All about Orchids

Carol Gravens became a St. Louis Master Gardener in 2001 after retiring from a professional career as a microbiologist. She is also a Master Naturalist. As an Advanced Master Gardener she volunteers in many capacities, but her first plant love is orchids, and she grows about 250 of them in her home in Glendale, MO. Carol can be found every Thursday volunteering in the orchid greenhouses at Missouri Botanical Garden, helping to care for the Garden’s extensive orchid collection. She also shares her love of orchids by speaking to various garden clubs and community groups. She completed a degree in

Don't Miss This!

What: All About Orchids

Where: Missouri Botanical Garden, Ridgway Center, Beaumont Room

When: Tuesday, June 20th, at 7 p.m.

Who: Carol Gravens, Advanced Master Gardener

Last Chance for Members to Pick Up Pond-O-Rama Tickets

St. Louis Water Gardening Society members will have one final chance to get their Pond-O-Rama tickets. Tickets will be available at the June 20th general meeting. All member households are entitled to two free ticket booklets as a benefit of membership. Members who cannot attend the meeting to pick up their tickets may request that they be mailed. The mail order form is on the website: www.slwgs.org. Mail the completed form no later than June 17th, with a check made out to (SLWGS), $3 for each book for postage and handling. For other arrangements call Bob Henson (314-495-4233) or Ginny Mueller (314-808-7000) or email Bob at hatt8v92@aol.com or Ginny at vcmueller16@hotmail.com. Let's Pond-O-Rama!!!!!!

Don't forget our Pond-O-Rama Host Meeting....June 20th at 6:00 P.M.

Our Host meeting is June 20th at 6:00 -6:45 PM. Thank you to our 39 hosts who make the Pond-O-Rama tour possible. Please try to attend the meeting or call Bob or Ginny for other arrangements. We look forward to seeing you and getting ready for the big weekend of sharing the beautiful places we all enjoy! Come and pick up your gift and signs!
Did You Miss This.... Fun at the Jewel Box

Dianne placed all the lilies in the pools

What should we do first?

Empty pools

Rick goofing off while others work

Line them up for division

Cindy Hagen & Fred Schalk’s grandson, Henry, our youngest recruit yet. Above

Center pool filling up slowly to the right.

Dianne placed all the lilies in the pools

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Water Word, June 2017
Greetings, folks!

Well, the hot weather has arrived, almost 90 degrees in May? Wow, say what you will about climate change but this seems to have been an unusual year! We had almost NO ice on our pond this winter and we were able to keep our waterfall working the entire time!

Things are moving along. Most of the plants at the Jewel box have been placed (with the exception of the tropical lilies). We expect to finish soon! The koi action will have been completed by the time you are reading this and Pond-O-Rama will be imminent! This year we have 39 ponds on the program. Roughly half are first-time hosts. It should be a great show. The year seems to be racing by!

For the May meeting we had Dr. Bob Passovoy from MPKS (our Chicago friends). He gave a very entertaining and informative presentation on maintaining pond water quality. Dr. Bob is quite a character! He did a great job of simplifying a very complex topic for his presentation. I’d also like to thank Rick and Pam Jokerst, Don and Carol Moellenhoff, Jeanne Lehr, and Sally and Jon Serkes for opening their pond’s up, to Dr. Bob’s inquiring, expert eye! He was in heaven assessing the minor problems some of the ponds were experiencing.

This month we have Carol Gravens giving her “All about Orchids” presentation. It should be a very interesting and informative program. I hope you will all attend.

We are approaching the time of year when we will be presenting our annual service awards. Be thinking of persons who have gone above and beyond on behalf of the club over the past year. We will be taking nominations at both the June and July membership meetings.

