



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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Message from the President

Welcome to 2016 and a new beginning. It's with optimism I greet you and pledge my dedication, perseverance and team work, to move this organization forward and bring to light the new mission we created late last year.

With this insight and your cooperation, I hope to redefine the meaning of fellowship, hard work and community contributions all the while, creating a fun and interactive environment that opens more opportunities to grow our membership and community awareness.

Last year found us struggling a bit with meeting content and purpose yet we managed to ignite a new and infectious enthusiasm for the Pond Tour (after taking a break in 2014). We were successful with a collaborative effort of our dedicated members in obtaining a robust number of quality Ponds and Hosts, increased ticket sales and revenues and a much improved interactive advertiser participation.

It's not often you get a chance to work with and help lead such a talented group. So I look forward to this challenge as your newly elected President implementing the many ideas and expectations that will keep us moving forward.

With your input, contributions and overall enthusiasm, I'm confident we can turn the corner and increase our membership and community involvement. I encourage you to call any time and engage me with your concerns and ideas. Together, we can make a difference.

I look forward to seeing your smiling faces this February as we launch our 2016 season.

Happy Ponding,

Chris Newell,
President

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 9--11 Please call Bob Saathoff

785-640-1482.

Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m. Feb. 3, 2016

Historic Old Prairie Town, 124 NW Fillmore

Guest Speaker:

Dale Jirik – Lincoln Speaks

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

Minutes 11-21-15

President Tom Platis called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the slate of officers for 2016. Chris Newell accepted the position of president. There were no volunteers for vice-president. November 2015 TAWGS Minutes The yearly potluck was a delicious success with lots of chicken dishes!

Discussion was held on what could be done in lieu of not having a vice-president, whose major function is to obtain a monthly speaker for the TAWG meetings.

An idea placed on the table was for members to obtain a speaker for one time during the 10 months that we meet. A coordinator would be needed to set up the schedule for the speakers. Earlene Jirik said she and Dale would be willing to become the coordinators. So each member should try to find an interested speaker and call Earlene at 266-5492 to schedule their speaker in an open month.

Helen Platis made a motion to accept having the Jirik's be the speaker coordinators. Don Taliaferro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Don Taliaferro made the motion to accept the slate of officers, Jim Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be changed to February 3, 2016, in order to discuss and plan the booth for the Kansas Garden Show being held on February 12,13,14. Don made the motion to make this change, Chris Newell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave and Mary Horner generously volunteered to provide refreshments for all of the months that we will meet in 2016!

Meeting adjourned.

Sherry Reed, Secretary

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| Feb 3 | Monthly Meeting |
| Feb 12 – 14 | Garden Show |
| March 16 | Monthly Meeting |
| April 20 | Monthly Meeting |
| May 18 | Monthly Meeting |
| June 15 | Fish Fry |
| July 20 | Monthly Meeting |
| August 17 | Monthly Meeting |
| September 21 | Monthly Meeting |
| October 2 | Apple Fest |
| October 19 | Monthly Meeting |
| November 16 | Pot Luck |

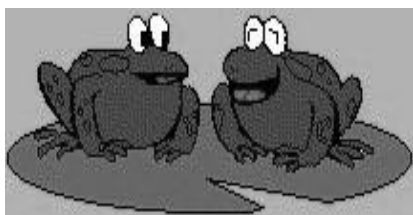
**Volunteers needed to help with our
2016 Garden Show Booth
Set Up Feb 8-11 & Show Feb 12-14**

Your Dues are due if your label reads
Any time in 2016
Please renew to continue receiving this newsletter
Send dues to
Jim Mowder, 3717 SE 31st ST, 66605

**THE TOPEKA AREA
WATER GARDEN SOCIETY
2016 OFFICERS:**

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| Chris Newell Topeka | President 785-633-8454 |
| Open | Vice President |
| 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 Street, Topeka, KS 66605



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