Don’t Miss This!

What: Water Feature Design & Large Scale Projects

Where: Missouri Botanical Garden, Ridgway Center, Beaumont Room
January 21, 2020 7 p.m.

Who: Chris Siewing, Natures Re-Creations

Chris Siewing has been the owner of Nature's Re-Creations for more than twenty four years. His degree in horticulture and landscape design has encouraged his passion for the industry. As an owner of a rapidly growing landscaping company, Siewing decided to specialize in water gardening. He uses his landscape design background to incorporate the water garden into the surrounding landscape. He is a Certified Aquascape Contractor (CAC) and a Certified RainXchange Professional. He and his team have taken first place in the North American Pond and Waterfall Building Contest and were recently awarded the ‘Artist of the Year’ for 2012-13 by Aquascape, Inc. His specialty is the design and construction of truly natural-looking ponds and waterfalls. His style sets his work apart with large specimen boulders as the focal element that gives the water features their natural appearance. Siewing believes strongly in continuing education for both himself and his crew, and they annually attend a national pond training seminar and continually strive to be the best in the industry.

A few pictures of Chris Siewing’s backyard.
This is Our Anniversary Year!

This will be an exciting year for the St. Louis Water Garden Society! We’ll celebrate its 30th anniversary with new speakers, fun events, and our 20th Pond-O-Rama tour.

We are looking for volunteers and your ideas!

Contact: Ginny Mueller, vcmueller16@gmail.com or vcmueller16@hotmail.com to assist in planning the Pond-O-Rama tour.

Ginny is chairing Pond-O-Rama for its 20th Anniversary.

Are you thinking of being a host for the anniversary tour? Let Ginny know!

Much more information will be forthcoming in the next few months.

*****Remember to bring your special delicious treat to share at our hospitality time for this month’s meeting.

Election Results from November `19

Our new Vice President is Dee O’Neil.

Ginny Mueller is continuing as the Treasurer of the Club.

Beverley Maschek is our new Hospitality Coordinator.
Welcome to a new year, a new decade and some exciting events and speakers for our 30th anniversary as the St. Louis Water Garden Society. We celebrate two milestones this year. The St. Louis Water Garden Society turns 30 years old this year and we celebrate the 20th year for Pond-O-Rama. Help us make this year a special one indeed!

With a new year comes change. In saying goodbye, we extend our thanks to Tonya Summers as hospitality and special events chair, Joe Summer as Vice President, Ron Greminger as Board member at large and Joan Ziskind as Pond-O-Rama chair. Each has served tirelessly in making our society what it is. Perhaps not new faces but taking on new responsibilities for 2020 are Dee O’Neil as Vice President, Ginny Mueller as Pond-O-Rama chair, Bryan Cox as Board Member at large and Beverly Maschek as Hospitality chair. We are still in need of a Special Events chair for the year.

A few items to keep in mind. The calendar of events on page 4 lists the dates and locations for the monthly meetings, as well as the events or speaker for January through March. January brings membership renewals and hope that you will join us as members in 2020. Please help our membership chair, Gail Abernathy, and renew as soon possible after you receive your renewal letter. This will help her keep time and effort to minimum when doing data entry.

It goes without being said, that an army travels on its stomach. In any successful organization members need to take an active part. Your comments are appreciated, your attendance at meetings is important, your bringing refreshments for social time goes a long way. Attendance at a monthly board meeting is always appreciated. Besides that, here are a few ways additional ways you can help. Join fellow members maintaining lily pools at the Jewel Box in the . Ginny will be needing lots of help with this year’s Pond-O-Rama. We need a member to help with special events. At this month’s January meeting I will have a “HELP NEEDED” board set up as you enter the meeting room. Each category where help is needed will have a description with room for you to write in your name if you wish to volunteer. Please consider becoming more active in the society.

I am limited to 500 words in my report so I will close for now. Wishing you the best in 2020 and hope to see you at the MOBOT gardens this month.

Enjoy your garden!

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Henson
President, SLWGS

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Out on a Limb and need some help?
Find resources at www.slwgs.org!
Membership meetings in 2020 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.

**January 21** — Chris Siewing of Natures Re-Creation

**February 18** — The Joy of Goldfish
Mike Hellwig of Missouri Aquarium Society

**March 17** — Water Gardening in Containers
Rita Zeitz

**April 21** — TBA

**May 19** — Meeting at CBEC Rm#125
TBA

**June 16th** — Pond-O-Rama Host Meeting at 6pm Regular meeting 7pm TBA

**July 21** — TBA

**August** — Annual Banquet @ Jewel Box

**September 15** — Meeting at CBEC Rm#125
TBA

**October 20** — TBA

**November 24** — Annual Potluck Dinner & Election of Officers, in the CBEC Building

Nominations will be accepted for the positions of President and Secretary to serve two-year terms beginning in January 2021.

