



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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Minutes - November 14, 2012

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m., Wed., Nov. 14, at Ward Meade Park. President Don Taliaferro opened the meeting with self-introductions.

Phil Thompson moved and Cheryl Saathoff seconded the approval of the October minutes. The motion carried.

Jim Green informed members that the IRS had received our request for non-profit tax status and we should hear from them within the next 90 days.

Jim reported that we have \$2,982.31 in the bank. Doug Peterman made a motion, and Phil Thompson seconded, to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Don Taliaferro reported that TBA wishes to join with TAWGS for the 2013 Flower, Lawn and Garden show.

The 2013 TAWGS officers were installed:
 President – Don Taliaferro
 Treasurer – Jim Mowder
 Secretary – Amy Thompson

A motion was made by Jim Green and seconded by Bob Saathoff to approve the installation of officers. The motion carried.

Jim Green moved and Floyd Gruver seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be in February 6, 2013
 Amy Thompson, Secretary

Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m., Wed., Feb.6
Please note change of date
Historic Old Prairie Town
124 NW Fillmore
Plans for Garden Show

Besides the scented leaves, tiny Astilbe-like flower clusters are fragrant and pale pink in color. They are formed on bare stalks above the leaves with a width of 5-8 inches, having tiny flower heads that are only 1/3 of an inch across. Flowering occurs from early to mid summer for three weeks. The plant cannot be allowed to dry out and in a moist condition will form colonies. Part-shade is recommended because it prefers cooler temperatures and will get leaf burnt in full sun. In a bog it will grow into a large colony. It prefers to grow in zones 3-8 and division is by dividing the rhizomes and by seed collecting. 'VENUSTA' is a named cultivar of this plant.

Display for Garden Show to be discussed

by Don Taliaferro

Lee Schick, previously a Horticulturist with the City of Topeka Parks and Recreation Department will again head up the TAWGS display, The theme for this years show is "Over the Beanstalk". Our booth well have a pond with waterfall, about 12'. We will have Jack and Jill, The 3 Little Pigs and Humpty Dumpty. Plus lots of color from the flowers that have been ordered. No dirt this year but lots of mulch and mulch bags for height around the display. Also trees and yews will be placed in the booth.

We will be needing members to help with the building of the booth and greeting and talking water gardens with the public that comes to the show. We will start in earnest on Tuesday and work thru Thursday to get ready for another great KANSAS GARDEN SHOW.

I was wondering if someone would help scheduling for members to work in the booth.

Moisture loving plants

by Duane Van Dolah

Queen of the prairie

Filipendula Rubra



Named Perennial of the Year, this plant is a native wildflower and loves wet-to-moist conditions to be happy. Sounds like a plant our members might want to check out! Also called Meadowsweet, this plant rises to a height of 4 to 6 feet tall with a spread of 3 to 4 feet by rhizomes. The central stem is smooth and reddish in color with large leaves that are deeply cut, yellow-green, compounded with 7-9 lanced-shaped leaflets. They are up to 2 feet long and 6 inches wide but get smaller and become more sparse as they get to the top of the stem.

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Calendar of Events

2013

February 6	Monthly Meeting
February 15-17	Garden Show
March 20 -	Monthly Meeting
April 17	Monthly Meeting
May 15	Monthly Meeting
June 19	Monthly Meeting
June 29-30	Annual Pond Tour
July 17	Monthly Meeting
August 21	Monthly Meeting
September 18	Monthly Meeting
October 16	Monthly Meeting
November 13th	Monthly Meeting

**Your Dues are Due if your label reads
Any time in 2012 or 2-13**

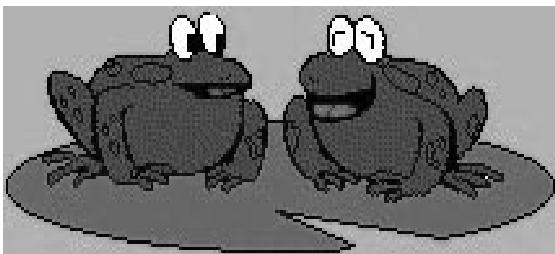
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receiving the newsletter.**

Send dues to Jim Mowder, 3717 SE 31st
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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 Mowder, 3717 SE 31st ST, Topeka, KS 66605.



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