

# POND LIFE



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## PRESIDENT'S PAD

Our 2015 Member's Day Tour was a huge success. Half of the homes we went to so that we could see their ponds had never before been on the member's tour. That was such a fantastic treat. We left promptly at 8:30am with a seven car caravan following our bus. The only sad thing for them they didn't have the brownie bites, muffins, cookies and kettle corn that we had on the bus. YUM. We had five winners for door prizes, but no winner for the 50/50. A big Thank You goes to Dick and Sandi Caldwell who hosted our lunch at their home. It was so nice to have such a great place for our lunch in the shade with tables and chairs.

Don't forget if you have ever thought about making your own pondless water feature, WGSO will be at Pond Pro Saturday, July 25th. Mike Miller has invited our club to demonstrate a couple of water features along with the ones they are doing during the class and are we ever ready. The class will be held indoors and should be fun with a lot to learn. The class starts at 10:00 am so if you are interested, try to make plans to be there.

Connie Fisher has arranged for a guest speaker from the zoo to speak at our August meeting on what kind of plants will attract butterflies and what other things we can do to get even more butterflies to come to our yards. It should be a really good meeting since the zoo has such an awesome butterfly exhibit, maybe we can learn some tricks from them.

If you have not signed up for the Summer Luau you have until our August meeting as that is the deadline. All you need is to sign up, put down a \$5.00 deposit per person that will be returned at the Luau and let us know what dish a food you will like to bring. It will be held Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and it starts at 4:00 pm. Be sure to pull out your luau attire to wear to our party. It will be held at the church where we have our meetings. We will be playing bingo and have some great door prizes. It will be lots of fun and of course we will have the best food in town with our members being some of the best cooks. So hope to see you there.

Diane Clark,  
WGSO President



## NEXT MEETING

*1st Tuesday of the Month*

**August 4, 2015 @ 7 pm**  
*Bring A Dish To Share*

**Northwest Church of Christ**  
*Family Living Center*  
4301 NW 23rd St, OKC 73107

### PROGRAM:

Butterfly Preservation

### PRESENTED BY:

Josh Prince



# WELCOME WGSO MEMBERS



As of the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month:

## NEW MEMBERS:

JOHN & STEPHANIE DAVIS, DALE & MICHELLE HESTER, MICHELLE & TJ JACKSON, WANDA O'BANNON, AND LOTTIE WYNNE

## RENEWALS:

DODE JORDAN

*If you paid your 2015 Membership Dues and DON'T see your name, contact Patty Smith at soonerpattywgso@cox.net*

# BOARD MEETING



Open to all WGSO members - RSVP Required - Bring a Dish.

**Tuesday July 28 @ 6:30 pm**

RSVP REQUIRED TO [wgsomembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgsomembership@gmail.com)

Diane Clark 947-6999

Diane Clark's House  
4900 NW 35th St  
OKC, OK

All Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend. Spouses Welcomed.



Happy Birthday  
To Our  
WGSO Members



Harry Asbury,  
Paula Davis,  
Stephanie Davis  
Jackie Felarca,  
Phil Grissam,  
James Huffman,  
Michelle Jackson

Richard Kienlen,  
Michael Perry,  
Robin Perry,  
Danielle Shannon,  
Kathie Smathers,  
Heather Thompson  
Ruth Turcotte



**\$112.00**  
7/18/15

Tickets are \$1 @ Meetings & Club Events.

### WGSO AD RATES

If you would like to place an ad in the *Pond Life*, the rates are as follows:

|               |         |           |          |
|---------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Business Card | \$10.00 | 1/4 Page  | \$25.00  |
| 1/2 Page      | \$75.00 | Full Page | \$100.00 |

Ads are to be **CAMERA READY PREPAID** in advance. Send payment to the WGSO Treasurer, **Jim Maida**, 10612 Turnberry Ln, OKC, OK 73170.

Send ad to the newsletter editor, **Paullei Mumme** at [wgsomembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgsomembership@gmail.com). Ad must be in editor's possession no later than the 15th of the month preceding publication.

EX: August issue must be received by July 20th.

