



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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Diane Gruver, Don Taliaferro and Cheryl Saathoff help serve food at the 2013 Apple Fest at Historic Old Prairie Town.

Thanks for help at Apple Fest

By Tom Platis

I would like to thank those who helped at the Apple Festival.

Here are the m who helped: Don and Sandy Regier, Sherry Reed, Floyd and Diane Gruver. Don Taliaferro, Linda Reynolds, Sheryl Saathoff, Tom and Pat Routh, and anyone else who I have forgotten.



Sherry Reed helps dish food at Apple Fest.

Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. Feb. 5, 2014

Historic Old Prairie Town, 124 NW Fillmore

Please note the date change because of working on the booth at the Garden Show

Moisture loving plants

By Duane Van Dolah

Gray's Sedge *Carex grayi*



This sedge is also called the Globe Sedge and Morning Star Sedge. It is native from the eastern 1/5 of Kansas and Oklahoma, to the whole eastern United States. The light green blades of the leaf are 3/8 inch wide and gets from 12 to 40 inches long. The small tufts of grass are ordinary looking except for its seed head. They are 1 to 1 1/2 inch stars that have multiple spikes. They also are light green in color that turn a light tan or brown when mature. They will reach a length of 12 to 40 inches on thin stems in June through Frost. It's hardy from zones 2-8 and enjoys being in moist to less than an inch of water over the crown. It grows in part sun or light shade and can be found along streams, wet to moist woodlands and swamps. Propagation is by seed or division of the clump in late spring. The seed pods make great additions to a flower arrangement.

Work on Garden Show in progress

Several TAWGS members are busy with the plans and construction of the 2014 Garden Show, which is February 14 – 16. Help will be needed to man the booth so please step up and volunteer.

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Topeka, KS 66614

Feb 5, 2014	Monthly Meeting
Feb 14 – 16	Garden Show
March 19	Monthly Meeting
April 16	Monthly Meeting
May 21	Monthly Meeting
June 18	Fish Fry at Saathoff's
July 16	Monthly Meeting
August 20	Monthly Meeting
September 17	Monthly Meeting
October 5	Apple Fest
October 15	Monthly Meeting
November 19	Pot Luck

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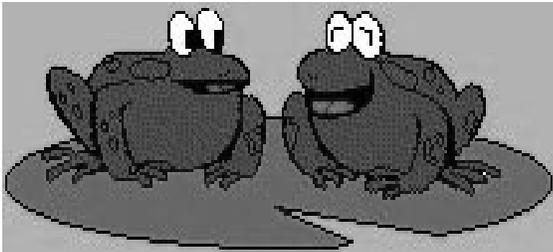
No minutes were available for the November meeting. Sorry!

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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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