



The Water Spout

Capital Area Pond & Water Gardening Society Newsletter April, 2004

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April Meeting

April 18, 2004

2:30 p.m.

Earth Day Exhibit

North Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA

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We look forward to seeing you there!

Note from the Editor – It is my pleasure to serve another year as your Newsletter Editor. Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. I look forward to another fun-filled year and would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve. **-Happy reading! Bridget Hayes, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster**

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CAPITAL AREA POND & WATER GARDENING SOCIETY

MINUTES FOR MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was held March 28 at our booth at the LSU Gardening Show at Parker Coliseum.

Margaret welcomed everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked those members who volunteered to man the booth both days.

Margaret announced that the application for the 501c3 is ready to mail. When approved, this will give us our non-profit status. Danna and Bridget have spent a lot of time in preparing the documents as well as the application itself.

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Another upcoming event which will be fun and interesting is the Earth Day Seed & Plant Swap which will be held Saturday, April 17, at the Botanical Garden on Independence Blvd from 10 - 2. If you bring 5 ziplocs of seeds or plants in pots you go home with 5 seed packs or plants. This is a chance to get those plants you never see at the garden centers and it's free.

A water lily potting demo is planned for our May meeting. Location will be announced at a later date.

The society is participating in John Folse's Tomato Festival at White Oak Plantation June 13. This can be another Fund Raiser for us as we hope to sell plants and fertilizer, etc. More on this later.

Our June Meeting is one not to be missed. We will be having a Fish Fry, Potluck Birthday Party. The place will be James Carter's home. Time to be announced.

We would like to welcome 3 new members who joined at the LSU Garden show. They are Stuart & Stacey Fossy, C.T. & Renee Richard and Alice & Buzz Werline. Members who attended the meeting are: Janis & Gerald Bonds, Edith Ossowski, Sandi Bordelon, Kathie Dietrich, Sam & Happy Harris, Danna Spayde, Stuart & Stacey Fossey, James Carter, Lance & Paula Beecher, Andrea Bennett, Buz & Alice Werline, Bridget & Darrel Hayes, Betty Klenke, and Margaret Mercier.

Darrell Hayes won our door prize, a beautiful terra cotta fish planted with a begonia. He was the envy of everyone.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who donated their time this weekend. It was a pleasure talking and working with all of you and you really made this show a success. Our volunteers were JoAn Brown, Phyliss and James Smith, Sandi Bordelon, Edith Ossowski, Charlotte Gray, Danna Spayde, Sam & Happy Harris, Kathie Deitrich, Bridget & Darrel Hayes, Margaret Mercier, James Carter and Lance & Paula Beecher.

Margaret mentioned the passing away of Jesse Slocum. Jesse had not been a member of the society very long but was always a willing volunteer, as well as kind and thoughtful. He will be missed. A sympathy card was sent to his family.

See you at Earth Day!

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Klenke

Internet Interests...

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Here are a few of our members favorites...

- Pond keeper Magazine <http://www.pondkeeper.com>
- Water Gardening Magazine Info on disease topics for aquatic animals <http://www.koivet.com>
- National Pond Society <http://www.bandd.net/nps/index.htm>
- Austin Pond Society <http://www.austinpondsociety.org/>
- Stokes Tropicals in New Iberia <http://www.stokestropicals.com/>
- Rare and Exotic Seeds <http://www.seedman.com>
- Big Cat Sanctuary <http://www.yogieandfriends.org>
- Miami Valley Water Garden Society Web Page <http://www.mvwgs.org>
- Pond Pals Tour <http://members.aol.com/marylady/pondpals/pindex.htm>
- Water Gardening Magazine <http://www.watergardening.com>
- Master Garden Products <http://www.mastergardenproducts.com/watergar.htm>
- <http://www.ponddoc.com/>
- www.gardenlink.com

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Hardy Lily Specifics

Article provided by Lilypons Water Gardens

Fertilize - After planting them properly, feed your water lilies and lotus at a rate of 1 Lilytab per 5 quarts; bog plants at a rate of 1 Lilytab per 7 quarts of soil according to the chart below. You will be repaid with blossoms and extra healthy foliage!

Fertilization Schedule

Plant	Water Temp.	Monthly	Twice Monthly	Weekly
Water Lilies	60° - 74°F	YES	-	-
Water Lilies	over 74°F	-	YES	-
Lotus	over 59°F	-	YES	-
Bog Plants	over 59°F	YES	-	-
Submerged Plants	-	NO	NO	NO

Pruning and Thinning - For improved plant health and aesthetics, do the following throughout the growing season and in the autumn, as noted:

- Trim all dying leaves and flowers at base of stem as needed in the summer.
- Submerged plants may need thinning during the summer; clip to no less than 5-6" above soil line.
- In the autumn, prune floating leaf plants (water lilies, some bog plants) and submerged plants to 1-2" above the soil line; erect plants (some bog plants) to just above water line after the first killing frost.

Transplanting and Dividing - For improved plant health, aesthetics and to separate new plants, do the following:

- One or two years after planting, look for overcrowding and poor blooming. Hardy water lilies and other surface growers will begin to bunch above the water's surface.



Step 1: Lift each plant container from your pond.

Step 2: Remove the plant from its container.

Step 3: Rinse the soil off of the rootstock.

Step 4: A main growing tip with a few juvenile growing tips will be visible on a large rootstock. Cut off the old rootstock end.

Step 5: Leave 4-6" of healthy rootstock with the main growing tip. Discard the old, woody rootstock end and cut off the juvenile crowns.

Step 6: Repot the trimmed rootstock (make sure to add fertilizer) and replace the container(s) in your pond.

NOTE: Do not divide or transplant too late in the season; the plant needs a chance to get established before dormancy. Spring is the best time.