



## Jewel Box Reception

Join your fellow St. Louis Water Garden Society members on August 16th at 7:00 p.m. for a reception at the Jewel Box.

View the lily pools and see a Pond- O- Rama review. Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and a dessert bar for a \$10 per person. Soda and tea are included. Please check with Betsy Meier if you still want to come, There may be room.

RSVP to Betsy Meier at [lidodeck@att.net](mailto:lidodeck@att.net)

We hope everyone can come for a great evening! It is a magical night to see the pools and the night bloomers bloom.

### Don't Miss This!

**What:** Jewel Box Reception

**Where:** Jewel Box  
Forest Park  
McKinley Dr & Wells Dr  
St Louis, MO 63110

**When:** Tuesday, August 16th 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.







# Did you Miss the Auction? Going, going, gone...At our Annual Fundraising Auction

Auctioneer Josh Higgins did not fool around when it came time to accepting and awarding bids at the annual St Louis Water Garden Society auction in July. We had a lots of plants and a variety of handmade objects and pond equipment. There was literally a little bit of everything. It turned out to be a successful evening—\$ 869.00.



Auctioneer Josh Higgins



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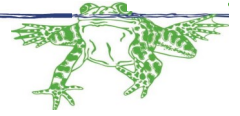
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## SLWGS President's Corner



Summer is winding down and the garden is showing the strain of the long hot days. Thankfully watering needs decreased with the recent rains. The bog I installed last summer continues to keep the koi pond crystal clear. In fact, the plants in the bog have had to be thinned out multiple times. The benefit of a bog is clear water and rapid growth of the contained plants with all the nutrients the bog filters out. Gardens and ponds are wonderful responsibilities to maintain but I must confess, I'm tired and ready for the cool days of fall.

A heartfelt thanks to the members who donated items toward the July auction. Josh our auctioneer did a great job as usual and kept the auction moving with spirited bidding. A large collection of boxes were filled with plants donated to the auction by the Gardeners of Florissant. The Gardeners of Florissant were represented at the auction their president, Dave Jones. A special thanks to those SLWGS members who set up, tagged, wrote winner receipts, ran items and collect the money. A special thank you goes to Sue and Gail Abernathy who were responsible for the overall auction.

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> is the SLWGS reception at the Jewel Box with the water lily viewing from 6 -7 pm with the program to follow. The reception desserts and hors d'oeuvres are being catered by Orlando's.

Working each Saturday with the other volunteers we get to see the plants throughout their

summer growth. This year is no exception with the colorful display in each pond and I don't think those members in attendance will be disappointed! We do not have a speaker for the reception but rather a montage of unique photography work by Greg Heck dedicated to the Lily ponds at the Jewel Box. Greg has a keen eye for detail and has prepared a series of close, photographs of the flora and fauna of the Jewel Box pools. In addition, Gail Abernathy has prepared a photo review of this year's 2022 Pond - O- Rama host ponds.

Just a quick mention; the September membership meeting will be at the Kirkwood Community Center. Our guest speaker is Derek Lyle from the Missouri Botanical Gardens speaking on overwintering tropical lilies.

The election of board positions Vice President and Treasurer will be in November along with the vote to accept or reject the 2023 budget. Please consider running for either position by contacting Tom Meier, this year's Election Chairman, at [ufo.kites@att.net](mailto:ufo.kites@att.net). Nominations cannot be accepted on the floor at the November meeting per SLWGS by-laws.

Respectfully,  
Bob Henson  
President: SLWGS

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**St. Louis Water Garden Society  
Calendar of Events**

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 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







# Tiki Tour Hosts Wanted

We are looking for three or four ponds this year's Annual tiki tour. It is a progressive tour starting around 6 p.m. If they are fairly close together more time can be spent at each place. A official date not set yet, but it is usually around the last Saturday in September so it usually dark earlier. If you would like to show off your beautiful garden and pond in the evening hours, please let Gail know. We need to get gardens lined up so they get in the September Water Word. Gail Abernathy at [abernat@swbell.net](mailto:abernat@swbell.net).




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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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## Helpful Tips

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**Easy to grow easy to maintain:** African daisy, Alyssum, Calendula, Cockscomb, Larkspur, Nasturtium, Phlox, Verbena, Sweet pea, Zinnia, Columbine, Coral bells, Daylilies, Hosta, Lily-of-the-valley, Shasta daisy, Sedum, Yucca.

**Fall Tonic:** In Late September or early October make a solution of:

- 2 cups Epsom salts
- 2 cups liquid soap
- 3 tablespoons baking powder
- 1 cup tobacco juice
- Fill balance of quart jar with water

Use a hose-end lawn sprayer of 15-20 gallon capacity to spray the tonic over 1,500 square feet.

