Preventing Winter Damage to Your Plants

Fall is here and winter is just a few months away. Come and join us for the October membership meeting to hear about preparing both your pond and garden plants for the winter.

Joining us is Betsy Alexander from the Missouri Botanical Garden speakers bureau to talk about Winter Damage to the garden. Betsy has been a Master Gardener since 2005 and has eight programs with the speakers bureau.

Winter can be a devastating season for your garden. Learn what these problems are, how to identify them and how to prevent or fix them.

Don’t Miss This!

What: Preventing Winter Damage to Your Plants

Where: Missouri Botanical Garden, Ridgway Center, Beaumont Room
September 15, 2019

Who: Betsy Alexander and Joe Summers from Chalily
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 to share for our hospitality time at this month’s meeting.
Fall is officially upon us and thoughts of cooler weather and falling leaves are most likely on the mind of most gardeners. I have started moving several of my carnivorous and tropical plants into the greenhouses and trimming back the late summer growth in the garden. By the time you read this issue of the Water Word, the lilies at the Jewel Box will have been removed and safely tucked away for the winter. Every year members of the SLWGS replant, maintain and then remove the lilies for the winter months. A lot of hard and dedicated work goes into this community service effort. It is very gratifying to work at the Jewel Box and hear the thanks and appreciation from the visitors.

Our September guest speaker, Deborah Stopsky, spoke about carnivorous plants and garden bogs. Her talk was well received. Deborah answered multiple questions from the membership about these unique and easy to grow plants. I was asked to include some resource information about growing carnivorous plants and I have at the End of the page.

The October meeting will also be very informational as we have two speakers! I have invited Betsy Alexander from MOBOT to talk about preparing our garden plants for winter, Joe Summers from Chalily will host a forum on preparing your ponds for the winter months. In order to accommodate both speakers, the business meeting will very brief.

As a friendly reminder, PLEASE remember to bring an item for the refreshment table during break time.

The annual Tiki tour was once again a big success and I must confess, my first time being able to attend. It was a pleasure to be able to socialize and view the gardens at night. Our three gracious hosts this year were Rita Zeitz, Rebecca and Bill Harrison and Bryan Cox. There is a lot to be said about a water garden at night and these three gardens were no exception! Our thanks also go to Tonya Summers for another well-planned event.

Please mark your calendars!

The SLWGS November meeting will be our pot-luck and elections. Every year the SLWGS membership votes on two of the four officer positions. This year you will be voting for Vice President and Treasurer. Nominations will be closed at the end of this month’s meeting.

I have included a couple of photos I took while working in the MOBOT water lily pools on page 5 & 7.

This is a very unique growth pattern of a tropical lily I found in the Linnaeus pool. Upon close inspection you will notice three distinct water lilies have grown together to form a multiple bloom display.

Many people never get to see the bottom side of the famous Amazonian (Victoria amazonica) water lilies in the central axis pool. Look closely at the sharp thorns that cover the underside and along the lilies stem. The devil himself could not have designed a more frightful protective defense against being eaten.

Recommended Carnivorous Plant resources:

Cultivating Carnivorous Plants:

The Savage Garden        Peter D’Amato
Carnivorousplantresource.com
Bugbitingplants.com

Youtube titles:

Can Carnivorous plants grow in a fish pond?
Pitcher plants in Ponds
Caring for Carnivorous Plants

Hundreds more are available for the looking.

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.

September 17— “Plants that Bite Back— Bog Gardens and Carnivorous Plants”
Deborah Stopsky, The 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.

Please Note:
Board Meeting on October 22 will be at Denny’s (Sunset Hills)
10575 Watson Rd
St. Louis, MO 63127
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Looking for more information about pond building, plants or fish care? Visit our website, www.slwgs.org
Check out our “Articles of Interest” section and “Links We Like” for help.
We have a few birthdays in October, November so “Happy Birthday” this month to:

- John Lena 10/4
- Gene O’Neil 10/7
- Cathy Frey 10/11
- Joyce Wojtowicz 10/12
- Susy Alias 10/16
- Julie Young 10/16
- Watkins
- Darrell Vessling 11/1
- Uda Heinze 11/6
- Dennis Frey 11/18
- Cynthia Jackson 11/24
- Karla Sheffer 11/5
- Cindy Hanff 11/11
- Rita Zeitz 11/18
- Pat Henderson 11/28

November Elections and Potluck are November 19th at the CBEC Building, 4651 Shaw Ave, the corner of Shaw and Kingshighway. There will be a postcard coming out for the potluck and elections, same as usual. If you want to bring a specialty dish you are known for, just let Tonya know. The club will supply the meat as always.
**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 at our website, [www.slwgs.org](http://www.slwgs.org) or from any of the officers and board members listed:

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Backside of the Victoria Water Lily from the Missouri Botanical Garden.
**Tiki Tour**—

Rita’s House

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Rebecca & Bill Harrison’s pond at night.

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Brian Cox’s 2 year old pond

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Happy Halloween!!!!!