming do you want, etc.?
- ✓ By-laws - These are totally outdated and need to be completely revised. A committee was appointed to review the existing by-laws and begin rewriting. Appointed were Peggy Redfern, Pat Ware & Ann Weisz. Would you like to serve on this committee?
- ✓ Business meeting - Every members' meeting needs to have a short business meeting included for the membership to help in decision making.
- ✓ Do we wish to continue our website? If we do, we need a webmaster. Any volunteers? What about a Facebook page?
- ✓ Botanical Center - How should SWS be involved?
- ✓ What else should we be thinking about? How should our money be spent? Do we do too many fund raisers? Not enough?

## Treasurer's Report

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Balance on Hand 7-15-2010 | \$3,740.25 |
| Total Income for month    | 57.00      |
| Total Expenses for month  | 462.78     |
| Balance on Hand 8-18-2010 | \$3,334.47 |

Our treasury is looking VERY good at this point, but members need to be aware of this info as well as the board of directors.

How do you think our money should be spent?



# Food For Thought

## What do YOU want out of the Springfield Watergarden Society?



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Jim Silzell, Pond Tour 2008

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The "Waterfall House" from 2010 Pond Tour

## The Springfield Watergarden Society

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## Dates to Remember

- |                       |   |   |  |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| ★ September meeting   | Thursday, September 9<br>Bob & Buffy Lovett's home<br>2850 South Versailles | Social Time: 6:30 pm<br>Meeting Time: 7:00 pm                               | Program on conifers                                  |
| ★ Japanese Festival   | September 10<br>September 11<br>September 12                                | Time: 5:30 to 10 pm<br>Time: 11 am to 10 pm<br>Time: 11 am to 10 pm         | Volunteers needed<br>for setup & to man<br>SWS table |
| ★ SWS Board Meeting   | Thursday, Sept. 16  | Time: 6:30 pm   | At the home of Ian<br>& Phyllis Donnelly             |
| ★ Tiki Tour           | Saturday, September 18<br>Bob & Monika Feeney<br>Pat Johnson<br>Jim Silzell | Time: Starts at 7:00 pm<br>7:00 to 7:45 pm<br>8:00 to 8:45 pm<br>9:00 to ?? | Progressive Tour<br>Appetizers<br>Chili<br>Desserts  |
| ★ Botanical Center    | Week of Oct. 11 thru 17   | Grand Opening   | Volunteers needed                                    |
| ★ October meeting     | Thursday, Oct. 14   | To be announced   |  |
| ★ November meeting    | Thursday, Nov. 11   | To be announced   |  |
| ★ Christmas Home Tour | Saturday, Dec. 11   | Details later   |  |