



The Lily Pad

The Topeka Area Water Garden Society

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The objective of the society is to encourage a greater appreciation and interest in water gardening and aquatic plants, to disseminate information about those interests and to help our members stimulate the study and culture of water gardens.

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Lawn and Garden show plans being made

By Mary Weaver

1). Betty Karnes will be calling on members to volunteer to be at the Garden Show TAWGS booth during the show.

2). Please contact one of the following members to let us know who can help with both set-up & tear-down. Mary Weaver @ (785) 383-1527 Mark Weaver @ (785) 806-3688 Reminder - Bring your gloves, knee pads, TYLENOL or ALEVE (Tee hee hee), gardening tools, etc.

3). Bags of Cypress Mulch will be available for members to purchase after the show. Please contact Mark or Mary Weaver and let them know how many you'd like to reserve for your garden. Price will be approx. \$2.00 @ Bag (depending on what we get them for from our supplier). Composted dirt will also be available on a first come first served basis.

4) Please bring Christmas tree stands with you to the set-up days at the Expo Center.

Moisture loving plants

by Duane Van Dolah

Pearly everlasting



Anaphalis triplinervis

This perennial is native to the Himalayas and would be a good choice for around a stream, pond, wetlands, and waterfalls. It thrives in very moist to wet soils that can be chalky, loamy, or sandy but needs to be well drained. It will suffer in winter if too wet. It seems there are quite a few plants that are said to like moisture but need well drained soil, but in fact, grow very well with their feet wet. So experiment and see what happens. I've had some great success and left some dead behind me too with plants.

The Pearly Everlasting is clump forming with thin, spooned-shaped, silvery-pale green foliage with a wooly underside that gets 2 feet tall and 1 1/2 feet wide. The 3 to 5 inch leaves have normally three veins. This gives this plant another common name, which is the Three-veined Everlasting. The fuzzy, papery flowers are

Monthly Meeting

7:00 Wed., Feb. 17

Historic Old Prairie Town

(Formerly Ward Meade Park)

Exciting new perennials and shrubs for 2010

Rita Arnold – Arnold's Greenhouse

white with yellow centers about ¾ to 1 inch across that form dense, doomed shaped clusters in July through August. The scented flowers are easily dried for dry flower arrangements or just in a vase of water. The plant prefers full sun but can handle part-shade. Zones 3- 9 is where it wants to grow. Propagation is by seeds, division in early spring or stem cuttings in spring or early summer. I did find two named cultivars. They are 'New Snow,' with short, narrow, 2 ½ inch single-veined, white-wooly leaves and 'Summer Snow,' which has brilliant white bracts.



Gruver's snow covered pond in December/January.

What a winter!

By Diane Gruver

Boy, we picked a good winter to stay in Kansas, didn't we? We've seen more snow this winter already than we usually see the whole winter season.

Ahh, Spring can't get here too soon for me!

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Topeka, KS 66614

Calendar of Events

Feb. 17 – Monthly TAWGS Meeting
Feb. 19-21 – Topeka Lawn and Garden Show
Mar. 3 – 7 Wichita Garden Show
Mar. 17 – Monthly TAWGS Meeting
April 21 – Monthly TAWGS Meeting
May 19 – Monthly TAWGS Meeting
June 16 – Monthly TAWGS Meeting
June 26-27 – Topeka Pond Tour
July 10-11 – KC Pond Tour
Aug. 18 – Monthly TAWGS Meeting
Sept. 15 – Monthly TAWGS Meeting
Oct. 3 – Apple Fest
Oct. 20 – Monthly TAWGS Meeting
Nov. 17 – Monthly TAWGS Meeting

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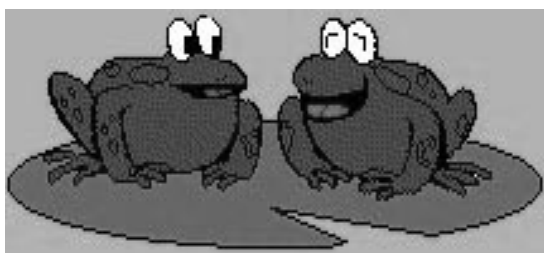
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Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at Old Prairie Town (Ward Meade Park) unless otherwise publicized. Dues are \$15 per single or \$20 per family and can be sent to Jim Green, 5701 SW Arrowhead CT, Topeka, KS 66614.



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The Lily Pad encourages submission of articles pertaining to water gardening from the membership and other interested parties. Deadline is the third weekend of each month. Address input and/or questions to:

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