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# BEYOND THE POND...

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

**If you haven't renewed your membership — a reminder is enclosed.**

**Please don't hop out of the Pond...we need you!**

**Please note that any memberships not renewed by May 1 will not receive the June Newsletter.**

## 12TH ANNUAL FROG FRENZY COMING UP FIRST WEEKEND IN JUNE

The 12th Annual Missouri Frog Frenzy will be held the first weekend in June. The weekend promises to be filled with lots of frogs, friends and tons of fun!

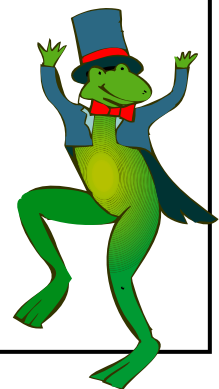
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## What does a frog collector grow in his Garden ?

**"Toad Lilies", of course...**

Toad Lilies are very beautiful flowers. The species — and an ever-growing number of hybrids of Toad Lilies are late blooming flowers that resemble exotic orchids.

Toad Lilies have a high tolerance for shade, but regardless of where they are grown they must have a steady supply of moisture. To best admire their small, jewel-like flowers, plant toad lilies near a path or garden bench. Toad lilies make an excellent companion to other shade garden plants like hostas, ferns and foam-flowers.

They flower from September to early October,



**A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

Ribbit to you all,

It's hard to believe that we are almost through winter. At least spring isn't too far away.

I always look forward to spring and the warmer days and the sprouting up of my tulips. It's refreshing to have a new season and a fresh start at all the things I wanted to accomplish last year and didn't. Maybe, I will be more productive in 2006.

As you have probably noticed there a lot of opportunities in

this newsletter to obtain new frogs and add to your collections. I would say "why not?" Take advantage of these opportunities and expand your ever so precious collections.

On that same note, if there is anyone out there who would like to be contacted when I hear of folks wanting to sell their collection, please let me know. It seems right now there are a number of grown children of frog collectors who are trying to find good

home for frogs that their families collected for years who now how gone to smaller living quarters or have passed away.

I feel helpless for some of these folks because they know how important our collections are to us and want to find loving homes for them. So, I offer to advertise for them. I hope that some of you might be interested and take them up on their offers.

So with that said, I wish you all a very happy and healthy spring. Take time to smell the

flowers as they say. As I have gotten older, I kind of know what was meant by who ever said that. So, do, take time out for yourself and your loved ones — hug your frogs, your family members, your animals and enjoy!

Best Ribbits,

Linda Maher

Beyond the Pond..

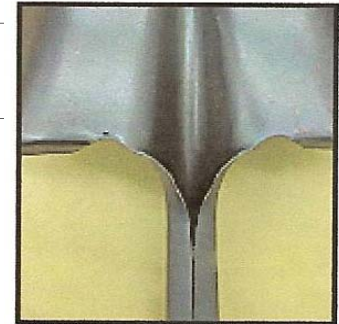
Editor



**GARDENING DEFINED: FROG**

Frog, n.

No, not the amphibian type of frog. This frog refers to the anatomical part of a shovel. If you were to turn a stamped steel shovel to look at the rear of the blade (the digging side), the frog is the V shaped indentation where the steel of the shovel blade is pinched together. It provides added strength and support to the blade. And, if by the way, you have a forged shovel, you wouldn't have a frog. Here the steel is stronger than a stamped steel shovel and doesn't need the frog's added support.



The "frog" of a shovel adds strength and support to the blade.



"The usual ... waiting for a kiss."

**HAVE A LAUGH OR TWO:**

Where do baby frogs learn to swim?

**In a tadpool.**

What does a frog like to sing?

**Hoppera**

A duck, a frog, and a skunk went to the movies. The admission was one dollar. Which one of the three couldn't afford the price of admission?

The Skunk. Why? The duck had a bill. The frog had a greenback. But the skunk only had a scent.



# KERMIT T GOES BI G I NTO ADVERTI SI NG

## It's not easy being green or is it?

Kermit was chosen by Ford as the spokes frog for the hybrid Ford Escape Hybrid during the Super Bowl. The spot cost just a mere \$2.5 million dollars for a 30 second spot.

(He sure did a good job, didn't he?)

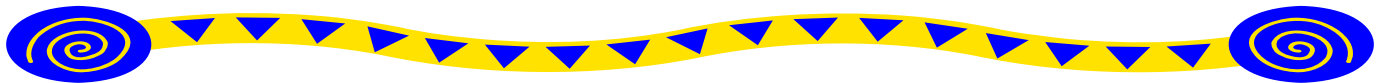


## AND THEN....THESE BITES ARE MADE FOR POPPIN'

Missy Piggy and Kermie teamed up with Jessica Simpson for a Pizza Hut commercial. Is there no end to this little guy's talent?



Kermit gets into Prime Time Commercial Spots!

