



Flowers & Fins

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November Meeting

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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 new Botanical Center.

50 / 50 Raffle

Last month at our meeting, we started a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are:

1 ticket for \$1

3 tickets for \$2

7 tickets for \$5

For those who may not be familiar with this, the club will keep 50% of the proceeds to help cover the cost of refreshments & door prizes for the following meeting.

The other 50% will be divided between the winners - 1st winner will get 25%, 2nd winner 15% and the 3rd winner will get 10% of the amount of money collected in the raffle.

If you participate, you will be helping the club and maybe yourself too!

We will be **meeting again at the new Botanical Center on November 11**. What a fantastic meeting place! This month we will spend a little time on elections, take some time for questions about your ponds and spend time deciding what we want to do next year!

We will have to do some things a little differently in order to meet our time frame. We have the meeting room from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. **WE NEED TO BE OUT OF THE ROOM BY 8:00 P.M.** Therefore, we need to get started a little earlier with the meeting so that we can end the meeting by 7:50, quickly cleanup and be out **ON TIME!** We can do it if we all work together!

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.

We were getting a great start on round table discussions when we ran out of time last month. We will again divide up, talk within groups and then have a group discussion to compare the ideas we came up with. Below are some of the questions we will discuss.

What shall we change about the pond tour?

What would we like to do for programs next year?

What, if any, responsibilities should be part of membership?



Meeting room at the new Botanical Center



Christmas Home Tour

Saturday, December 11

If you thought the Fall Tiki Tour was cool, just wait and see what we have in store for you on the Christmas Home Tour!

Plans are still being made at this time, but we have five stops on the tour. We will begin in Ozark with two tour sites. Gary & Naomi Martin invite us to drive by and see their outside lights. As many of you know, they have a wonderful hill side pond display backed by several "old time" buildings. As imaginative as their pond setting is, we can't wait to see how it looks in Christmas lights!

Also in Ozark we will have the privilege of visiting the home of Scottie & Pam Snider. Scottie is a very well known decorator who does Christmas decorating for celebrities such as Garth Brooks, Dolly Parton and has even done the White House for President Bush!

From Ozark we will come back to Springfield to the home of Jim Silzell. No matter how many times you visit Jim's home, you **always** see something that you hadn't noticed before. It is even more wonderful at Christmas time.

From there we will head west on Republic Road and stop at the home of Lenard Davinport and Laird Grubbs. Many of you will remember their incredible home on Walnut Street. This year they have moved into a huge new home and will be decorating it for Christmas for the first time. This home will be filled with beautiful antiques and at least two 12' foot trees among the 20 or so that will be decorated!

The evening will conclude at the home of Alan & Pat Ware in Billings. We will gather there for food, fellowship and fun. Who knows, maybe even some Christmas games!

Specific details, addresses and times will come out in December. At our November members' meeting we will discuss details. Be thinking about how we can work out carpooling options! It will be way more fun to drive with other people, not to mention cutting down on parking and gas consumption.



Pat Swackhamer

Larry Woods

Cheryl Lamar



Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand 9-16-2010	\$3,479.26
Expenses to date for month	661.80
Balance on Hand 10-17-2010	\$2,817.46

Tiki Tour expenses were \$529.63 but that included paper products, etc. for future use.

Look for the **Springfield Watergarden Society** on Facebook!

Email us at springfieldwatergardensociety@gmail.com

NEW WEBSITE

<http://www.springfieldwatergardensociety.com>

Botanical Center Opening Week by Peggy Redfearn

After years of dreams and hard work from countless volunteers, the much anticipated grand opening of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park finally arrived the week of October 11 - 17, 2010.

The weather was gorgeous for the week of festivities! Our Springfield Watergarden Society participated in the week long event with a display table featuring pictures of our 2010 pond tour and goldfish in a minipond (fish bowl). Janet Wreath took care of the display, not only setting it up and taking it down the first and last time, but each day as well. Thank you Janet for a great job! On Saturday some of our members spent time greeting people and answering questions about watergardens or joining the Springfield Watergarden Society. Jim Silzell also treated visitors to homemade cookies and fudge. You can imagine what a hit that was!



Also Saturday, Janet Wreath gave a presentation to the public in the new Botanical Center on "Putting Your Watergarden to Bed for the Winter." Despite the glitches with the new building and the sound for the slide show, Janet showed her humor and expertise and answered many questions on preparing your pond for winter. She also answered questions regarding how to overwinter your plants. Thank you Janet for sharing all of your great tips! Also thank you to Jason Harlow of Aquascapes for his slides.

The Springfield Watergarden Society is making a positive impact on the public! We had quite a number of people sign up to receive more information about being members. Thank you to everyone who helped.

