How to Winter over Tropical Lilies

If you have invested in the beautiful blooms created by the tropical water lilies, you hate to see the cool weather. This summer, especially, the blooms in the Jewel Box pools have been large and plentiful. Come to the general meeting and learn how the Missouri Botanical Garden winter over there tropica lwith a lot of success. Derek tell us how he does this process and how often it works and if it doesn’t what they do to achieve success. Do not mess this chance to learn from a local expert on this subject.

Don’t Miss This!

What: How to Winter over Tropical Lilies

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

When: Tuesday, Sept. 20th 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Who: Derek Lyle
Senior Nursery Manager of the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Closing of the Jewel Box

The date has been set. October 1st will be the Saturday that we will be closing down the pools in front of the Jewel Box.

So bring you shovel's wheel barrows and two wheelers. We will be moving the hardy lilies to the mud bottom ponds and the tropica lthat get wintered over to the green houses. It can be a long morning but the more hands we have the faster we get things done.

May be after our talk that Derek is giving you can come help then try wintering over a tropical water lily like he instructs us to do.
Jewel Box Reception

A good time was had by all the structure was a little different. The same fun was there like always. Lot of stories and a few members were there that have not been seen for a while.

Awards were given out the Ganium Award went to Greg Heck. The Bonnie Alfred went to Gail Abernathy. This special recognition award for her outstanding service as the Treasure, Pond-O-Rama Chair and Publicity was given to Ginny Mueller.
SLWGS President’s Corner

As I mentioned in the August edition of the Water Word, the ponds and gardens are showing signs of slowing down in preparation for fall. Not only are the gardens showing wear and tear, and I speak for myself, but so are the gardeners. My interest is elsewhere this time of the year and not being on Splash or the Tiki tour I lack the incentive of keeping up with the gardening choirs!

If you missed the St. Louis Water Garden Society reception last month, you missed a great time. The water lily ponds were at their peak, food was great. I think our attendees really enjoyed the program as well as just catching up with fellow society members.

Congratulations to Greg Heck who received the Ganim award and to Gail Abernathy for the Bonnie Alford award. A special award was presented to Ginny Mueller for her many years of chairing the Pond-O-Rama event. All three awards were certainly well deserved.

A special presentation was dedicated to the volunteers that maintain the Jewel Box ponds. In their honor, a beautiful five-minute drone video with sound was shown with a flyover of the Jewell Box and water lily ponds. The video can be currently viewed on the society’s website.

Please take time to visit the slwgs.org website if you have not already. You will notice some changes in the format and information now available. Weekly educational topics and photos are being updated to the QR code located at the Jewel Box by Greg Heck. Much of this information can be viewed on the website as well. Please check it out!

This month’s speaker is a return visit from Derek Lyle from the Missouri Botanical Gardens. I have asked him to talk about how we might be able to overwinter tropical water lilies. I have never had any luck with a successful overwinter, but I know it can be done. Hopefully, Derek can help improve our botanical skills.

November’s meeting will be held at the Kirkwood Community Center starting at 7:00 pm. Our two major objectives will be to review and vote on a new budget for 2023 and the election of the board members’ positions of Vice President and Treasurer. Any member wishing to run for either position by due so by contacting Tom Meier, this year’s Election Chairman, at ufo.kites@att.net. Nominations cannot be accepted on the floor at the November meeting per SLWGS by-laws.

My personal thanks to those who have helped make the St. Louis Water Garden Society’s 32nd year a great and memorable year.

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.

June 25 & 26 Pond-O-Rama

July 19 — Auction
Josh Higgins, Auctioneer

August 16 — Reception, at the Jewel Box

September 20 — Derek Lyle
How to winter over tropical lilies.

October 1— Closing Jewel Box
October 1— Tiki Tour

October 18 — TBA

November 15 — Budget—Election of Vice President and Treasurer

**** Meeting Location ****

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

Directions and other information will be coming out in email form and should be available at the September meeting. We have three pond on our tiki tour this year from Fenton to South County. Can not wait to see the ponds on tour the year!

**St. Louis Water Gardening would like you to think about running for office......**

Elections are just around the corner. Please think about running for Vice President. The duties are running the general meeting and board meetings when 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. Also this year the we are looking for a new Treasurer. That position’s duties are to managing and oversight of all Society funds; documenting in detail financial transactions using a standard financial accounting software package (Quicken, etc.) to ensure yearly and historical financial records. Also to present the yearly budget at the November Pot Luck meeting.

Come on down and throw your talent into the ring and shine for the two year stint of the office. We all have hidden talents that are waiting to come out.

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

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**Membership Bonus**

International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS).

Here is the link to their site and the login information.

([www.iwgs.org](http://www.iwgs.org))

The login: SLWGS

Password is: slwgs20
Splash Tour coming up...9-24-22

Chalily invites you to join them for Splash! Splash is a charity garden tour around St. Louis! From DIY-er to professionally built, these hosts are opening their water features for your inspiration! Splash is happening on Saturday, September 24th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can buy a ticket for the bus, and we’ll drive you to every stop, or you can go self-guided and be in charge of your own route. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and drinks will be provided along the way. There are 9 fabulous gardens on tour this year, some of them never, before seen by the public.

The purpose of Splash is to raise money for a good cause. Tickets are $48 and all proceeds benefit Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic located right here in St. Louis. Their mission is to care for injured and orphaned wildlife and then release them back into their natural habitat.
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Photo of the Month

Cool exhibit at the reception of a Victorian lily from the jewel Box Pool. The back of the pad and cross sections of the flower and the stem.