

POND LIFE



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PRESIDENT'S PAD

I can't believe that it is already fall and soon we will be getting our ponds ready for winter. Our workshops will all be over before our October meeting. With most of our club activities over for the year things have really slowed down.

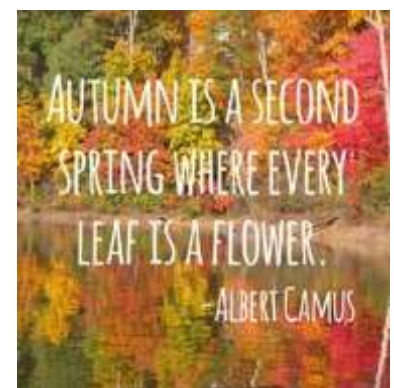
If you have not signed up for the Pond Pro cookout you can still sign up at our October meeting. **The cookout will be held at Pond Pro on Saturday, October 17th.** The doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. It is pot luck so you just need to decide which to bring, salad, vegetable or dessert. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 11.** It's a good time to cash in your pond dollars.

I would like to thank Jim Conner for working so hard on filling positions on the board and the different chair positions. I would also like to thank everyone who stepped up to help as it takes different people with different ideas to keep things moving. If you think we should be doing something other than what we are doing, we would like to hear your ideas as well. One can't only sit back and complain, you at some point need to become part of the solution and volunteering for a board position is the way.

I hope everyone has been digging out their chili recipes. Our Chili Cook-off will be in November at our meeting. Also that evening we are fortunate because fellow pond member Michael Benson has prepared a program for us to watch on learning how to build bogs and what the benefits are. We have several members who have already incorporated them into their ponds with great results.

We will also have a signup sheet for our Christmas party at our October meeting. Our party will be held on Tuesday, December 1st. We have a fun filled night planned with lots of laughs. The deadline to sign up is November 21st. If you are unable to attend the next couple meetings you may mail your \$5⁰⁰ deposit per person to Diane Clark at 4900 NW 35th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73122. It will be pot luck so let us know what type of food you would like to bring. Hope to see you there!

WGSO President,
Diane Clark



NEXT MEETING

1st Tuesday of the Month

October 6 2015 @ 7 pm
Bring A Dish To Share

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

PROGRAM:

The Importance of Bees

PRESENTED BY:

Central Oklahoma
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WELCOME WGSO MEMBERS

As of the 20th of the month:



NEW MEMBERS:

Michelle Jackson and TJ
Wanda O'Bannon
Wanita Wright
Lottie Wynne

RENEWALS:

NONE

BOARD MEETING



Board Meeting

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

Tuesday Sept 29 @ 6:30 pm

RSVP REQUIRED TO 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.

Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile.
 -William Cullen Bryant

Happy Birthday
 To Our
 WGSO Members



Vicki Baker	Barbara Leaf
John Davis	Lorraine Newton
Johnny Garrard	Danny Parsons
Mary Garrett	Larry Smathers

50/50 DRAW
 0000277

Split the Pot

\$79
 9/1/15



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.
 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 - 2016 BOARD ELECTIONS	October 6	General Meeting <i>Chili-Cook Off</i>	November 3
Pond Pro Cook-Out	October 17	Members Only Christmas Dinner	December 1
Board Meeting	October 27	Board Meeting	December ?

2015 WGSO BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER*/ COMMITTEE CHAIRS	NAME	CELL	OTHER	E-MAIL
*President	Diane Clark	802-6200	947-6999	ldianeclark@yahoo.com
*Vice-President	Ellie Miller		243-7380	ekmynot@hotmail.com
*Secretary	Connie Kaye		826-0197	crkaye2@aol.com
*Treasurer	Jim Maida		691-7630	etsubguy59@cox.net
*Historian	Martha Garrard		245-3601	martha6@cox.net
*Past President	Jim Conner	317-6016	801-2891	jim@vidtag.com
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Membership	Patty Smith	694-0886	717-9995	soonerpatty52@yahoo.com
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



2016 WGSO Board

We need Volunteers for various WGSO committees and the WGSO Executive Board for next year. If you want to make a difference this is your chance. We need nominations for October meeting. ALL CURRENT MEMBERS ARE ELGIBLE TO BE ON THE BOARD!

