

# POND LIFE



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## PRESIDENT'S PAD

Fall is finally here and with so many leaves falling from the trees, I hope everyone is doing better than me and has had time to get their ponds covered. It is hard to think it's already that time of year again. I don't know where the year has gone.

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Mike and the crew at Pond Pro for inviting our club to a special evening of fun. If you were unable to go to the Pond Pro cookout they hosted for our group you missed a good one. They were grilling hamburgers and Nathan's hot dogs when we arrived. We had 31 members attend the cookout where we enjoyed so much food and the extra time to shop and spend our pond dollars. Mike even held a mini class about winterizing our ponds. Also, several of our lucky members won some great door prizes they had waiting for us.

There is still time to decide to participate in the Chili Cook-off. If you think you have a winning recipe it is a good place to try your recipe out. Because, as you know we not only have great cooks in our club but, also some experienced tasters. Who knows, you may be the winner. Our WGSO member, Michael Benson will have a special video about the advantages of bogs that night, so if you have thought about one come check it out.

Next month will be our Christmas Party so if you would like to go you may sign up at our November meeting. We have really fun entertainment scheduled for the party so be sure to come. Since it is so close to Thanksgiving, the deadline for our party will be November 21 to sign up and get your deposit in to hold your spot. Hope to see you there.

Diane Clark  
WGSO President

Wishing this  
*Thanksgiving*  
finds you  
with plenty  
of reasons  
to give  
Thanks



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## NEXT MEETING

*1st Tuesday of the Month*

**November 2015 @ 7 pm**  
*Bring A Dish To Share*

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

**PROGRAM:**  
**Chili Cookoff**

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**WELCOME WGSO MEMBERS**

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



**NEW MEMBERS:**  
 NONE

**MRENEWALS:**  
 NONE

November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life.



**BOARD MEETING**



**Saturday, December 16 @ 1:00 PM**

RSVP REQUIRED TO [wgsomembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgsomembership@gmail.com)  
 Diane Clark 947-6999

**Unless Otherwise Directed:**  
 Diane Clark's House  
 4900 NW 35th St  
 OKC, OK

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

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**Split the Pot**

**\$79**  
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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 <i>Chili-Cook Off</i>	November 3	General Meeting	January 5
Members Only Christmas Dinner	December 1	WGSO 2016 Board Retreat	January 16
Board Meeting	December 16	General Meeting	February 2

## 2015 WGSO BOARD

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## WGSO 2016 BOARD

### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

PRESIDENT: Diane Clark  
 VICE PRESIDENT: Dode Jordan  
 SECRETARY: Mary Garrett  
 TREASURER: Jim Maida  
 HISTORIAN: Martha Garrard



### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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 SUMMER LUAU & CHRISTMAS DINNER: Connie Fisher



You have only one more meeting to sign up for our Christmas party which will be held Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 pm. **Last day to sign up will be November 21.** If you miss the November meeting and want to sign up for the party, contact **Diane Clark at 947-6999. Please call any evening after 6:00 pm.**

We will have great entertainment, guaranteed to make you laugh. So be sure to come. We are collecting toys for the children's care center. We ask for the toys to be for ages between 4 and 12. All of the toys are to be unwrapped.

Don't forget to mark your calendar that our Christmas party will be starting early at 6:30 instead of 7:00.



## OCTOBER RECAP

Our guest speaker for October was Steph Urqhart who is a bee expert. We learned that bees like to gather nectar from the same variety of flowers and they love flowering trees and bushes such as the maple and forsythias. Sumac is one of the major sources of nectar for honey bees. Not only is milkweed a plant with large amounts of nectar they are also a host plant for monarch butterflies'.

You can always plant daffodils, sunflowers, any type of asters or lantanas which are some of their favorites. Who knew they go crazy for basil? If you want to help the honey bees try to have flowers for them all seasons.

To learn more about beekeeping, visiting <http://www.okbeekeeper.blogspot.com/>.

***WGSO Vendor Discounts  
Merchants Listed on Page 5***





**Tuesday, November 3**

**Entries Due by 6:30 pm**

It's time to dig out your special recipe, gather up those secret ingredients, and work your magic to create your prize winning entry in the

**4th Annual  
WGSO Chili Cook-Off**

Only current paid WGSO members are eligible to enter, but tasting and voting is open to all for the low cost of \$1.

**1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Winners**

**CONTESTANTS - Do Not Put Name On Dish**

- All Entries Must be **HOMEMADE!**
- Entries are due at **KITCHEN of WGSO Meeting** by 6:30 pm
- Label Entry on 3"x5" Sign as Follows: Type/Name of Chili ONLY (Give us warning if you're chili is extra spicy or hot)

**SIDES:** We'll still need people to bring the desserts, appetizers, and items like crackers, Fritos, and shredded cheese to accompany the chili.

*All entrants need to bring their own serving ladle and extension cord.*



**NOVEMBER SPEAKER AT CHILI-COOK OFF:** We will be having our chili cook-off in November. This gives you two months to decide on your best recipe. We will still have refreshments as always and condiments that will go with the Chili. Since our Chili cook-offs are a shorter meeting we are doing something different this year.

There are so many people now interested in bogs, **Michael Benson is doing a piece on the benefits of bogs and how to make them.** For those who want crystal clear water for their fish this is one way to accomplish that. He has put lots of time and research in it. He is going to explain what he has found and how to do it yourself.

**WGSO 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> @ 6:30 PM**

We will start signing up for our Christmas Party at October's General Meeting.

There will be entertainment that is guaranteed to provide lots of laughs. It will be pot luck so start thinking of what you would like to bring.

Please make note of the time change to 6:30 pm. You will have two meetings (October & November) sign up and RSVP with your \$5 deposit.

**Deadline to RSVP is November 21st.**



WORKSHOP	HOST	DATE
Gutter Vertical Garden	Mary Garrett	April
Wine Bottle Tiki Torch	Mary Garrett	April
Leaf Casting	Diane Clark	August 29
Aux Bamboo Fountain	Diane Clark	August 29
Leaf Casting Finish	Diane Clark	September
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**No More Workshops Until 2016**

Sign up for workshops will be at the General Meetings  
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.



**Other Retailers May Offer Garden Club Discounts, Just Ask!**  
If you know of a retailer that offers garden club discounts, tell us.

- **Buckley's Sticks & Stones** - Stone, Outdoor Fireplaces, Crushed Granite, etc.
- **CrossTimbers Koi of Edmond** - Koi & Pond Supplies, Water Plants
- **ESupply** - Mostly Little Giant Pumps, Lights, etc.
- **Minick Materials** - Soils, Stone, Mulch, Pottery
- **Pond Pro Shop** - Everything Pond Related, Pottery, Koi, Water Plants, etc.

**See Stores For Details - Some Restrictions Apply**



### What's in store for WGSO Workshops in 2016? **WGSO Needs Ceiling Fan Blades**



Do you have an old ceiling fan?  
WGSO has a workshop idea for 2016 that requires ceiling fan blades, lots of them!

Just remove the blades from the ceiling fan, wrap them with saran wrap to hold them together, and bring the blades to a General Meeting between October 2015 and March 2016.

**Give the blades to Diane Clark.**



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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