**Extend Garden Interest into Late Summer**

Jack Lane retired after 35 years with Dun & Bradstreet in 1999 and started at Missouri Botanical Garden in 2000. Completed master gardening training in 2001. Volunteer areas include Kemper Center Gardens, Reception Desk, Speakers Bureau, St. Louis County Extension Board, St. Louis County Parks, and St. Louis University Alumni Board and Executive Advisory Board.

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### Don’t Miss This!

**What:** Extend Garden Interest into Late Summer  
**Where:** Missouri Botanical Garden, CBEC Building, Rm 125  
4651 Shaw Blvd  
Corner of Kingshighway & Shaw  
**When:** Tuesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.  
**Who:** Jack Lane, Master Gardener

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**POND-O-RAMA IS ALMOST HERE!**

**Members,** if you haven’t yet picked up your Pond-O-Rama tickets, our June meeting is your last opportunity. **No** more tickets will be mailed after Monday, June 19.

Thanks so much for approving our purchase of the feather flags. We hope you like this one which the board selected from all those our graphic designer, Ellie Flesch, prepared for us to choose from.

**Pond-O-Rama Hosts:** Please come to the host party at **6:00 pm** before the June meeting. You’ll be getting a new feather flag to help attendees spot your location on your tour day, and we’ll have a demonstration on how to put it together. Tips for a successful tour day and other important information is shared, and our Hospitality Chairman, Tonya Summers, will provide a bite of dinner.
Proposed By Law Changes

The Board of Directors of the St Louis Water Garden Society (SLWGS) functioning as the Bylaws Committee is presenting a series of proposed Bylaws changes and one Resolution for consideration by the SLWGS membership. Article X - Amendment of Bylaws states: “These Bylaws may be changed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting at a regular meeting of the Society. Any proposed amendments shall be presented to the general membership by publication in the newsletter and on the website, and in writing at the general meeting prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken.” Due to the number of proposed Bylaws changes, there is not enough space in the newsletter to print them in their entirety.

They are posted on the SLWGS website: https://slwgs.org and will be available in print at the June 19, 2018 meeting. Persons receiving the Water Word via regular mail who are unable to access the SLWGS website may request a printed copy be sent to them via regular mail by contacting the newsletter editor. The proposed Bylaws amendments and Resolution will be presented at the June 19, 2018 meeting and will be discussed and voted upon at the July 17, 2018 meeting.

Jeanne Lehr
Parliamentarian

FIELD TRIP TO MOBOT ON HISTORY OF WATER LILIES WITH DEREK LYLE

Pam is securing a date for a field trip to Mobot with Derek Lyle, senior nursery manager, for a behind-the-scenes look at the Garden’s historically renowned collection of water lilies. Learn about the history of the collection, recent improvements to the Victoria pool, and plant production techniques to create the Garden’s outdoor water lily displays. Date in July to be announced.
Greetings, Folks!

Well, we jumped from Winter to Spring to Summer without much of a pause. Seriously, 95 degrees in May?!

We had sad news last month. Phil Henderson died, our condolences to his wife Pat, we are all sad to see Phil go.

Bad news from the Jewel Box this year: The city apparently decided for some reason to drain the mud pond where we over-winter the hardy water lilies. The result was a forest of “crispy critters” that were unrecoverable. That meant that this year, in addition to purchasing new tropical lilies, we needed to acquire new hardies also. The only positive note that the hardy plants didn’t require dividing this year so that part of the operation was simplified.

Pond-O-Rama is progressing well. We’re replacing the old host signs with new “feather-type” signs. We’re hoping the new ones will be more visible, easier to store, and that they’ll require less maintenance. Time will tell!

In May we had a very informative program from Jackie Allsup of the East Iowa Pond Society on detecting and treating fish diseases.

This month we have Jack Lane from Master Gardeners speaking about how to extend the life of your garden through the summer and into fall.

July will feature Betty Struckhoff talking about “Bring the Natives Home,” incorporating native plants into your landscaping.

