



Welcome to the Heart of Texas Water Garden and Pond Society Tour

June 10 and 11, 2017
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 pm
Saturday Evening 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Sunday 12 Noon to 5 pm

Benefiting Waco Wetlands

YOU ARE INVITED! Stroll through gardens and visit ponds in the Waco area. Whether you want ideas for creating your own water garden or just need a relaxing day, this self-drive tour has something for everyone! From a small container pond, to large in-ground ponds, to a fountain choreographed to a music and a light show, you will see a full array of ideas to inspire and delight!

COST: \$5 cash for a wristband at Barreras Nursery, Robinson Nursery, Landscape Supply, North Waco Tropical Fish, Bonnie's Greenhouse, Wild Birds Unlimited or any pond on the tour. Kids under 12 free!

Note: Ponds are designated **DAY/EVENING days and time**. Check our Website for this information and directions. heartoftexaswatergardenandpondsociety.com

1. **Jerry & Doris Coffee: 3257 Village Park, Waco.** A corner-waterfall and rock-ledge grace this pretty new backyard pond at patio's edge. Adjacent to the Koi pond is a 600 gallon water garden with fancy goldfish. Large brightly colored Koi, shipped in from Hawaii, are now at home in Waco. You must see the unique and complex filtration system of this 5000-gallon pond; the water is crystal clear! **Saturday day only.**

2. **Charlie & Barbara Lucas: 928 Talbert Ranch Rd., China Spring.** This 3,500 gallon upper and lower pond with three waterfalls and a stream has been built with over 80% recycled materials including the bridge, liner, underliner, waterfall, spouter fountain, and the majority of the rock. The pond ecosystem provides ever changing interest-birds, butterflies, bullfrogs, koi, goldfish, aquatic plants and landscaping. At night, the pond lighting highlights the waterfall and accents the pond sides with

wavelike rippling effects coming from the spouter fountain. If you need directions, please call 254-722-7500.

Saturday day and Saturday night tour

3. John and Susan Peitsmeyer's Pond: 205 Lake Drive in China Spring. Come out to the country and enjoy our beautiful above ground water oasis. It is covered by a western cedar pergola and adjoining deck. Surrounded by a uniquely landscaped yard to stroll around. We have chickens, guineas, wild rabbits, deer, and a natural bird sanctuary. We have a 2,400 gallon, 2-tiered pond with a waterfall. It is home to many large, colorful koi and frogs. Don't miss the serenity and soothing sound of several surrounding water features to relax you. At night, the scene comes alive with colorful lighting. **Saturday day and Saturday night tour.**

4. John & Jan Enders: 111 Twisted Oak Ln., Crawford. Come to Enders Oasis and be greeted by a striking bronze heron fountain in the 550-gallon pond, nestled in a rock patio with wisteria covered pergola. Beautiful tropical plants, fish, lush gardens, and other water elements await you! Also, see one of the *largest cacti gardens in Texas!* **Saturday day and Sunday day tour**

5. Pam Thomason: 2600 Riders Way, Waco (off Pantherway Dr.) A tiny above ground pond in a small backyard. This pond was created from a heavy plastic water tank sold at your local tractor supply store. The tiny pond is surrounded with elephant ears and fairy gardens with a fountain and a few happy goldfish. Come and see what anyone can do with a small yard and a tiny budget. **Saturday day tour only**

6. Barrera's Landscape & Nursery: 201 Sun Valley Blvd., Hewitt. This tree-shaded 800 gallon pond, with its gently trickling waterfall, welcomes visitors at the entrance of Barrera's. It is 12 x 8 X 3 feet deep, with over 50 multi-colored koi. Barrera's offers flowers, trees, shrubs, pavers, stone, gravel, fountains, and outdoor ornaments. **Saturday day and Sunday day tour**

7. Robinson Greenhouse: 628 N. Robinson Dr., Robinson. In addition to hundreds of flowers, plants, and trees, this beautiful nursery has a 12 x 6 pond that is about 3 ft. deep, with a flagstone ledge about a ft. above ground. It is home to koi and specializes in aquatic supplies: bog & marginal plants, waterlilies, lotus, soil, & fertilizer. **Saturday day and Sunday day tour**

8. David and Robin Hixson: 1038 S. Old Robinson Rd (off W. Moonlight Dr.) New kidney shaped inground pond built by Matt and Nick Barrera in 2015. It is 12 by 20 feet with a bog and waterfall. The pond is 2 and half feet in the shallow end and 4 feet at waterfall end. New koi and goldfish with landscaping in progress. Such a relaxing retreat and a favorite swimming spot for two dogs. **Saturday and Sunday day tour**