## Another Pond Tour Coming Up....Splash

SPLASH is a Pond and Garden Tour being held on Saturday, September 24th.

Chalily sell tickets for SPLASH in order to raise money for a worthy charity. Please call Chalily at 636-527-2001 to see if there are still tickets available or go on line at Chalily.com. Both bus and drive yourself is \$48 per ticket.

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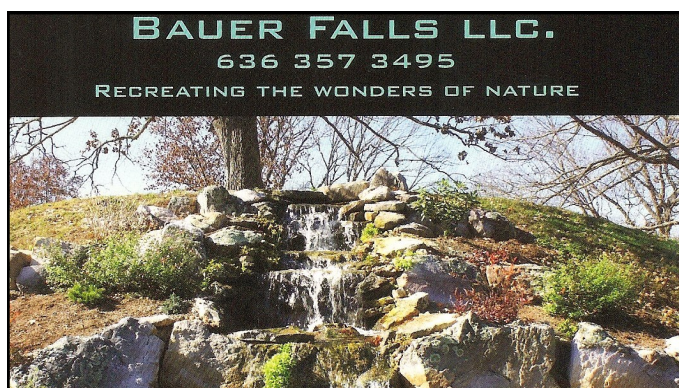
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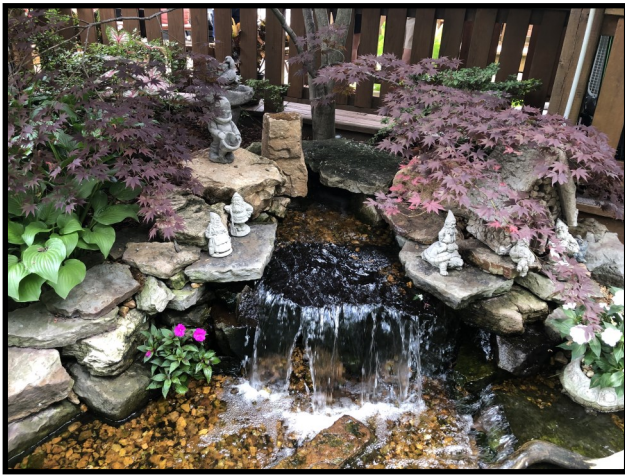






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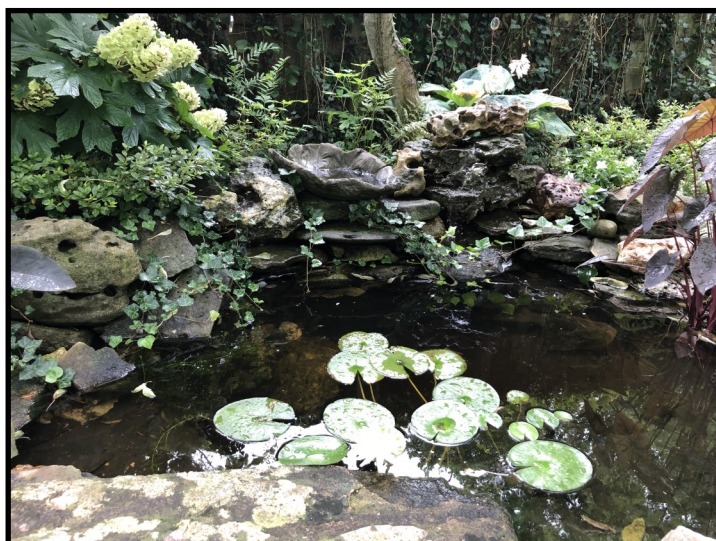
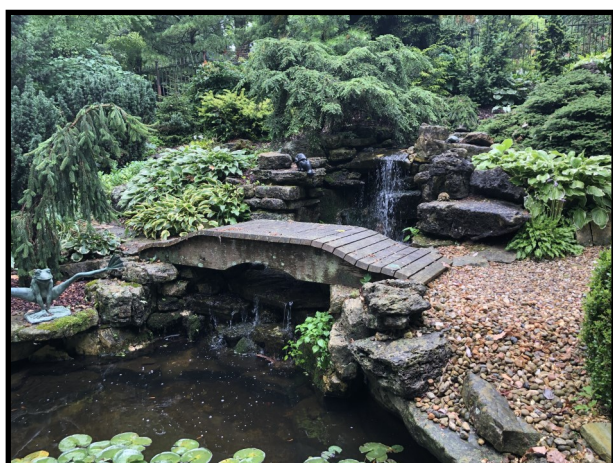
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