Plants that Bite Back—Bog Gardens and Carnivorous Plants

Susan Farrington started the St. Louis Carnivorous Plant Society about three decades ago to promote the conservation and cultivation of carnivorous plants. These amazing plants are great examples of convergent evolution and many are easy to grow. Some can even be grown outside year round.

Deborah Stopsky has been a member of the St. Louis Carnivorous Plant Society almost from the beginning of the organization. She has been the President for some years. She grows Heliamphora, which grows in the mountains of South America, Sarracenia from our own Southeast, Mexican Butterworts and Cephalotus from Australia. She has given presentations to all ages and brings REAL plants to show and tell. She also gives out care sheets and hopefully, can answer your questions.

Don’t Miss This!

What: Carnivorous Plants

Where: Missouri Botanical Garden, Ridgway Center, Beaumont Room
September 17, 2019

When: Deborah Stopsky, Saint Louis Carnivorous Society
Quilt For Raffle ....

This is a handmade quilted throw measuring 48” x 68” there will be some pillows that go with it being made by Carol Greminger. The winner will be drawn at the Potluck in November.

*****Remember to bring your special delicious treat for our hospitality time at this months meeting.
Who needs to visit the Amazon rainforest when we have had record rainfall here in St. Louis? On a positive note, we have not needed to add water to any of the koi and garden ponds!

I would like to thank all the members involved with the annual Awards Banquet in August. The attendance was excellent, and I was pleased to see several ticket sellers, advertisers and members, guests present. Various members voiced their pleasure with the event and with Russo’s, who served a fantastic meal. My thanks to Tom Meier for preparing a slide presentation of past events and POR host ponds.

The Banquet highlight was of course the Award presentations. Four presentations were made to well deserving recipients:

- Bonnie Alford, Kay Miskell, Ganmin award, Tonya Summers, Spirit award went to Carol Grimminger, and the Presidential award went to Joan Ziskind (Pond-O-Rama chair 2018-2019).
- Jim Hageele received the Pond of the Month certificate for August.

A beautiful handmade “Koi Quilt” was on display and raffle tickets were sold. The quilt will be on display at the September and October membership meetings. At the November potluck and election, the winning raffle ticket name will be drawn and awarded the koi quilt.

Please see Gail Abernathy if you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets. Each ticket is $5.00 or three tickets for $10.00. All proceeds will go to the society.

HELP NEEDED! Please consider serving on the Elections Committee for the November elections for treasurer and vice president. Minimal amount of time is required, and the committee is required by the society by-laws. Contact me or any board member if you can help out. Also feel free to nominate yourself if forward if you would like to run for either position.

Our May speaker was rescheduled this month to talk about carnivorous plants which can be incorporated into the pond and bog. If you recall, dangerous storms and high winds blew through the evening of the May SLWGS meeting. The speaker for the night ended up in her basement and those members at the Botanical Garden were herded into the theater until the all clear!

Don’t forget to join your fellow members for the annual SLWGS Tiki tour this month. Details can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

I started this report on a positive note and will close on a negative note. Leaves are already falling, and we could have frost by the end of next month.

Enjoy your garden!

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Henson
President, SLWGS
Membership meetings in 2019 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 the month unless otherwise noted.

**June 18**—Laura Bancroft from Ten Mile Creek Nursery “A-Z Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Growing Lotus” P-O-R Host Meeting at 6 p.m.

**June 22–23** —Pond-O-Rama

**July 16**—Josh Higgins “Reptiles and amphibians in the Water Garden”

**August 10**—Potluck Picnic at Chip & Christina Soule’s home at 201 woodland Ct, O’Fallon, IL 62269, 11-1pm. (Rain Date August 17th)

**August 20**—Jewel Box Banquet

**September 17**—“Plants that Bite Back— Bog Gardens and Carnivorous Plants” Deborah Knotsky, Saint Louis Carnivorous Society

**October 15**—Betsy Alexander “Preventing Winter Damage to Your Plants”

**November 19**—Annual Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers, in the CBEC Building, 4651 Shaw Ave.

Nominations will be accepted for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer to serve two-year terms beginning in January 2020.

Board meetings are held at Young’s Restaurant one week after our general meeting at 7 p.m.

