

# POND LIFE



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## PRESIDENT'S PAD

I hope everyone that wanted to go to our annual Summer Luau was able to go. It was one I don't think I will ever forget, especially those who came in their best Luau dress. I am not sure the pictures will do anyone justice. Still, the food was as great as we knew it would be as our club has some of the best cooks anywhere around. We had lots of door prizes so congratulations to all who won. Even Sue Jones was lucky as she won the 50/50.

If you are thinking of possibly putting your pond on tour next year this is the best time of year to take some pictures of your pond, as all of your plants are mature and while the lilies are still blooming. Since next year will be extra special for our club with it being our 30th year to have a public pond tour, we would like to get 30 ponds to represent the 30 years.

This is also the time of year we are now looking for people to hold different offices in our club for 2016. Some positions are for the year while others maybe a position you can co-chair it with a friend or even one that is short term. If you think you may be interested contact Jim Conner and he can help you with an office that would be a good fit for you. That is how I started and I have made some really good friends because of it. It is a great way to get to know each other much better. If you want to be a part of it, step up. WGSO needs YOU!

We will be having another set of workshops for those who want to make leaf castings and deer chasers in a few days. The last set of workshops will be Saturday, September 26. It will be the leaf finishing class that morning and in the afternoon will be the faux boulder water wall. If you want to sign up be sure to come to our September meeting. We have only so many spots available.

Our Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 pm. Anyone who would like to go will be able to sign up at our October and November meetings. We will be having entertainment so don't forget to mark your calendar. It will be fun filled evening with lots of laughs.

Diane Clark,  
WGSO President



## NEXT MEETING

**1st Tuesday of the Month**

**September 1 2015 @ 7 pm**  
*Bring A Dish To Share*

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

### PROGRAM:

**Styrofoam Creativity**

### PRESENTED BY:

**Bryan Taylor**



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# BOARD MEETING



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

**Tuesday Sept 29 @ 6:30 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.



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



Leaf Casting Finishing Workshop	September 26	Pond Pro Cook-Out	October 6
Faux Rock Wall Fountain	September 26	Board Meeting	October 27
General Meeting	September 1	General Meeting <i>Chili-Cook Off</i>	November 3
Board Meeting	September 29	Members Only Christmas Dinner	December 1
General Meeting - <i>2016 BOARD ELECTIONS</i>	October 6	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
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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

If you attempt to get butterflies to come to your garden I hope you were at this meeting. Our guest speaker was Horticulture Technician, Josh Prince, with the Oklahoma City Zoo.

He gave us some great tips such as make sure we had both host plants and nectar plants. To draw more butterflies, plant your flowers in same color groupings, brighter the better, also with larger bases so they could actually sit while drawing nectar. Choose flowers that bloom all seasons. Cone flowers and lantana are some of their favorites. They don't care that much for white flowers.

Try to have a damp area of soft soil or mud so they can get water and the nutrients they need for survival. Butterflies like to stay overnight in large Oak and Elm trees.

Did you know Monarch butterflies can migrate 2000 miles? They migrate through generally the last two weeks of September and the first two weeks of October. The zoo employees and volunteers catch, tags, and then release them. They invite the public to this event so if you are interested you can find the information on their website.



[www.okc Zoo.com/animals-plants/butterfly-garden/](http://www.okc Zoo.com/animals-plants/butterfly-garden/)

You can register any tagged Monarch butterflies found in your neighborhood at [monarchwatch.org](http://monarchwatch.org).



# 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.



**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 ELIGIBLE 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!*)

**Known Open Committee Chair Positions**

*There may be other positions available*

**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.

**Activities:** We need someone who will organize club activities, like the Spring Fling, Workshops, Landscape Show, Meet-N-Greets, etc. If you have any questions about this position, contact Pallei Mumme.

**Newsletter:** Pallei Mumme has relocated to Tulsa and would like to turn over Newsletter Editor to someone else. If you're even a little computer literate, Pallei will show you the ropes. The newsletter is done in MS Publisher, which WGSO has a copy of for installation if you don't have the program.

I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And, because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do what I can.  
- Edward Everett Hale



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**POND PRO COOKOUT 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. There are still two POND PRO CLASSES before the cookout! 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 September or 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 September & October WGSO General meeting.**

<http://www.HELPFULSITES>

**WGSO DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY PRODUCTS OR SERVICES SOLD ON THESE SITES.**

- [www.naturalenviro.com/sections.php?section=Ponds](http://www.naturalenviro.com/sections.php?section=Ponds) Plants, Algae, & More
- [www.koivet.com](http://www.koivet.com) Informative articles on koi health, ponds, & algae
- <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/watergarden/about.cfm> Great Pond Info
- [www.birdfeeding.org](http://www.birdfeeding.org) Great Info for attracting birds to your garden
- [www.ccwaterscapes.com/shadeplants.htm](http://www.ccwaterscapes.com/shadeplants.htm) Shade Tolerant Aquatic Plants
- [www.koiphen.com/forums/](http://www.koiphen.com/forums/) Informative Koi Club Message Board
- <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums> Vast Categories of Message Boards
- [www.reddirtgardening.com](http://www.reddirtgardening.com) Oklahoma gardening practical information
- [www.mybackyardbirds.com](http://www.mybackyardbirds.com) Helpful tips to attract feathered friends
- [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com) Check out the gardening category for info & ideas
- [www.tedsgardens.com/recipes.htm](http://www.tedsgardens.com/recipes.htm) Perfect Pots: Plants & planting details
- [www.watergardenclubst.org](http://www.watergardenclubst.org) Very informative site even if it's not WGSO's
- [www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com/native-landscaping-xeriscaping](http://www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com/native-landscaping-xeriscaping)



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	August 29
Faux Bamboo Fountain	Diane Clark	August 29
Leaf Casting Finishing	Diane Clark	September 26
Faux Rock Wall Fountain	Diane Clark	September 26

*Sign Up Sheets 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, and a few workshops will have attendees bring all of the materials.

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 **Paulei Mumme** at [wgsomembership@gmail.com](mailto:wgsomembership@gmail.com).



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