



# The Lily Pad

## The Topeka Area Water Garden Society

Published Monthly – February to November

*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 11-17-14

A big 'Thank You' goes out to all members who shared some wonderful food for the annual November potluck. It is always a fun to spend time with good friends and great food.

President Tom Platis called the meeting to order.

Jim Mowder presented the treasurer's report for October 30 through November 19, 2014, with a beginning balance of \$1941.42, inflows of \$95, outflows of \$128.16, with ending balance of \$1908.26. A motion to approve the report was made by Don Taliaferro and seconded by Tom Routh.

Further discussion was held on the slate of officers for 2015. Since Chris Newell is the only new member coming on board as Vice President, Linda Reynolds made a motion to approve Chris as Vice President and Don Taliaferro seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Don Taliaferro made a motion to accept the slate of officers for 2015 and Jim Green seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Since the Kansas Garden Show will be on February 13,14,15, it was discussed to change the date of the February meeting to an earlier date in order to plan for the show. Chris Newell made a motion to meet on February 4, 2015 at 7:00 at Ward Meade, Sandy Rieger seconded the motion; motion was approved. It was also decided to set up a planning meeting to discuss design of the booth on December 3, at 7:00 at Baker's Dozen Dounut .

Don Taliaferro volunteered to talk with Phil Thompson to see if he will continue to put the LilyPad on the website and if he wishes to continue to coordinate the pond tours for the club.

Discussion of things to think about for the new year were, how to revive the club, ponds for the pond tour and speakers for our meetings.

Linda Reynolds won the doorprize.

Don Taliaferro made a motion to adjourn, Don Rieger seconded the motion. Sherry Reed, Secretary

## Keep hole in ice

*The Pond Guy 1-14-15*

During these frigid months of the year, a hole in the ice means the difference between life and death for your pond fish.

## Monthly Meeting

**7:00 p.m. Feb. 4, 2014**

**Historic Old Prairie Town, 124 NW Fillmore**

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

That opening allows oxygen to flow into the liquid water while it dissipates harmful gases caused by decaying debris and fish waste into the air.

Bubblers and de-icers both keep a hole open in the ice, but they go about it differently.

- Bubblers, like the ones found in Airmax® PondAir™ Aeration Kits, are designed to gently and quietly move the water surface, and that action keeps a hole open in the ice. The aerator also delivers oxygen to the lower levels in your pond while bringing harmful gases to the surface to be released.
- De-icers, such as the Thermo-Pond De-icer, melt surface-forming ice and create a gas exchange vent in the ice. While effective, during cold windy nights they may not be enough to keep a hole open on their own.
- Bubbler-De-icer Combos, like Airmax® PondAir™/Thermo-Pond De-icer Combo, is an energy-efficient option. Because the aerator will bring harmful gases to the surface and your de-icer helps to keep the hole melted, you'll be sure to keep the ice vent open.

The bubblers, de-icers and combos are not designed to warm the water or keep the entire pond surface ice free. They're meant to keep an opening for gas exchange, which is all that's needed for the fish in your pond.

As long as the equipment you have in the pond is sized correctly (see your manual for details on what yours can effectively handle), you won't need a larger hole. Your fish are less active, not eating and producing less waste, and so they won't have the gas exchange requirements they do in the warmer months.

If your vent does freeze over during extra cold temperatures, simply pour hot water on the ice where the hole once was. It'll melt the hole back open – and your fish can breathe a sigh of relief!

*Help is needed on the display at the Garden Show. Volunteers are needed to help build the display Feb. 11 & 12 and work the booth Feb 13 – 15. Please call*

*Bob Saathoff*

*785-510-1180*

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Feb 13 – 15	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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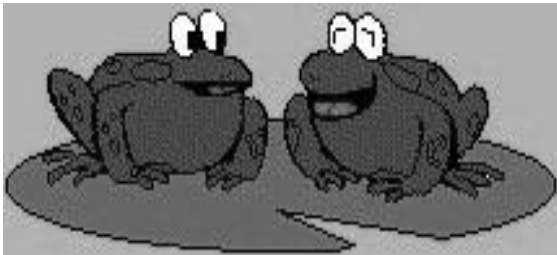
## Please volunteer to help with the garden show display!

**Your Dues are Due if your label reads  
Any time in 2014 or 2-2015**  
 Please renew as soon as possible to continue  
 receiving the newsletter.  
 Send dues to  
**Jim Mowder, 3717 SE 31st ST, 66605**

### THE TOPEKA AREA WATER GARDEN SOCIETY 2015 OFFICERS:

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Sherry Reed Topeka	Secretary 785-408-5060
Jim Mowder Topeka	Treasurer 785-267-0672

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 ST, 66605



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