Well, folks, wildlife has been active around the Stahre/Nelms pond! We had a “Freddy” bullfrog visitor. He stayed for a few days, taking up residence in a floating planter we had in the pond and then just disappeared. I think the daily koi feeding frenzy was a little too rough for him. Sherry “accidentally” tossed some koi food into it and the fish took to bashing the bottom of the little “island!” “Henry” and “Harriet” (a pair of hawks) have been patrolling the farmer’s field beyond our backyard fence for critters. They have been quite effective in keeping the neighborhood squirrel population down. “Herman” the lone hummingbird to return so far, this year has been dividing his time between the feeders and flowers in the yard and the local infestation of honeysuckle. “Samantha” (the black snake) appears to have relocated but “Reba” (a “ribbon” snake) seems to have taken her place.

I’ve tried to convince Sherry that snakes are part of the natural balance and that they help keep the rodent population under control. I’ll concede that the occasional tree frog might be on the menu but they leave the fish alone. I notice the snakes more than Sherry does and that helps to ensure their longevity, but they are living dangerously in the yard, both from Sherry and from “Big Boy” (our 60 lb. part-terrier). He has been known to shred snakes, though so far, he hasn’t detected these two.

I’m keeping my fingers crossed that the snakes will maintain a low profile.

Dave Stahre
Membership meetings in 2017 will be held on the dates and at the locations listed below between 7 and 9 p.m. Meetings will be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden Ridgway Center, Beaumont Room, unless otherwise noted. They are on the third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

**June 20—Pond-O-Rama Host Meeting**

**June 20—All about Orchids**
By Carol Gravens, Advance Master Gardener

**June 24-25—Pond-O-Rama**

**July 18—To Be Decided**

**August 15—Annual Banquet**, Mike Hernandez—Inventor of “Tomigai” Fish Food.

**September 19—To Be Decided**

**September 30—13th Annual Tiki Tour**

**October 17—Birds of Fall & Winter**
Bryan Layton Prather of Wild Birds Unlimited

**November 14—Annual Potluck & Elections**
Pot luck dinner and election of officers. Nominations will be accepted for the positions of vice president and treasurer to serve two-year terms beginning in January 2018.

The St. Louis Water Gardening Society is a member of the Associated Koi Clubs of America (AKCA). Visit the association’s website at [www.akca.org](http://www.akca.org).

Looking for more information about pond building, plants or fish care? Visit our website, [www.slwgs.org](http://www.slwgs.org). Check out our “Articles of Interest” section and “Links We Like” for help.

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FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE SLWGS TOSAI KOI AUCTION

What a great day for a koi auction! It started with beautiful sunshine. Later in the afternoon the temperature warmed, but plenty of shade was available from the canopies and patio umbrellas. At the end it clouded up, but the rain held off until after everything was picked up and packed away. Hot dogs, snacks and cold beverages were enjoyed by nearly 80 club members, many first-time attendees, with the home-made Snickerdoodle cookies again this year from Joanie Jarus being a favorite. Sales of butterfly koi, domestic koi and hi-fin sharks (algae-eaters) started off the event at 11 a.m. The auction again provided many first-time varieties of Japanese koi that had not been available at previous auctions. The quality was exceptional, the bidding brisk and heavy. Everyone that bid was a winner and took home a beautiful new koi or tropical water lily for their pond. We hope you had an opportunity to meet some new friends and gain more knowledge about fish and plants. We strive to make this a fun and informative picnic-like atmosphere. We thank our members for their participation in the auctions and raffles that support our club activities and for the many that assisted during the event. It couldn’t have been done without YOU! We also thank our donors: Kurt & Deb Bokamper (condo), Rick Jokerst (baseball tickets), Dan Gravens, Aaron Burchett of Pond Market, Tomigai Premium Koi Food, Koi Acres and Southwest Koi. Kudos to auctioneer Pat Tosie for another job well done, koi wranglers Steve Metzler, Patrick Tosie, Josh Hetley, Dave Stahre, Kurt Bokamper, Betsy Meier, Sallie Serkes and Ryan Parker (son of Ed and Sandy Parker). Steve Harris was in attendance to collect the proceeds. Jeanne Lehr assisted with signing up new members and selling raffles. Kent and Joanie Jarus helped set up. Many helped close. Thanks to Pam & Rick Jokerst for the auction venue and their hospitality. This was another successful event to benefit SLWGS! Check out the great pics, taken by Kathy Zundel of the event and the koi raffle winners and along with hubby, Don, and Sherry Nelms helped record the bidding. The condo and baseball raffle winners will be drawn at the June meeting. You will be able to purchase tickets to have a chance for those prizes before the drawing. Good luck to all!

