



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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2016 Outstanding Volunteer as named



by the

**National Association of
County Parks and
Recreation Officials**

Bob Saathoff was named to this award on May 5, 2016 at the Shawnee County Commission meeting.

He has been an active member of TAWGS for many years. Bob has volunteered with Parks and Recreation for over 20 years, first at Ted Ensley Gardens and now at Ward-Meade Botanical Gardens. THANKS Bob

June 1, 2016

Monthly Meeting

6:30 June 21, 2016

Historic Old Prairie Town, 124 NW Fillmore

Annual Fish Fry

and

Pond Tour Host Recognition

Dinner

NOTE: This is a Tuesday

**Don't forget to contact Tom Platis with a time
You can sit at a home for the tour.**

TAWGS Minutes for May 2016

President Chris Newell called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made and Chris welcomed new members Tim and Katrina Bruner.

Our guest speaker was Colin McMillan with Rock House Motion, which does photo shoots

The Treasurer's Report was given by our treasurer, Jim Mowder. Don Taliaferro made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Bob Saathoff. The motion carried. The progress on Anna's Pond has been on hold,



due to the rainy weather. An e-mail will go out when help will be needed.

Don Taliaferro reported there are six confirmed ponds for the tour in June. He has others to check with to see if they would be interested to be on the tour. Advertisers have been established by Chris.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. This will be our annual fish fry and potluck. Our guests will be pond hosts and advertisers for the pond tour. Members are asked to bring a dish or two to share, and your own table service.

Congratulations to our own Bob Saathoff for receiving the 2016 Outstanding Volunteer Award from the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials! Thank you Bob for your hard work and dedication in making our city a place to enjoy and make us proud of its beauty.

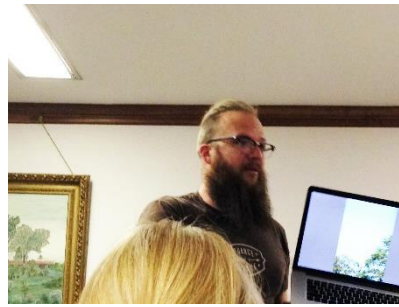
Thank you again to Mary and Dave Horner for the great mini Memorial Day cookout for refreshments. Also thank you to Sandy Reiger for helping with the minutes again during my senior moment.

Earlene Jirik made a motion to adjourn, Don Taliaferro second the motion. Meeting was adjourned. Secretary; Sherry Reed

Door prizes went to Sue Mowder (bird feeder), Sandy Reiger (gift certificate from Wolfe's Camera, and Earlene Jirik (butterfly).



GUEST SPEAKER: COLIN McMILLIN



Our guest speaker was Colin McMillan with Rockhouse Motion a creative company. Colin

was originally from Topeka and now lives in the Flint Hills. He got started in photography with a camera from his father after a few rolls of film he was hooked. He took photography classes at Vo-Tech in Topeka and Topeka High School. After a few jobs in the photo industry he has found a place at Rockhouse Motion and after seeing some of his photos there is no wonder why they hired him. After showing his equipment and explaining the use for each lens and how to use with the subject he



shoots, we moved outside for some hands on learning. The first was how to use back lighting by using

a white piece of paper to make a shadowed subject brighter without a flash. After that we moved over to one of the waterfalls. There with the use of tripod he took pictures of the water



movement with different shutter speeds, which captured the splashing drops of the water with a fast shutter speed to the almost

cloud like appearance of the water with a slow shutter speed. Then with the use of a wide angle lens he showed how to take a group picture without having to be a long way back. When we came back inside, we were treated to the pictures that he just had taken on his computer. It was amazing to see the differences between the settings on the camera. He also told us about a free app that is available for use on cell phones. It is called "Snap Seed" and can be used to edit photos on your cell phone. The program was very interesting and informative. Hopefully we can talk him into coming back again.



POND TOUR JUNE 25 & 26

TIP OF THE MONTH

Goldfish and koi normally spawn in the warming water of spring. If you want to help ensure survival of some of the baby fish, provide a place for the eggs as well as fry (baby fish) to hide from the larger fish. This can be the roots of plants like Water Hyacinth, or a soft filter material. Caution: too many fish can lead to poor water quality.

MOISTURE-LOVING PLANTS

By Duane Van Dolah

MICHIGAN LILY

LILIUM
MICHIGANENSE



Lilium michiganense

If you ever wanted to have a tall lily growing around your pond or waterfall, but it got too wet and rotted your bulbs, then maybe you should try this bulb. The Michigan Lily is a native of Missouri where it can be found growing in wet lowlands along swampy areas. It likes its roots shaded and its head in the sun. The more moisture, the more sun it can handle. It grows to the height of 2-5 feet tall and with a spread of 1 foot. The Lance-shaped leaves at the base are up to 4 inches long and $\frac{3}{4}$ to an inch wide. The long bare stems hold 1 to 8 downward, facing blooms that are 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches across with pale-to-deep-reddish-orange petals. They fade to yellow towards the center, with purplish-brown spots around the petals. The petals curve back to the flower stem which gives them the common name of Turkscap. Blooms appear from early to late summer. Michigan Lily grows in zones 3-7 in full sun to dappled shade. The rhizomatous bulbs spread to form a small clump and can be divided and should be planted in the fall.

I'm still trying to understand why the Michigan Lily is named for Michigan when it's native to Missouri. My guess is the plant botanist found it first in Michigan before finding it out west in the frontier of Missouri. Something to ponder!

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June 21	Monthly Meeting Fish Fry
June 25&26	Pond Tour
July 20	Monthly Meeting
August 17	Monthly Meeting
September 21	Monthly Meeting
October 2	Apple Fest
October 19	Monthly Meeting
November 16	Monthly Meeting Pot Luck Dinner

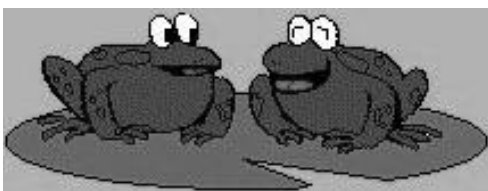
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Please renew to continue receiving this newsletter
Send dues to
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Meetings are usually held the third Wednesday of
Each month at Old Prairie Town (Ward Meade Park) unless
Otherwise publicized. Dues are \$15 per single or \$20 per
Family and can be sent to Jim Mowder, 3717 SE 31st
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the membership and other interested
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