October's Meeting in Review by Peggy Redfearn

Not only were we participants in the grand opening of the Botanical Center, we held our meeting there on Thursday night with a jam packed room of enthusiastic watergardeners! It was great to see everyone mingling during our social time. Everyone had a chance to introduce themselves and tell what they enjoyed most about either their own watergarden or something they saw at a member's pond that intrigued them.

Afterwards, it was time to try and stump our very own "experts" with a question on how to prepare your watergarden for fall and winter. We were able to hear a number of options on how things can be done. We were delighted to have our new members from "Tightwad" (Elzie & June) share some of their years of ponding experience as well as Randy & Karen from Sarcoxie who have many years of experience raising koi.

We then divided into groups with each group having a board member, new members and members in long standing discussing various topics on the direction we would like SWS to go. At each table, members were sharing their thoughts on what they would like the club to accomplish. Just as we were barely scratching the surface of our topics, it was time for the Botanical Center to close. The room was charged with positive ideas and a promise to continue our discussions at our next meeting. As we were leaving, it was impressive to hear the various ideas continuing to be exchanged by our members as we were leaving the building and to hear them telling each other they would see them at the next meeting in November.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting in November! Keep your thinking caps on! We need to finish our discussions. Don't forget to bring a friend! See ya this Thursday!



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The Martin's during 2010 pond tour

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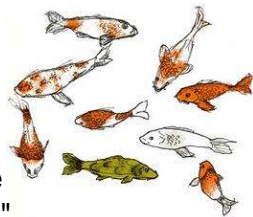
Larry Fortner has two 300 gallon Rubbermaid tanks available which have been used as filters. They are already set up with PVC pipe so the water comes into the tank at the bottom and rises to the top.

They also have one 50 gallon round Rubbermaid tub, a UV light which handles approximately 3,000 gallons of water and a small UV light.

If you are interested, please call them at 417-833-6773 or at 417-880-4989 or email them at LH1097@aol.com.

Free Koi

Several to give away. Just have too many!



These are nice size Japanese koi about 11" to 13" size. Fish are located near St. John's Hospital. Please call Alan or Chris at 417-844-1437.



Scottie Snider's as seen on Christmas tour November 6, 2010

Buttered Apples in Maple Syrup Custard from the kitchen of Ann Weisz

Preparation: Let $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°. Peel and slice **5 - 7 Granny Smith apples**. Butter large baking dish.

In a bowl, mix **3 T sugar**, **2 T flour**, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp nutmeg & a pinch of salt.

In a skillet, melt **1 T butter**. Add half the apples (do not over crowd). Sprinkle with half of sugar mixture. Cook over high heat, shaking and turning until apples are browned. Squeeze **half a lemon** over apples. Transfer to buttered baking dish. Sprinkle with **1 cup of grated Cheddar cheese**. Repeat with another **1 T butter**, remaining apples, remaining sugar mixture & the **other half lemon**. Spread on top of first layer. Top with another **1 cup of grated Cheddar cheese**.

Custard: Whisk together **4 egg yolks**, **2 T sugar**, **2 T flour** and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt. Whisk in $\frac{3}{4}$ cup maple syrup, **3 T melted butter**, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup whipping cream & **1 tsp vanilla**.

Whisk **4 egg whites** with clean whisk, until soft mounds form. Whisk in egg yolk mixture, just until blended. Pour over apples evenly. Bake for **30 minutes**, until custard is browned, set on top and jiggles just in the center when gently shaken.

Remove from oven, serve warm with whipped cream and drizzle with maple syrup. *(Ann served this to special friends at her home and received rave reviews!)*

Mark & Debbie Putman just had their pond built in October by Fitzwater Design of Reeds Spring. They were willing to share photos of their pond being built. Maybe we will all get to see it next spring!



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Newsletter articles,
pictures, etc. welcomed!

Just send to our club email
address.



Another tree at the home of Scottie Snider – in the Lincoln bedroom.

Dates to Remember

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| ★ November meeting | Thursday, Nov. 11 | At Botanical Center | Election of officers & Board Members for 2011 |
| ★ Board of Director's Meeting | Thursday, Nov. 18 | Open to everyone | Meet at the home of Ian & Phyllis Donnelly |
| ★ December meeting | Thursday, Dec. 9 | No meeting, we will party on the 11th instead | |
| ★ Christmas Home Tour | Saturday, Dec. 11 | Starts in Ozark at 5:30 p.m. | |

NEWS

FLASH!

Just found out that thanks to the hard work of Marilyn Myers, we have a new SWS website all but up and running.

Check in the next day or two at:

<http://www.springfieldwatergardensociety.com>



To Marilyn Myers