Article by Pam Jokerst

Roger and Diane Brader won the Japanese Koi Raffle

Ken Ellington won the Butterfly Koi Raffle

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Information about the Society, including how to join, can be found at our website, www.slwgs.org or from any of the officers and board members listed:

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**Water Word, May 2017**
NATIONAL KOI SHOW AND POND TOUR CALENDAR

These are just a few of the many shows and tours held around the country. Contact Pam Jokerst with any questions at pamjokerst@gmail.com or 314-276-9461. Please visit the calendar at koiusa.com for additional cities and listings.

June 23-25  25th Midwest Pond & Koi Society Show--Chicago, IL (western suburbs) --mpks.org
July 15     Michigan Koi & Pond Club Annual Pond Tour in Commerce, MI (Detroit area) --mkpc-se.com
July 22-23/29-30  27th Midwest Pond & Koi Society Pond Tour--Chicago, IL--two weekends mpks.org
July 28-30  6th Tri-State ZNA Koi Show--Staten Island, NY--facebook.com/TriStateZNA/
Aug. 4-6  11th Upper Midwest Koi Club Show--Minneapolis, MN--uppermidwestkoiclub.org
Aug. 24-26  6th Michigan Koi & Pond Club Show--Milford, MI (Detroit area) --mkpc-se.com
Aug. 26     Idaho Water Gardening & Koi Society Koi Show--Boise, ID--iwgks.org
Sept. 8-10  23nd ZNA Potomac Koi Show--Vienna, VA (Washington, D.C. area) --znapotomac.org
Sept. 16-17  16th Northern Midwest ZNA Koi Show--Carmel, IN (Indianapolis area) --nmzna.net

Out on a Limb and need some help? Find resources at www.slwgs.org!

NOTE From Editor

***Looking for articles. We’d love to have articles from members about their ponds or what we should be doing in our dirt gardens. Do not be afraid to write. Sharing your knowledge is what this club is all about. We learn from others who have the same interests. We are looking for a new person to proofread Water Word next year. Please, someone step up. I can do the typing but my grammar and punctuation are bad.

Library and Learning Center

The Library and Learning Center would like to remind anybody that may have interesting photos or articles about Koi, pond care or pond construction to please bring them to the next meeting. Photos can be reclaimed at the end of the meeting or donated to the library. As mentioned last year, the library has bought a digital photo frame. So if you have a favorite photo of your fish or pond bring it in on a jump drive and it can be added to the photo frame. You can also email them to Katie at beezey696@hotmail.com and she can upload them.
### Annual Audit Report
Fiscal Year January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Audit by David Poos

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LOUISVILLE KOI SHOW SUCCESS FOR HETLEY, JOKERST AND METZLER

The Louisville Koi & Goldfish Show held over Memorial Weekend brought home championship trophies for SLWGS.

Josh and Rae Hetley won the Judge’s Award with their Size 6 Benigoi.

Their Marudo Sanke won Best in Size 5.

Steve Metzler took home Best Doitsu for his Size 4 Maruhide Showa. Each also took First Place in Variety/Size with Kawarigoi for Hetly, Shiro Utsuri and Showa for Jokerst and Shusui for Metzler. Also in attendance from SLWGS were Dave Stahre, Sherry Nelms and Pat Tosie. Come join us next year!

Rick and Pam Jokerst took Best Showa with their Size 6 Isa Kindai.
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Photo of the Month

Our Civic project taking shape for the 2017 season at the Jewel Box.