Most positions don't take that much time and it is a great way to get involved in the club and get to know your fellow ponder better. If you don't know quite what to do contact Jim Conner and he can help you to decide which is the best option for you. Become a member of a great TEAM (*Together Everyone Accomplishes More!*)

NOMINATIONS FOR WGSO 2016 BOARD

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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



COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- NEWSLETTER/ACTIVIES: Paullei Mumme
- MEMBERSHIP: Patty Long
- PLANT SALES/TOUR GUIDES: Gary Guild
- PROGRAMS: Connie & Doug Kay
- REFRESHMENTS: Sarah & Phil Grissam & Kathy Smathers
- TOUR GUIDE PUBLICATION: Tom Thompson
- WEB SITE: Jim Porterfield
- TOUR GUIDE SALES/MEMBER TOURS: Mary Beth Becker
- SUMMER PICNIC/SOCIAL AND CHRISTMAS DINNER: Connie Fisher

If you would like information or to volunteer for a position, please contact Jim Conner 405-801-2891



WATER GARDEN SOCIETY OF OKLAHOMA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

*Volunteer to be an officer, a committee chair or serve on a committee.
Help WGSO keep our organization moving forward. WGSO Needs You!*

EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

Officers are nominated by self or other members and will be voted on by the general membership.

President: Formulate agendas and preside at all meetings, enforce the Constitution and By-Laws of WGSO, represent Society at functions, insure that monthly meetings do not conflict with facility closures.

Vice President: Assume all duties of the president in his/her absence or inability to act. Assist the president and carries out all duties assigned by the president. Supervise and be the coordinating officer between all committees and with all other organizations. Arrange bus(es), take reservations and obtain refreshments for the Members Pond Tour.

Secretary: Maintain careful records of the proceedings of all meetings, record, distribute and post all meeting minutes and call all meetings to order in the absence of the president and vice-president. Preserve all records, reports, and documents of the Society in both hard copy and electronic format. Notify officers, committees and members of special assignments. Take charge of all correspondence except that are related to the work assigned to other officers and committees. Hold ex-officio office in all committees.

Treasurer: Collect all WGSO monies and deposit in the WGSO bank account. At the first meeting of the year in January, the past Treasurer shall submit a final written financial report for the preceding year. Submit a monthly financial report to the membership in electronic format showing all current receipts and disbursements of the society. Keep all financial records of the society in both hard copy and electronic format and turn over to the new treasurer in January. Allow for monthly expenditures for routine business of the Society with required receipts.

Historian: Record and maintain all significant information pertaining to the WGSO. Maintain a digital record of pictures to record events and activities of the Society. Supply newsletter editor and website chair with photos of meetings and events in a timely manner. Produce a year end bound photo book.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee chairs are self-nominated and then approved by the incoming Executive Board without a vote from the membership.

Other Committee Chair Positions May Be Available, These Are Just The Positions Known At Time Of Publication.

WGSO Marketing/PR: Responsible for marketing all club events through print, television and radio media. Create and print marketing flyers, posters and club business cards. Seek prospects and coordinate membership drives throughout the year.

Tour Guide Ad Sales: We also need a volunteer to take over the advertising for Tour Guide Ad Sales. If you have any questions about the position, contact Diane Clark.

Newsletter: Oversee all aspects of the newsletter. Find or draft special articles of interest to membership. Remind officers and committee chairs about needed articles and deadlines. Email to current membership and sponsors.

Activities: Organize workshops, Meet-N-Greets, trade shows, field trips, and the bi-annual Spring Fling. Generate new ideas to increase value for WGSO members.

**If you would like more information or to volunteer for a position,
please contact Jim Conner 405-801-2891**

**WGSO will vote on the 2016 Executive Board Officers at the October General Meeting.
Paper ballots will be used in the event there is more than one nomination for a position.**



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.



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**@ POND PRO
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17 @ 5 PM**

Mike Miller with Pond Pro has invited the Water Garden Society members to a Pond Pro cookout. Mike and his crew will be serving hamburgers and Nathan hot dogs and WGSO members will bring a side dish!

If you purchased anything from Pond Pro or if you have attended any of the Pond Pro classes this year, you have earned pond dollars to spend. The store will be open the doors for us to and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

In years past, Pond Pro gave away Pond Dollars in their newsletter, stay tuned next month to see if they do it again.

Sign up at WGSO General Meetings in October The deadline to sign up is at the October meeting !

**RSVP required with \$5.00 Deposit
(Deposit Refunded at Event)**

Sign up at the October WGSO General meeting.

**Check Pond Pro Shop for details about their Pond Dollar program.*

WGSO 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST @ 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.



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.




2015
WGSO PAID MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER NAME: _____

Present At Participating Vendors for Vendor Discounts
**Discounts are at the discretion of the vendor.
See individual store for discount details.*

WGSO Vendor Discounts Merchants Listed on Page 5



The 15th of each month is the deadline for articles/advertisements for next month's issue of Pond Life. E-mail articles and advertisements to **Paulei Mumme** at wgsomembership@gmail.com.



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