**Meeting is in the CBEC these Months.**
Address: 4651 Shaw Ave

Please Note:

Board Meeting’s will be at Fallon’s Restaurant
(Small Private Rm @ 6pm)
9200 Olive Blvd, #116
Olivette, MO 63132
314-991-9800
Time to Renew!

Membership renewals for all St. Louis Water Gardening Society members are due. If you have not sent in your dues yet, you may make your payment in person at the January meeting, or mail a check to Gail Abernathy, Membership Chairman, using the form on the left. Dues are $15 per person.

While non-member guests always are welcome at SLWGS meetings, there are definite benefits to membership. For example, all members receive a Pond-O-Rama ticket, a $15 value. In addition, all members receive the regular issues of Water Word, and may participate in a number of special events throughout the year, including tours and field trips that are arranged for members only. Don’t miss out on the fun in our 30th Anniversary year!

SLWGS Renewal Form

Send this form with your $15 check per person payable to the St. Louis Water Garden Society to Gail Abernathy, 10922 Kildare Ct, St. Ann, MO 63074

**Please note: New bylaw changed the price to $15 per person so if there are two of you the price would be $30. Please print or type clearly.**

Name

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☒ New Membership ☐ Annual renewal (Renewals are due in January)

Would you prefer to receive your copies of Water Word:

☒ via email only? ☐ Or by regular mail? Circle one please.

Members’ Corner:

We have a few birthdays in January so “Happy Birthday” this month to:

Beverly Maschek 1/7
Jim Haegel Jr 1/8
Carol Greminger 1/11
Andrea Fehr 1/18
Dianne Hueseman 1/25
Roth 1/27
Ed Hansen 1/29

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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 or from any of the officers and board members listed:

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SLWGS is a Member of IWGS

Hello all, the St. Louis Water Garden Society is now a member of the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS). You can find all kinds of interesting things on their site like the article below. Actually when I’m stuck and need something for the newsletter I will look to see if they have anything I think would be interesting to you all.

Here is the link to their site and the login information.
The login for the IWGS (iwgs.org) is:
SLWGS
SLWGS20 is the password

Painter Claude Monet inducted into IWGS Hall of Fame August 2019

September 9, 2019

Painter Claude Monet (1840-1926), the prolific practitioner of French Impressionism, was inducted into the ‘Waterlily Hall of Fame’ at a presentation held in Giverny. Giverny was Monet’s home for over 40 years until his death in 1926. His great great grandson, Philippe Piguet, said he was very touched to accept the award, in Monet’s name. Susan Davis, President of the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS) made the award at the gathering of water plant experts and enthusiasts drawn from four continents. Susan noted how Monet’s waterlily pond had inspired his most famous later paintings whose iconic images have traveled the world. Few others have done as much to bring waterlilies to such a broad audience.

The IWGS group moved on to the South of France for their main meeting held at the Latour-Marliac nursery which provided many of the waterlilies for Monet’s pond.
Anybody wanting to be in the WW for Pond of the Month?

IN 2020 WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS!
We would love to see YOUR WATER GARDEN!
WE WILL BE FEATURING A MEMBER'S GARDEN EACH MONTH
AND…..you might even receive a special gift!

ENTRY RULES:
YOU MUST PLAY TO WIN
NO STAMPS OR BOX TOPS ARE REQUIRED!!!
SEND US A COUPLE OF PHOTOS OF YOUR GARDEN OR POND.
INCLUDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR WATER FEATURE.
TAKE A PHOTO OF YOU... SO WE KNOW WHO IS THE PROUD CREATOR AND OWNER OF
THE FABULOUS WATER GARDEN FEATURED!
A SELECTION WILL BE MADE ....AND YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN
THE MONTHLY EDITION OF WATER WORD AND ON THE SLWGS WEBSITE.

FORWARD THE ENTRY TO:

GAIL ABERNATHY, abernat@swbell.net, WATER WORD EDITOR

The Winner of the Quilt Raffle ....

Bryan Cox was the winner of this beautiful Quilt.

I understand he has been showing it off to all who come to his house. He was surprised that he won but also very delighted in the fact. He now owns a one of a kind piece of art.
Plants for a Winter Garden

Who wouldn't want to look out their window in the middle of winter and see some cheerful color in their garden instead of mostly dead things. Seeing color outside makes us feel better. It's just natural.

Here are a few pictures of plants and shrubs you may want to think of adding to your garden so it's not so gloomy in your garden when you look out.

- **Soft Cress Mahonia (Mahonia X media ‘Underway’)** Picture next to it is a closeup of its flowers
- **Yellow Twig Dogwood**
- **Red Twig Dogwood**
- **Hellebores (Lenten Rose)**
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Our first snow of 2020. Isn’t it just beautiful. To bad it will be gone almost as fast as it came.