# WGSO calendar of events 2015



|                                 |           |                 |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| General Meeting                 | August 4  | Board Meeting   | August 25    |
| Summer Luau                     | August 15 | General Meeting | September 1  |
| Leaf Casting Workshop           | TBD       | Board Meeting   | September 29 |
| Leaf Casting Finishing Workshop | TBD       | General Meeting | October 6    |
| Faux Rock Wall Fountain         | TBD       | Board Meeting   | October 27   |
| Faux Bamboo Fountain            | TBD       | General Meeting | November 3   |

## 2015 WGSO BOARD

| EXECUTIVE OFFICER*/ COMMITTEE CHAIRS | NAME                 | CELL     | OTHER    | E-MAIL                       |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|------------------------------|
| *President                           | Diane Clark          | 802-6200 | 947-6999 | ldianeclark@yahoo.com        |
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| Plant Sales/Tour Guide Sales         | Gary Guild           | 397-5758 | 390-8112 | gguild2@cox.net              |
| Programs                             | Connie Fisher        |          | 350-3378 | grannyfisher@cox.net         |
| Refreshments                         | Phil & Sarah Grissam |          | 454-3571 | sgrissam405@gmail.com        |
| Refreshments                         | Tonah Tharp          | 973-4209 | 340-6495 | tonah@classicprintinginc.com |
| Tour Guide Publication               | Tom Thompson         | 693-5098 |          | tom@dsrt.org                 |
| Website                              | Jim Porterfield      |          | 799-7974 | sooners7@cox.net             |
| Tour Guide Ad Sales/Members Tours    | Diane Clark          | 802-6200 | 947-6999 | ldianeclark@yahoo.com        |

### Last Month's Recap

Mike Miller from Pond Pro was our guest speaker at our July meeting. He spoke about filtration, aeration and circulation in our ponds. We learned when ever we use any kind of algae control it should never be used during the morning hours because it reduces the amount of oxygen in the water.

Mornings is the time of day when the water has the least amount of oxygen and the larger the fish the more they stress and the more oxygen they need. Since the hottest part of the summer is almost here, if in doubt if your pond has enough oxygen get a air pump and let the air stones go the bottom of the pond. Good oxygen in your pond means healthy fish. ☺



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### TO BOG OR NOT TO BOG?

The answer to that question depends on a lot of factors. A bog filter can be added to an existing pond if you have the room. Even if you don't, there are designs that can incorporate a bog inside an existing pond. Searching the Internet will produce many different scenarios with tips and tricks to get the most out of your bog filter if you do decide to build one. The benefits of adding one to a pond will be very evident within a week of operation - and it just gets better over time!

In my case, I had just replaced the liner and underlayment, and after a week my water was as green as a 4 leaf clover. The Water Garden Society had a speaker appear last year that spoke of some of the benefits of a bog filter so I just had to try one for myself. There was a tragic accident with an algae product and I lost all of my fish, some were my buddies for over 10 years. That was so depressing and made me determined to find a better way. I did a lot of reading of various online sites, mainly water garden societies and companies that specialize in building ponds. I took all of their tips and tricks and tried to include the bits and pieces I felt matched my situation the closest.

I had dreams of a large wide waterfall similar to a pond I had at my previous residence. I also wanted to go chemical free and if possible ultraviolet light free too. I incorporated this all into one design to filter my pretty green water. I used dirt from a driveway I was building to raise the bog base above the height of the pond, this allowed me to create the dramatic drop for the waterfall which increased the sounds of the pond. As things came together, I got more and more excited of the truly dramatic effect I was producing by having this extension to my pond. The plants, the clear water - virtually no money spent on chemicals or UV lights - all wins in my book!

Recently a guest speaker mentioned he really liked bog filters, but basically stated they can't sell you anything to make this a reality so they don't really do much with them. I have to say, I did purchase additional liner and underlayment, and also some plants later on to make my bog filter work. As you think about how you might want to add a bog filter, be sure to do your research, ask questions - don't get in a big hurry!

