



## Annual Awards Banquet

Our annual banquet, catered by the Pasta House Company, will be held on Tuesday, August 20, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Jewel Box. The evening begins at 6 p.m., with a tour and photo opportunities at the lily pools followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Information on the plants in each pool will be available.

It's an opportunity to relax with Society friends, and see the beautiful water lily display in the ponds which our faithful Saturday morning workers have created and maintained as our Society's gift to the people of St. Louis.

The highlight of the evening is the presentation of awards to recognize members who have made special contributions or gone above and beyond the call of duty.

For more information or to make reservations, by contacting Sue Abernathy at 314-795-2160. Reservations need to be made by August 10th.

\*\*\*Add this special club event to your calendar and **JOIN THE FUN!**

### Don't Miss This!

**What: Annual Awards Banquet**

**When: Tuesday, August 20th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Dinner will be served around 6:45 or 7 p.m.

**Where: Jewel Box**  
Forest Park  
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Please contact Ginny Mueller at 314-808-7000 or [vcmueller16@gmail.com](mailto:vcmueller16@gmail.com) and return them as soon as possible so we can return them to the storage facility for use in 2025.

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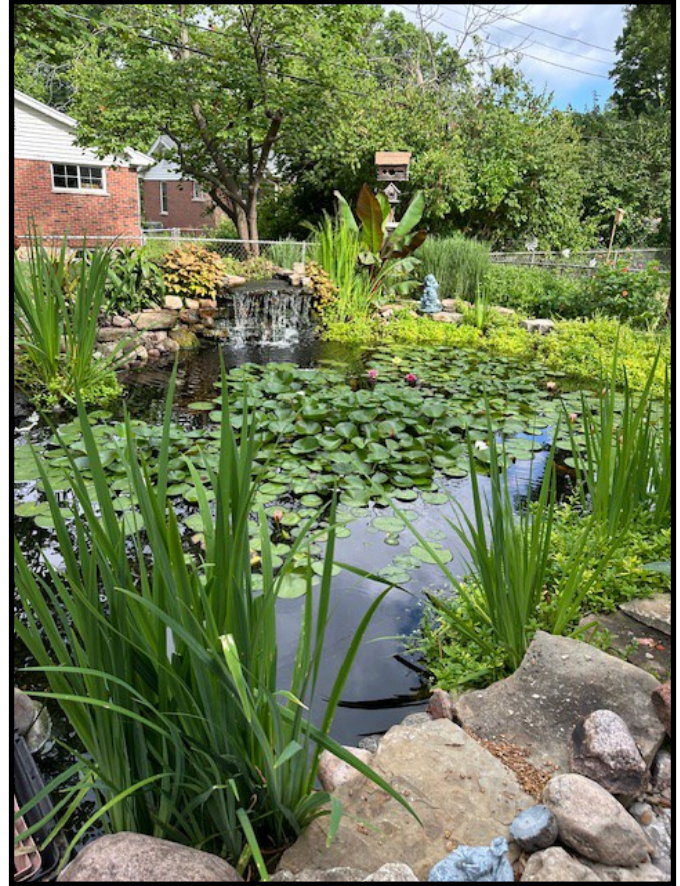
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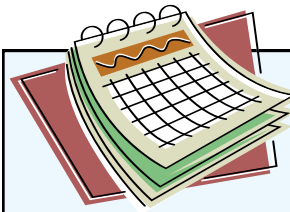
  
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Membership meetings in 2024 will be held on the dates and at the locations listed below between 7 and 9 p.m. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at the Grace Episcopal Church. There is an elevator.

**August 20—Banquet at Jewel Box**

**Sept. 17—Fall color in your Gardens by Kathie Soehngen**

**October 15—Tips and Procedures for successfully closing your pond for the season by Benjamin Wong with Providence Ponds.**

**November 19th — Budget—Election of All 4 offices. Vice President and Treasurer and Secretary and President.**

**Potluck Dinner.**

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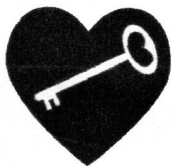
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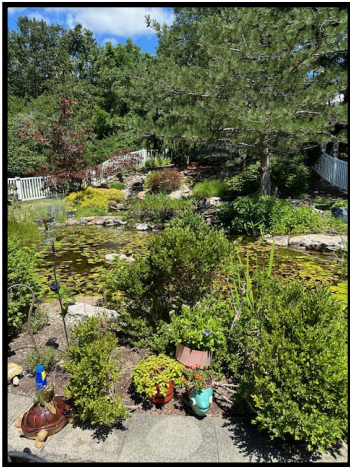
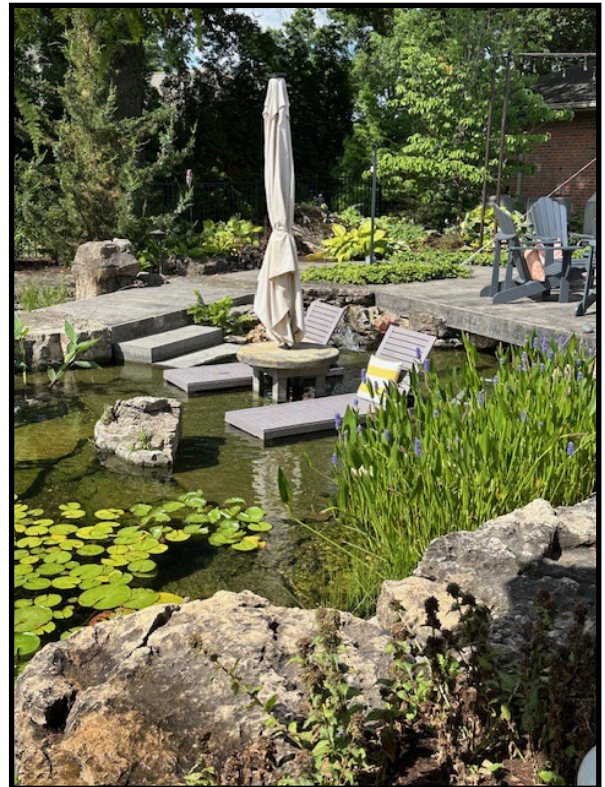
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Information about the Society, including how to join, can be found at our website, [www.slwgs.org](http://www.slwgs.org) or from any of the officers and board members listed:

