



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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From your President.

This month's meeting, for the most part, was a grand experience and success as Dave and Mary Horner were our hosts and guest speaker. They made it very clear the pool was open and to bring a swim suit. Only one person took them up on that offer (your fearless President) and they were right, the water was magnificent with crystal clear, chlorine free water. They also provided an awesome meal with pulled pork, baked beans, sweets and drinks. Everyone else brought a dish that made the whole spread, sinfully delicious.

Dave presented a 20-minute slide show of his travels to the Smokey Mountains depicting various water features and landscapes. You can see Dave's at events around town. Those

September 1, 2016

Monthly Meeting

7:00 pm September 21, 2016

Home of

Craig Dannenberg and Brad Williams

1143 SW Wayne

Guest Speaker

Brad Williams

POND LIGHTING

interested in his work and where it can be seen, you can contact him at dahorner@gmail.com.

We had nearly 26 people this time and I believe it speaks volumes for what the club really enjoys. Gathering and sharing. Several new members, Craig & Brad and Tim & Catarina, joined us again and we even had a guest (Kim) who originally found us on the 2016 pond tour and has just got through building her pond and was filling it up for the first time that Saturday. Kim came to meet new ponders and managed to meet several people and

exchange phone numbers. I spoke with Craig and Brad this week and they had Kim and her husband (Chris) over to pick up some extra plants they were cleaning out of their pond. This type of sharing and offerings are what make TAWGS a great social club and a fun event to attend.

Door prizes were provided. Dave donated a picture of his work while Chris provided a \$30 gift certificate to hobby Lobby for a frame. Tim and Catarina donated a nice piece of garden art. Winners were happy.

Then the meeting turned serious as we discussed the future and need to find new officers. With me, your President and Pond Tour Guide Editor stepping down, TAWGS needs members to step up and volunteer their time and talents. We also are losing Don T., our Pond Tour Director and Editor in Chief of the Lily Pad newsletter. We were to form a nomination committee at this meeting, but nobody stepped forward. I made a plea for individuals to nominate themselves for an Officers position, but nobody stepped forward. 2017 will bring openings for President, Vice President, Pond Tour Director and Newsletter Editor. We will need to vote in October with new officers taking over in November.

With changes to the clubs direction immanent, it's imperative we find the right people. I am sending out this challenge to the membership. "Communicate amongst yourselves and bring me nominations in September". If the club is to continue, you need to join forces. You need to show me there is a reason to continue. I believe there is, but it takes more than a few to make this happen.

On a closing and brighter note, I have spoken with a few individuals since our meeting and have commitments to help with the Pond Tour Guide development and the website/Fb page, but no Officers. If you are interested in being a part of this club and feel you can make a difference, I encourage your response. Contact me at cnewll@cox.net. I'll see you through the 2016. You have two months, before I step down.

We adjourned with mixed feelings.



Thank You
Chris

September 21, 2016

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Craig Dannenberg and Brad Williams

**1143 SW Wayne
Topeka, KS 66604**

Graig and Brad will be hosting Septembers meeting. It is POTLUCK so bring a dish or desert. Bring a chair and place setting.

Guest Speaker will be Brad Williams Architect and Electrical Extraordinary.

Brad will be showing us how to convert everyday materials into unique lighting for outdoors and your pond. He will also be explaining a simple remote app that controls everything from your phone.

Those interested in joining TAWGS and Club members are welcome. Bring a friend and meet some Ponders with similar interests. Please RSVP to Chris at cnewell@cox.net or Craig at craig@craigdannenberg.com

New ponders and folks interested in water gardens or water features are always welcome.

TAWGS August 2016 Minutes

President Chris Newell called the meeting to order in the beautiful back yard of Dave and Mary Horner. A fantastic slideshow was presented by Dave Horner of some of his photography from the Smoky Mountains, the eastern coast, Colorado, the Flint Hills of Kansas and Zion National Park in Utah.

A BIG thank you again goes out to Dave and Mary for hosting our meeting in a wonderful setting and some really tasty food provided by the Horner's and all attendees.

The September meeting will be held at Brad Williams and Craig Dannenberg home at 1143 SW Wayne at 7:00p.m. Brad will present the program on how to do lighting for your yard on a budget.

The treasurer's report was made by Jim Mowder.

Diane Gruver made a suggestion for a possible future speaker from Manhattan, Master Gardener Colleen Hampton.

Chris said he will distribute booklets from the last pond tour to TAWG members so that we may patronize our sponsors.

Chris announced that he and Don Taliaferro will no longer be working as pond tour coordinators. Don will also not be doing the Lily Pad after this year. Chris will not be holding any offices for TAWGS.

Chris asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. There were no volunteers so this will be tabled until next month.

Bob Saathoff made motion to adjourn, Doris Hammond seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Sherry Reed, Secretary

Do great blue herons fly south for the winter?

Posted on October 15, 2009 by thepondguy



Got herons? We have solutions!

Water Garden & Features Q & A

Do great blue herons fly south for the winter

Reprinted from 10-15-09 The Pond Guy

The bane of fishpond owners, great blue herons, will make a quick meal out of pricey koi and graceful goldfish. The good news is that those in the northern swath of the United States are about to enjoy their exit – at least for the winter months.

These birds are one of the most widespread wading birds in North America. While herons' breeding range stretches from the southern Canadian provinces to southern Mexico, their wintering and permanent range extends from southeastern Massachusetts along the coastal states and west across the southern half of the United States, and into Mexico and northern South America. So when the temperatures dip, they prefer to fly south to the warmer climates.

If you live in the northern regions of New England, the Great Lakes, the Northern Plains and regions that freeze during the winter, you will see the herons fly for warmer skies. Experts report the birds migrate south from the northern portions of with their return in mid-March.

For those who live in great blue herons' wintering and permanent range, you'll unfortunately enjoy no wintertime respite from these sushi-eating birds. Here are some ways to keep your fish safe:

- Install pond netting: A near-invisible barrier, pond nets, like the Atlantic® Pond Protector Net Kit, prevent the birds from landing in your water feature

and spearing your fish. They also keep fall leaves from turning your pond into an over-sized tea pot.

- Put up a decoy: Because herons are territorial, you can place a heron decoy near your pond to dissuade others from landing. Be sure to move it periodically to keep up the appearance of a live bird.
- Spray the birds away: Motion-activated scarecrow devices, which shoot a 35-foot blast of water at any animal that breaches its sensor sweep, make excellent deterrents for not only heron, but raccoon and other predators, too.

Fall Tips

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September 21 Monthly Meeting
October 2 **Apple Fest**
October 19 Monthly Meeting
November 16 Monthly Meeting
Pot Luck Dinner

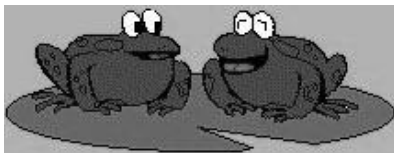
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Meetings are usually held the third Wednesday of
Each month at Old Prairie Town (Ward Meade Park)
unless

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interested parties. Deadline is the third
weekend of each month.

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