This month’s meeting will be a little different from other meetings. Since every member has had his or her own experience with closing their pond for the season, Bob will ask questions of the members who can tell everyone else what worked best in their situation. Every pond is different, what works best for one person may not work for someone else. So come, learn, ask questions, and get answers from a room full of knowledgeable people. The best place to get your questions answered is at a Q&A session.

Don’t Miss This!

What: Closing and Winterizing Ponds Q&A

Where: Kirkwood Community Center
111 S Geyer Rd, Rm #200 A/B
Kirkwood, MO 63122

When: Tuesday, October, 18th 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Who: Robert Henson and members

Many people leave an aerator in their pond so it will not freeze over, or like the picture below, keep a small pump running all winter to keep an opening in the pond to let gases escape. If by chance we have a really cold winter. We never know what kind of winter we will have these days.

Fall is the time to net your pond before all the leaves start coming down. A pond with less debris in will hopefully start-up easier with less clean out in the spring time.
Jewel Box Closing October 1st
It is so sad tear apart the beautiful display we had at the Jewel Box.
SLWGS President’s Corner

Fall is officially upon us and thoughts of cooler weather and falling leaves are most likely on the mind of most gardeners. 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 are responsible for replanting, maintaining, and then removing 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 thanks and appreciation from the visitors.

The SLWGS November meeting will include elections and be catered event like last year. Every two years the membership votes on two of the four officer positions. This year we’ll be voting for Vice President and Treasurer. Nominations will be closed at the end of this month’s meeting.

Respectfully,
Bob Henson
President: SLWGS
Membership meetings in 2022 will be held on the dates and at the locations listed below between 7 and 9 p.m. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at the Kirkwood Community Center, Room 200 A/B. There is an elevator.

September 20 — Derek Lyle
   How to overwinter tropical lilies.

October 1 — Closing Jewel Box Pools

October 1 — Tiki Tour

October 18 — Closing and Winterizing Ponds Q&A

November 15 — Budget—Election of Vice President and Treasurer

**** Meeting Location ****

Address:
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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.
The Beauty of a Fire and Water Feature

Something to add to your garden for Fall and Spring time could be a Fire and Water self-contained water feature. Which could add ambience to your area.

Self-contained water features and fire fountains have been gaining in popularity in recent years. There are many easy to set up units out there on the internet which and allow you to enjoy the beauty and elegance of flickering fire and flowing water.

I’m sure a lot of you have seen this on a bigger scale in your travels. The one I’m familiar with is down in Branson, MO on the landing. Granted, it is a big feature with dancing water and fire. The two together just put you into a trance at times. It can be done on a much smaller scale in your own back yard. Just search the internet till you find something that looks like something you would enjoy in your own yard.
Water Word is usually 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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Out on a Limb and need some help? Find resources at [www.slwgs.org](http://www.slwgs.org)!
Elections Coming Up

Elections are just around the corner. Please think about running. The Vice President, runs general and board meetings when the president is unable. There are people in the society who will help out with that so do not let that scare you off from throwing your name in the hat.

This year we are also looking for a new Treasurer. That position manages all of the Society’s funds and using a standard financial accounting software package (Quicken) to create current and historical financial records. The Treasurer also presents the yearly budget at the November Pot Luck meeting.

Throw your hat into the ring. You can shine for the two year stint. We all have hidden talents that are waiting to come out.

We have two people on the ballot for Treasurer this year right now. They are Sue Abernathy and Jerre Baynes.

We’re are still needing someone to volunteer for Vice President.

Please contact Tom Meier if you are interested in running for either of these positions.

Email: ufo.kites@att.com

Plan for Pond-O-Rama 2023

JUNE 24-25, 2023

It is never too early to think about being on the Pond-O-Rama tour. Your host information is due by Feb 31, 2023.

Pond-O-Rama provides the opportunity to also show your talents and leadership. Looking for enthusiastic members to be part of the planning and execution of the 2023 Pond-O-Rama Tour. Please Contact Ginny Mueller, vcmueller16@gmail.com Or text 314-808-7000 cell.
The first of October was a perfect night for our annual tiki tour. The crisp air was not too chilly and the early nightfall really made everyone’s gardens shine. There is a lot to be said about a water garden at night and these three gardens were no exception! Seeing the beauty of the ponds at night is spectacular.

Jim Haegle
First stop
The ponds were beautiful his Asian influence makes his area very unique.

Ramin & Donna Ashrafzadeh, the second stop was a pretty new, but spectacularly light.
Last stop below and Dessert was served at Kathie Soehngen’s
Her pond was right on the walk way to her patio. You could see and hear it where ever you were in the yard. In the winter months she can look out her kitchen window to see it.

One picture with a flash the other without.
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Photo of the Month

Time to say good bye to the Victoria lilies at the Jewel box. They put on a fantastic show for all the visitors this year along with all the other lilies.