The current plan for the banquet is to bring Dr. Bob Passovoy back to give a presentation called “Yells for Help from the Internet.” I’ve not hear the presentation, but my request was for something humorous. I’m sure Dr. Bob will deliver.

In September we will be teaming with the Northern Midwest Zen Nippon Airinkai club to put on St Louis’s FIRST EVER koi show. Koi enthusiasts, vendors, and the general public are all VERY excited. It promises to be spectacular!

September will feature Betsy Alexander talking about how to avoid damage to your garden during the winter months

For our October program, Carol Gravens will deliver her “Autumn Spectacular” presentation

CURSE YOU, TOM SHIVELY! (not really) Tom introduce me to pond bluing. During one of the last Pond-O-Ramas I noted a pleasant blue tint to the water of Tom’s pond. He indicated that it helped to inhibit algae growth and so I got some to try it. As I related in a previous column I overdid it and turned the pond water into ink. When that happened, Sherry confiscated the remainder of the bottle of bluing. Well, time for Sherry to screw up!

We opened our pool up about the middle of May. Sherry decided that the pool wasn’t blue enough and the idea of using the bluing to combat algae rather than algicide appealed to Sherry so she added some bluing to the pool. Initially, it turned a very pleasant color but soon faded to something resembling lake water (sort of brownish). I suggested that perhaps the dye was too dilute and maybe a larger dose was in order, so Sherry added more dye. Again, the pool turned blue but soon it turned a dark brown-orange.

It was at this point we realized that the chlorine in the pool was bleaching the dye, resulting in the odd color. A quick inquiry to the manufacturer confirmed our fears.

We put the bluing away! CURSE YOU, TOM SHIVELY!

Dave Stahre

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WATER WORD, JUNE 2018
Membership meetings in 2018 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, on the third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

June 19—Extend Garden Interest into Late Summer, by Jack Lane, P-O-R Host Meeting at 6 p.m. before regular meeting at 7 p.m.

June 23-24—Pond –O-Rama

July 17—Bring the Natives Home, by Betty Struckhoff

August 21—Yellsfor Help from the internet, Dr. Bob Passovory at the Jewel Box, Annual Banquet 6p.m.–9p.m.

September 14-16 — St. Louis Koi Show with NMZNA

September 18—Winter Damage, by Betsy Alexander, in the CBEC Building, 4651 Shaw Ave.

September 29th — 14th Annual Tiki Tour 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

October 16— Autumn Spectacular by Carol Graven

November 13—Annual Potluck & Elections, in the CBEC Building, 4651 Shaw Ave.

Pot luck dinner and election of officers. Nominations will be accepted for the positions of President and Secretary to serve two-year terms beginning in January 2019.
LOUISVILLE KOI SHOW

The St. Louis Water Garden Society was well represented with nine members attending the Memorial Day weekend koi show in Louisville, Kentucky. Those having fun seeing the gorgeous show koi were Kent and Joanie Jarus, Dave Stahre and Sherry Nelms, Josh and Rae Hetley, Steve Metzler, and Rick and Pam Jokerst. This was the Jarus' first show in preparation to help at our St. Louis hosted koi show at Timberwinds Nursery on September 14-16. They had a great time socializing with hobbyists from around the country and learning what goes into having a quality koi show.

Troy Head, president of the Louisville club, provided a free full-page color ad in their show booklet promoting the first St. Louis Koi Show with NMZNA. There was much talk and excitement from the vendors and exhibitors on this upcoming St. Louis event. Pam made a presentation, along with Dick Thomas, president of NMZNA, promoting the St. Louis koi show at the awards banquet on Saturday night. Dave, Rick and Steve presented the SLWGS Friendship Award to Frank Wethington of the Louisville club.

Other great show news was that Rick took one of the Jumbo Tosai Show Koi that will be available to a lucky SLWGS member and won Best Doitsu for a beautiful doitsu showa. The judges validated the quality of the SLWGS Jumbo Tosai Show Koi with this award out of 200 plus koi entered in the show.

