



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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Tom Garcia talks about his hydroponic system at Blue Acres.

TAWGS May 2013 minutes

Amy Thompson Secretary

President Don Taliaferro started the meeting by asking the present members to introduce themselves.

Guest speaker: The meeting was held at Blue Acres. Owners, Tom and Bobbi Garcia provided a tour of their business.

Minutes: Jim Mowder moved and Linda Reynolds seconded that the April minutes be approved as printed in the April Lily Pad. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Jim Mowder reported that we had a beginning balance of \$2,069 and an ending balance of \$2,041 for the month. Jim Green made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; it was seconded by Cheryl Saathoff. The motioned was approved.

Monthly Meeting
6:30 p.m. June 19, 2013

Historic Old Prairie Town

Fish Fry

by Taliaferro's and Saathoff's
**Please bring your table
service and a covered dish
to share**

Ray Schroder will talk about Ward Meade Park

New Business

Pond Tour: Phil Thompson updated the Pond Tour task list. This year's pond tour June 29 & 30, will feature 6 ponds plus two bonus ponds.

Future meetings: A discussion about the TAWGS meeting agendas evolved culminating with time being set aside in future monthly meetings to discuss issues and share ideas about the memberships' ponds.

Adjournment: Jim Green moved and Bob Saathoff seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Moisture loving plants

by Duane VanDolah



Japanese Catmint

Nepeta Subsessilis

The Japanese Catmint differs from other Catmints in that it enjoys moist conditions and doesn't mind part-shade. This Catmint comes from the mountains of Japan and will grow in a consistently moist but well-drained soil. The plant can't stand in water but cannot dry out. It grows 1-2 feet tall and has a spread of 1-2 feet. Forming a bushy, upright mound of dark, fuzzy, green leaves, the plant has clusters of deep violet-blue tubular flowers which form on the end of the square stems. These blooms are ¾ to 1 inch long. The flowers are very fragrant and edible. Bloom time is mid-summer to early fall. It grows from zones 3 through 7 and.....**Cont. pg 2**

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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

Catmint continued

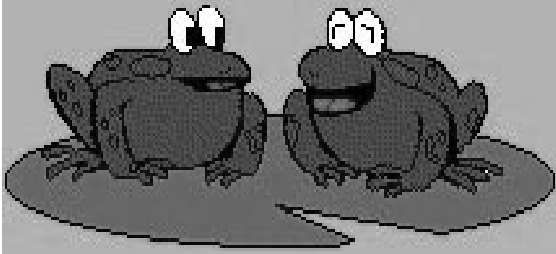
in sun to part shade. Propagation is by dividing the root ball in Spring, stem cuttings, and by seed. Different cultivars are available and they include 'Candy Cat', light violet flowers and a height of 14 inches with a 27 inch spread, 'Cool Cat', with a lavender flower and with a height of 30 inches and a width of 36 inches, 'Sweet Dreams', flowers of pink, with a height of 30 inches and a spread of 36 inches. This is a plant that interests me and I plan on trying it out if I can find it--but probably not in Southwest Kansas!

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 4-13, 5-13 or 6-13**
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 Send dues to
Jim Mowder, 3717 SE 31st ST, 66605

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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, 3713 SE 31st ST, 66605



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