



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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TAWGS 11-17-2010 Minutes

After self introductions, a pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all. Don Taliaferro then called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of our October meeting as written in the Lily Pad by Tom Routh. Diane Gruver seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jim Green reported that we have \$1,657.29 in the bank. Marikay Peterman made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Mary Weaver seconded. Motion carried.

Don Taliaferro thanked Tom and Helen Platis for the great job they did organizing volunteers, and the time they spent working at the Apple Festival.

Don asked if anyone would like to be chairperson for the Lawn and Garden Show in 2011. Don said he would make some calls to pond members to try to get a chairperson. Mark Weaver said he would help at the garden show.

Mary Weaver wanted to know if any members were interested in going to a koi pond farm in Iowa. We would need to charter a bus if enough wanted to go and we would need to stay all night. Mary will check into this further and let us know at our next meeting.

Officers will stay the same as last year since all agreed to continue for another year. Floyd Gruver moved to close the nominations. Duane Eberhardt seconded. Motion carried.

Don Taliaferro thanked Bob and Cheryl Saathoff for the table decorations for tonight's pot luck.

Jim Green moved the meeting adjourn. Cheryl Saathoff seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary Sandy Regier

Winter Gardening Calendar

- Volunteer to help on the Lawn & Garden Show.
- Resolve to grow something new this year that you have never grown before.
- Resolve to learn and use one new gardening technique this year.
- Keep bird feeders stocked and provide a source of unfrozen water.
- Spend time developing landscape plans, designing flower beds and updating your pond.
- Visit nurseries and garden centers before the spring rush.

Monthly Meeting

7:00 Wed., Feb. 16

Historic Old Prairie Town

(Formerly Ward Meade Park)

**Discussing plans for
Lawn and Garden Show**

grows naturally from New York down through Florida and across to Louisiana. It is also called Seashore Mallow and Virginia Fen-Rose.

This tall branched plant is found growing in mucky bogs, shallow water and moist soils. With a short life span of 5 years, it is for zones 6-9 in full sun or strong afternoon sun. The leaves are grayish-green, coarse, and toothed, with the underside whitish and with downy hairs. The lower leaves are maple-shaped and 3 to 5 lobed, usually reaching to 6 inches long, while the smaller upper leaves are triangular and about 2 inches.

The flowers are pink with a distinct yellow stamens, five petals and 2 ½ to 3 inches across. They begin to open from late June to September lasting for one day, closing at night. Propagation is by seed or soft-wood cuttings. *Kosteletzkya Virginica*, 'Immaculate' is a rare white form.

Winter pond care

Everything is pretty much dormant in the pond right now. There are, however, a few cautions to observe even here: Fish cannot go very long without oxygen. A vent hole must be kept in the ice on top of the pond either with a pump or a pond de-icer. If there are a lot of decomposing leaves in the pond the oxygen situation can get especially precipitous in the later weeks of the winter. Look for a product to help with that situation: one that immediately makes more oxygen available to the fish and also for the beneficial bacteria to help their reduced numbers deal with the decomposing matter in the pond.

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2011 Calendar of Events

Feb. 16	Monthly Meeting
Feb. 18 – 20	Lawn & Garden show
Mar. 16	Monthly Meeting
April 20	Monthly Meeting
May 18	Monthly Meeting
June 15	Monthly Meeting
June 25-26	Topeka Pond Tour
July 20	Monthly Meeting
Aug. 17	Monthly Meeting
Sept. 21	Monthly Meeting
Oct. 19	Monthly Meeting
Nov. 16	Monthly Meeting

Although our ponds are not as active and we may not spend as much time outside enjoying them this time of year, it is a good idea to step out and inspect them to avoid problems later.

**Your Dues are Due if your label reads
 Anytime in 2010 or 2-11**

Please renew as soon as possible to continue receiving the newsletter.

Send dues to Jim Green, 5701 SW Arrowhead CT, Topeka, KS 66614

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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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