Always remember that WGSO is a great resource of friendly people who are always willing to assist. There are plans in the works for a presentation specifically about bogs at the November meeting. Tips, tricks and pitfalls will be discussed and handouts will be available to all members to make their bog filter addition a success. During the recent members bus tour, I was surprised at how many of our members have a bog filter of one type or another. One thing in common they all had - clear, clean water! So, to answer the question - To bog or not to bog, I say why not - the benefits are just too tempting and we all know it's all just a work in progress, right? Listed below are a few links of sites that have some great information about bog filters and the plants you should and should not use. ☺

<http://www.watergardengems.com/index/index.php/let-us-help-you/how-to/how-to-bog-filtration>

<http://homeguides.sfgate.com/build-bog-filter-pond-58831.html>

<http://nelsonwatergardens.com/gravel-bog-filter-construction/>

<http://www.liveaquaria.com/PIC/article.cfm?aid=253>

<http://iwgs.org/filtering-the-pond-with-a-bog-garden/>

**Author: Michael Benson, WGSO Member**



### STRIKING BOG PLANTS

For moist to wet areas of your landscape, choose from among these beautiful plants: they love having wet feet.



#1 Arum Lily

Ideal growing conditions: full sun  
Mature size: 4 feet tall and 12 inches wide



#2 Indian Rhubarb

Known as umbrella plant (*Darmera peltata*), tolerates



#3 Siberian Iris

Ideal growing conditions full sun to dappled shade  
Mature size: 32 inches tall and 18 inches wide



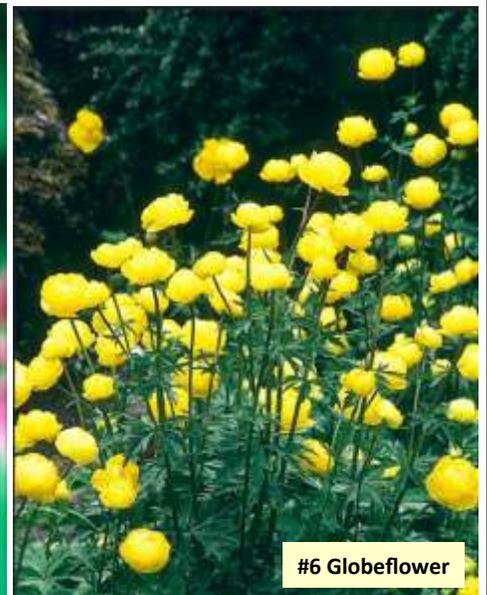
#4 Rodgersia

Ideal growing conditions: full sun to dappled shade  
Mature height: 3 feet



#5 Candelabra Primrose

Ideal growing conditions: full sun to dappled shade  
Mature height: 18 inches



#6 Globeflower

Ideal growing conditions: full sun to dappled shade  
Mature size: 3 feet tall and 18 inches wide

#### 2015 Member's Pond Tour

We had a great pond tour this year. We went to 13 ponds and we traveled just off Hefner Parkway, west to Yukon, then we went south all the way to Norman then jumped over to Bridgecreek and Tuttle before we returned back to Will Rogers. Over half of the homes we visited were new ponds and new bogs. Even though it was really hot by the end of the day it could have been worse.

I would like to thank everyone who allowed us to tour their ponds and gardens. We came away with so many new ideas as that's what it is about. The ponds were all different, even at Jim Porterfield's where he has his fish trained. Hmmm. They swim from the pond and shimmy up to get in the bog to eat. They must think they are at least part salmon. I have never seen anything like it.

A big thank you goes again to Dick and Sandi Caldwell who let us have lunch at their home. I would also like to thank Jay Jones who had the water iced down and delivered it to the bus even though he was not able to ride the bus himself because other obligations. ☺





| WORKSHOP                | HOST         | DATE                    |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Gutter Vertical Garden  | Mary Garrett | April 11 <i>Success</i> |
| Wine Bottle Tiki Torch  | Mary Garrett | April 11 <i>Success</i> |
| Leaf Casting            | Diane Clark  | Summer TBD              |
| Leaf Casting Finishing  | Diane Clark  | Fall TBD                |
| Faux Rock Wall Fountain | Diane Clark  | TBD                     |
| Faux Bamboo Fountain    | Diane Clark  | TBD                     |

**RSVP is required on all workshops due to limited space.**

Some workshops will have a flat fee for all inclusive material kits, other workshops will have a partial fee for bulk materials provided, and a few workshops will have attendees bring all of the materials.

*Sign Up Sheets will be at the General Meetings*



The 15<sup>th</sup> of each month is the deadline for articles/advertisements for next month's issue of Pond Life. E-mail articles and advertisements to **Paullei Mumme** at [wgsomembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgsomembership@gmail.com).



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