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase and have your own fantastic show koi entered in the fall koi show. Contact Rick at 314-368-2652 or rickjokerst@gmail.com.

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Out on a Limb and need some help?
Find resources at www.slwgs.org!
**Water Word** is published by the St. Louis Water Gardening Society 10 times annually, and is distributed to all members. The newsletter contains information about water gardening and fish-keeping, as well as information about SLWGS meetings and activities. Contributions of articles and photos are welcome and should be sent to the Water Word editor listed below. Documents should be in common text formats, and photos should be in high resolution (300 dpi or higher) jpeg format. The deadline for submissions is the first of each month.

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

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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.
Koi Show season has begun! Plan a trip with one of these events in mind. Information provided by Pam Jokerst, Special Events Coordinator. Contact her at pamjokerst@gmail.com or cell/314-276-9461.

**UPCOMING KOI SHOWS FOR 2018**

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**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.***
TIKI TOUR SET FOR SEPTEMBER 29

Please contact Pam to have your pond and garden featured on this year's Tiki Tour. Route will be in the South County area and possibly include Illinois sites. 314-276-9461 or pamjokerst@gmail.com

ANNUAL SLWGS BANQUET and MEMBER AWARDS AUGUST 21 AT JEWEL BOX

Payment for the annual dinner can be given at the June and July membership meetings. Cost is $25 per member. Catering by Pasta House Company. Please add this special club event to your calendars and join the fun!

Nominations for the awards banquet coming up in August. The Bonnie Alfred and Gaimn awards.

The Bonnie Alford Service Award is given in honor of the founder of the St. Louis Water Gardening Society and is awarded annually to a person who has been a member of the society for at least three years. All persons are eligible who have made measurable and significant contributions to SLWGS.

The Ganim Service Award honors Don and Lizzanne Ganim. The award is given annually to a member who, during the past year, has gone beyond the call of duty for SLWGS. Candidates need to be a member of the society for no less than 60 days.
8TH ANNUAL SLWGS KOI AUCTION

The koi gods smiled on us this year by providing great weather for a day of fun, education, food and of course, wonderful koi! To all who have made this event a success throughout the years, I give a big THANK YOU! To the many new faces, along with familiar ones, I say thanks for your support of the club. I hope your koi are enjoying their new homes. Congratulations to one of the lucky raffle winners, Joe and Lisa Santiago, pictured with their new butterfly koi.

Many auction attendees wanted to take a sneak peak at the jumbo tosai show koi available for lottery purchase to enter in the first St. Louis hosting Koi show at Timberwinds Nursery this September. Much excitement and amazement at the super high quality of these koi were expressed. The first shipment arrived a month ago. The next shipment will be received by the June meeting date. I am extremely satisfied and very appreciative of this opportunity provided by the koi dealers allowing our club to purchase what is described as Japan's best available jumbo tosai. There are only a few of these koi still available. I urge you to contact me asap if interested in joining the lottery selection. This is a terrific opportunity to purchase a koi selling in the retail market for upwards of $1000. Your cost is only $250 which includes the koi, azukari for the summer in the Jokerst pond (this is the Japanese term for room and board of koi placed in mud ponds for grow out costing $400-$1000), delivery to the koi show, koi show vat rental and one banquet ticket for the Saturday night festivities (additional banquet ticket reservations available at nmzna.net. Please reserve yours early).

These koi will be judged in a club show separate of the St. Louis show. The top three winners will then be entered into the St. Louis show for judging. Don't miss out! Act quickly! We need your payment to SLWGS to reserve your koi. A limited number of these one of a kind koi were available to our club. I am targeting a July lottery selection date to be announced. Good luck!

Happy pondering, Rick Jokerst
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Joe and Lisa with Rick and their
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Photo of the Month

This maybe one the beautiful garden you will see on the Pond-O-Rama. Pay attention to landscaping around Ponds along with the ponds themselves.