9. Jack and Kim Payne: 2104 Southwinds Dr. in Lorena. A neglected backyard has been turned into a peaceful oasis. Come and listen to the relaxing sound of the water as it tumbles down the waterfall where two cascading streams converge into a 30-foot long stream, flowing into the 3,000-gallon lily covered pond. A lighted foot bridge crosses the stream providing access to the wooden deck and above ground swimming pool. To get to the backyard oasis, take Exit 322 off I-35 from Waco, (the second Lorena exit) and then turn left, crossing back over the I-35. Go straight at the access road stop sign and continue onto Rosenthal Pkwy. Go 2 miles and turn right on Southwinds and go half a mile to our driveway on the right. **Saturday day and Sunday day tour**

10. Ron and Rose Haft: 498 Cindy Lane in Lorena. The Haft's first pond was about 14 years ago, a small 600-700-gallon affair. It has since been expanded to a couple of tributary ponds with waterfalls added and then two years ago added a 7,000-gallon koi pond. It's about 12 by 16 by 5 feet. In all there are 4 connected ponds ranging from the large one down to the 100 gallons, plus two little puddles that are at the head of small streams. One pond is used as a settling tank to catch sediment and waste. A swimming pool filter is used to keep the water clear. The sand filter drives the waterfall above the koi pond. I-35 South to exit 322 Old Lorena Rd. west cross Hoursto turn left on Cindy Lane, 5th house on the right. **Saturday day tour, Saturday evening tour, and Sunday tour. New pond on the tour!!!**

11. Harv and Georgia Peterson: 700 Fox Ridge Rd. in Lorena. This backyard oasis has two 6,000 gallon ponds, two streams with waterfalls that flow into the lower pond and a mega waterfall cascading into the upper pond. A large 4' x 24' x 24" deep bog with two waterfalls and a stream also flow into the upper pond. A 4' x 8' x 3' bog with a waterfall forms the headwater of a long stream that falls into the lower pond. The birds, frogs, fish and dragonflies love their aquatic environment as we do. Take US 84 to the Hewitt Dr. exit. Take Hewitt Dr. to Chapel Rd. and turn right. Go 3.8 miles to Old Lorena Rd., cross over Old Lorena Rd. and drive 1.2 miles, turn left on Belver Rd to the Y intersection and bear left on Fox Ridge, go to the first home on the right with barely visible blue metal roofs. **Saturday day tour, Saturday night tour, and Sunday tour.**

12. Bevil Cohn: 251 Cross Creek Rd., McGregor. Originally built in 2001 with the help of friends and neighbors this pond is an irregular oval, approximately 8 ft X 10 ft and 3 ft. deep. A tractor was used to dig the hole, and carpet pads the liner. An antique claw foot bathtub provides a bio-veggie filter system. In 2015, the pond experienced a "Fixer Upper". 7,000 pounds of rocks now edge the pond and create the waterfall. A filtration system of barrels, rocks, and sand was added to improve water quality. Evolution ES 4500 pump circulates the 2900 gallons of water twice an hour. The pond is home to goldfish, Koi, and frogs. **Sunday day tour only**

13. Lisa's Pond: 7959 Ivy Rd. Moody, TX. Take a drive to the country to enjoy this shaded back yard with several eye pleasing water features. From a small wash tub and many large pots housing water plants to a couple of 150 gallon ponds (one in the ground with a waterfall that attracts birds and one above ground turtle pond) to a newly constructed 3,000 gallon in ground pond with waterfall and skimmer. Lisa's yard is a certified Wildlife Habitat and caters to the birds and wildlife around the area as well as housing many farm animals. **Saturday day and Saturday night, Sunday day tour**

14. Kathy Dupree: 1161 LaMotte Dr., Troy, TX. This pond is worth a drive to Troy. This is a 6,000 gallon pond, starting at one and a half feet to three and a half feet deep, complete with a skimmer, veggie filter and a rock waterfall. The veggie filter is full of water celery, violet stem, elephant ears, and yerba manza. The pond is stocked with koi and redbtailed Minnows from the Blanco River. The entire backyard is landscaped which includes a gorgeous swimming pool. A **Must see!!! Saturday day and Saturday night tour, Sunday day tour**

15. **Dave and Jerri Henry: 8708 Gladedale Drive, Woodway.** Enjoy an amazing music and light show! This 500-gallon fountain contains 11 water jets with a separate pump and LED light fixture on each nozzle. The spray height and light colors are computer controlled and choreographed to music. The fountain was built with components and software purchased from Atlantic Fountain Company in Clinton, CT. **Saturday evening tour only!!!!!!! Must see!!!**

Pond Etiquette

Please do not ask to use the restrooms at pond sites.

Please do not bring glass container into our yards.

Please pick up any trash you may have dropped.

Please control children for their safety.

Please do not bring pets into our yards.

Please do not smoke or bring alcoholic beverages into our yards.

Thank You from the Pond Owners

Enjoy your visit