Young’s Restaurant & Ice Cream
206 Meramec Station Rd
Valley Park, MO 63088

***No Board Meeting in September***

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.
Members’ Corner:

We have a few birthdays in August so “Happy Birthday” this month to:
Gary Carpenter
Kay Miskell
Sandra Ellington
Keith Kowalczyk
Patricia Vessling
Scott Fehr
Bill Sheffer

SPLASH! Pond Tour sponsored by Chalily
8:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday, September 21, 2019

Join us on a tour of water gardens around St. Louis! From the DIY-er to professionally built, these hosts are opening their water features for your inspiration! You can choose the bus tour or self-guided tour to visit these beautiful oasises around St. Louis. Ask the hosts your questions, take some pictures, sit on a bench and enjoy the view!

Once a year Chalily has an event we call Splash. This year there are 11 beautiful private gardens on the tour. The purpose of the tour is to raise money for a worthy Charity. In 2019 all funds raised will be donated to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. Project Healing Waters serves wounded military service members.

The bus begins at Chalily, 14430 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO, 63011, at 8:00 AM. So get there early!

Tickets are $40 which includes a seat on the bus and breakfast at one of the beautiful gardens, lunch at another host garden, and dinner at the last water feature on the tour. The bus will return then to Chalily. Tickets can be purchased in store at Chalily or online at chalily.com.

What a great way to enjoy the day and make a difference in someone's life! Let's go make a SPLASH!
Water Word is published by the St. Louis Water Garden 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 on our website, www.slwgs.org or from any of the officers and board members listed:

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Tiki Tour—September 28, 2018

The Tiki tour is set for September 28th starting at 7pm.

More information will be coming out in an e-blast with the final details. If you are not on our email list please contact Tonya Summers to make arrangements to get your information on the tour.

Tonya Summers: 314-494-9794

See How Things Have Changed at the Jewel Box

Last pictures taken were when we planted the tropical lilies.

Picture taken the night of the banquet.
Pond of the Month—Ginny Mueller

Our first project over 40 years ago was to replace railroad ties when we initially purchased our home. We realized the natural slope was perfect for a flower garden, stairs, and a very small four-foot pond. The area was a display of varying flowers, shrubs, and vines over the years.

In 2005 Ray and I decided to replace a tie wall along the driveway which somehow evolved into redesigning and expanding our small water feature. Our beautiful dogwood tree became the focal point of the pond. The koi fish were a great addition and the water garden became a learning process.

Over the next number of years to the present, we have enlarged the water garden at least twice, added a waterfall, stream, lower pond (25'x20'x5'), added a unique handrail along the walkway, a gazebo, swing, garden benches, art objects, a patio area, upper pond (20'x8'x2'), 37 koi, and garden shed. Five fountains are nestled in various areas where the sound of water is always present. My water garden is always in transition and changes from year to year.

I love the sound of water! Being surrounded by woods, the pond seems to attract our local wildlife—birds, deer, and even mink. My garden has been my special place where I can share special times with friends and family. The garden is a place of joy, tranquility, peace, healing, and some days complete awe!

We have been on Pond-O-Rama off and on over the years. The garden was featured in St. Louis Home & Lifestyles Magazine in 2019 (April issue), a second-place winner in the St. Louis Post Dispatch Best Garden contest in 2018, and pictures of the garden have been on the cover of many local magazines.

Nature is meant to be enjoyed, preserved, enhanced, is and constantly changing. My water garden is my special place and a gift to enjoy and cherish!

By Ginny Mueller
Did you Miss this? ...Good Weather, Good Food

It has become one of the favorite meetings of the year for St. Louis Water Gardening Society members, and the 2019 awards banquet was no exception.

Members and guests gathered at 6 p.m. to visit and view the lily ponds before dinner. Everyone enjoyed various slide shows and good music. It was a very laid back and relaxing evening.

Wonder what these two are Discussing?

An the Award goes to...

The Bonnie Alfred Award went to Kay Miskell
All the years she has been in charge of the Jewel Box and has coordinated everything seamlessly.

The Ganmim Award went to Tonya Summers
All the work she has done the last two years and the years before.

The Presidents Award New this year went to Joan Ziskind
For her work the last two years on Pond-O-Rama.

The August Pond of the Month Certificate went to Jim Haegele.

The Spirit Award went to Carol Greminger.
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A few of the lilies we have at the Jewel Box. Come down on a Saturday to help out with maintenance. A few more of the spectacular plants offer great photo opportunities.