

Water features are becoming more and more popular in St. Louis.

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Pond-O-Rama 2007

WHEN • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 23 and June 24

WHAT'S ON TOUR • 49 water gardens throughout the area including Metro East and outlying areas of St. Louis; approximately half the gardens will be open Saturday and the other half on Sunday.

TICKETS • \$15 a person for both days. Children under 18 are free. Each ticket includes a year's trial membership in the St. Louis Water Gardening Society.

Where to buy tickets

IN MISSOURI • Ace Hardware, Des Peres; The Best of Nature Water Garden Center, Webster Groves and St. Peters; The Bug Store, St. Louis and Kirkwood; Crabapple Cove Nursery, south St. Louis County; Eureka Feed Station; Frisella Nursery, Defiance; Hartke Nursery, Creve Coeur; Hillermann Nursery, Washington; Jaeger Greenhouses, Maryland Heights; Kirkwood Material Garden Nursery, west St. Louis County; Kirkwood Material West, Eureka; Kirkwood Material Supply, Kirkwood; Pets Plus and Water Gardens, St. Charles; The Pond Guys, St. Peters; The Pondmarket, south St. Louis County; Sugar Creek Gardens, Kirkwood; Summer Winds at Timber Creek, Ellisville; Sunset Plant Land, south St. Louis County; Walter Knoll Florists, St. Louis; Webster Groves, Ballwin, O'Fallon.

IN ILLINOIS • Effinger's Garden Center, Belleville; Fetter's Landscaping & Garden Center, Troy; The Garden Kingdom, Glen

inspiration for these water-theme landscapes. The St. Louis Water Gardening Society's seventh annual Pond-O-Rama June 23-24 will highlight how the right advice, good design, rocks, water, pond liners and a pump or two can transform a backyard into a vacation paradise. At each tour stop, homeowners and water-gardening society members will be on hand to discuss their landscapes and provide technical information.

Three you may see:



BUILT FOR FUN
Malachi Mendel, 5, jumps into the pond, as his brother, Giacomo, 8, waits his turn on the waterfall in their University City backyard. His parents had the pond and waterfall built six years ago after being inspired by the book "A Child's Garden." In addition to the waterfall and pond for the children to swim in, a beach area next to the pond serves as a sand-box, and a zip line runs overhead attached to two trees.

1 The Mendels, University City

Kids of all ages can frolic in this water-oriented playground designed by homeowners Mark and Amelia Mendel of University City and Todd Rundquist of West Winds Earthscaping. A rope swing launches off of a rocky summit; a mountain stream traverses a series of waterfalls and ends in a 10-by-15-foot kid and koi pond. Most spectacular of all, a climbing wall leads to a rope bridge and a zip-line that transports those daring enough to grab on, back across the yard and over the pond. For the less adventuresome, there's a beach for building sandcastles and an alpine-style patio retreat filled with conifers, columbines and abundant water plants.