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## Consider Running for office.....

Elections are just around the corner. Please think about running for President, a 1 year term. The duties are to run the general meeting and board meetings. We also are voting for a new Vice President, for a 2-year term, to run the meetings when the President is not available. We also will be electing a Treasurer a 2-year term.

Also this year the recording Secretary position is open a one year term. That position's duties are to take minutes of the board meetings and send them out to the board in a timely fashion before the next board meeting.

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

## TIKI TOUR Ponds Needed

Please start thinking about the annual Tiki tour. We do it on the first Saturday of October to avoid conflict with anything else that may be going on. Please let Gail Abernathy know at [abernat@swbell.net](mailto:abernat@swbell.net) if you would like to be on it. The route depends on who and where the ponds are.

Show off your pond in the evening with your lighting. It looks very different and spectacular with the lights on.

## Members' Corner:

### Membership Bonus

**Happy Birthday to All August Members below and those not listed.**

Bill Harrison 8/5  
Betsy Meier 8/9  
Rita Jenkins 8/12  
Lawrence Hummel 8/12  
Bob Temper 8/19  
Kevin Behn 8/20  
Edie Cornell Smith 8/23



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# History of the Jewel Box

The Jewel Box in St. Louis, Missouri, is a renowned greenhouse in Forest Park. Its rich and notable history reflects the city's dedication to horticulture and architectural beauty.

## Origins and Construction

• **Concept and Design:** The Jewel Box was conceived as part of St. Louis's efforts to enhance its public spaces. Designed by William C. E. Becker, it features an Art Deco style. The structure was intended to showcase floral displays and horticultural exhibits.

**Construction:** The Jewel Box was constructed in 1936 during the Great Depression. It was funded by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), a New Deal program aimed at providing public works jobs. The building is made primarily of glass, with about 4,000 panes supported by steel and reinforced concrete. The reflective pools in front of the Jewel Box were part of the original design and construction to enhance the structure's aesthetic appeal. They were implemented simultaneously with the building of the Jewel Box itself to create a harmonious and visually striking environment. The landmark has been open in 1936

## Features and Renovations

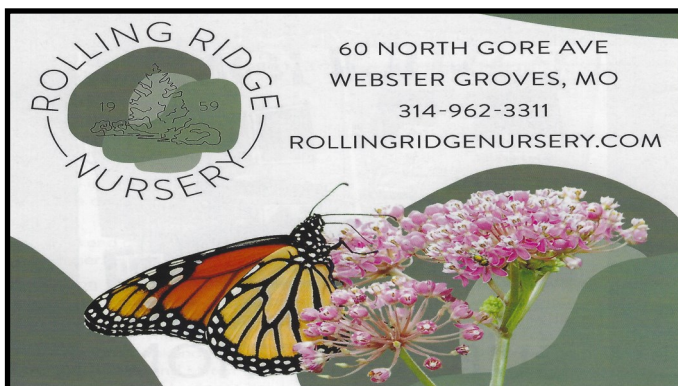
• **Design Elements:** The Jewel Box is 50 feet high, 55 feet wide, and 144 feet long. Its innovative use of glass and steel was ahead of its time, allowing for abundant natural light. The structure includes an aluminum roof and glass walls that can be opened during warm weather.

**Renovations:** The Jewel Box has undergone several renovations to maintain its beauty and functionality over the years. A significant renovation, costing around \$3.5 million, occurred in 2002. This renovation included updates to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, structural repairs and aesthetic improvements.

## Significance and Use

- **Horticultural Displays:** The Jewel Box is primarily used for floral displays and plant exhibitions. It hosts a variety of seasonal flower shows, including elaborate displays during the spring and Christmas seasons. Before the renovation that took place in 2002.
- **Events and Weddings:** The Jewel Box is also popular for weddings and other special events. Its picturesque setting and stunning architecture make it a favored location for ceremonies and receptions.

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**Cultural Importance:** The Jewel Box is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, recognizing its architectural significance and its role in St. Louis's cultural history.

**Legacy**

The Jewel Box remains a beloved landmark in St. Louis. It is admired for its architectural elegance and contribution to the city's horticultural heritage. Residents and visitors can enjoy the beauty of nature within an iconic structure.



Above is a plaque that had been at the top entry walk way. Not sure if it is still there. To the right is a old postcard you could get of the Jewel Box. Below right is a picture in the spring before we plant lilies in the pools out in front..




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**Photo of the Month**



A night blooming tropical lily at the Jewel Box.