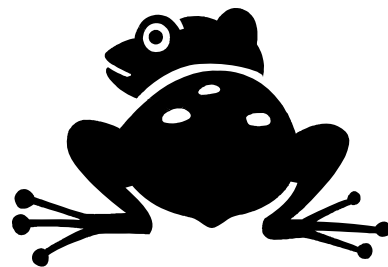


## FOR THE COOK

Web Shopping Guide

### Frog and Puppy Show

These colorful silicone pot holders, \$12 each, can pull double duty: they protect your mitts while you slave over a hot stove and help you entertain the wee ones. [Plumparty.com](http://Plumparty.com) is also a great source for contemporary tableware.

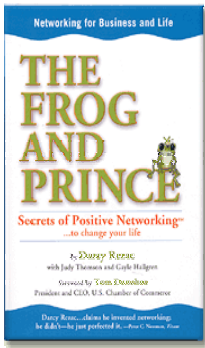


**GREAT FROGS FOR SALE!**

Beginning in March, I am selling on e-bay a large number of frogs and frog motif items — the extensive collection of my mother, Marjorie Cooley Walter, the “Frog Lady” of Utica, NY, who has gone to that Great Pond-in-the-Sky. Fellow frog enthusiasts should find much of the collection quite desirable since my mother was a passionate collector who always looked for the exceptional frog. Although, she wanted to take her frogs with her, she would be delighted to know they are finding good homes. Contact me: **Frank Walter: zampano@nycap.rr.com; phone 518-527-0659** for pictures of the frogs to auctioned.



*Want a Frog Worthy Weekly Tip on Networking ?*



Welcome to frogandprince.com. a networking company with a new attitude towards the art and science of networking—positive networking. Our book, *THE FROG AND PRINCE: Secrets of Positive Networking™*, lays it all out for you in an eminently practical and easy-to-read format.

It draws upon an age-old fairytale for inspiration—you have to kiss a lot of frogs to find a prince. And, it's not just a book for business. It's two hundred and eight pages to inspire you to build and maintain your personal and social networks. This book will change your life— positively.

*Learn how to work the pond with ease and build new relationships for work and life. Visit [www.frogandprince.com](http://www.frogandprince.com).*



**AN IRISH FROG WORD SEARCH GAME**

Solve the Clue and then find the word in the word search. The words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backwards.

1. The only type of toad found in Ireland. (10 letters).
2. Frogs, toads and newts belong to this group. (10).
3. Frogs have moist .... skin. (6 letters).
4. Toads have drier ..... skin. (5 letters).
5. Another word for a frog hug. (8 letters).
6. A collection of frog or toad eggs. (5 letters).
7. A person who studies frogs and toads (13 letters).
8. What frogs and toads do in the winter? (9 letters).
9. The largest frog in the world. (7 letters).
10. The season when Irish frogs breed? (6 letters)
11. Where frogs breed . (5 letters.)
12. Adult amphibian with a long tail. ( 4 letters.)



**ANSWERS ON PAGE 7**

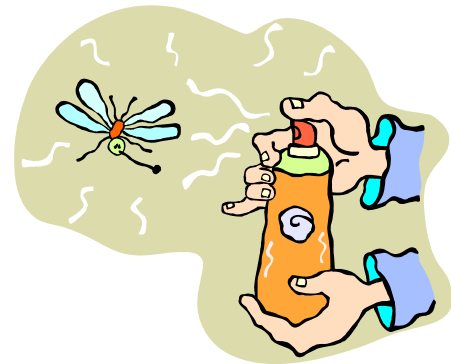
## Smelly Tree Frogs repel Mosquitoes

Australian researchers have found that bottle-green tree frogs secrete a pungent natural mosquito repellent, but don't expect to find it on a store shelf any time soon.

Craig Williams of Cook University in Queensland, and his team found that secretions from the frog repelled mosquitoes on lab mice for up to an hour, although not as much as the chemical based repellent DEET.

This demonstration of insect repellents in amphibians is novel and demonstrates that many aspects of frog chemical ecology remain unexplored.

However, these findings may not lead to frog-based repellents for humans. Although the secretions vary in scent, they generally smell pretty foul, like rotting flesh.



## NEW STUDY IN NATURE DOCUMENTS THE CLIMATE-DISEASE LINK

A new study published in January 2006 in the journal Nature provides the first clear proof that global warming is causing the outbreaks of infectious diseases that are wiping out entire frog populations, driving many species to extinction.

The study reveals precisely how the warming may alter the dynamics of a fatal disease of amphibians caused by a fungus that grows on their skin. Because of this climate-driven "Chytrid" disease, hundreds of species around the world are near extinction or have already disappeared. "Disease is the bullet killing frogs, but climate change is pulling the trigger," said J. Alan Pounds, the study's lead author and resident scientist at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve in Costa Rica. "Global warming is wreaking havoc on amphibians, and will cause staggering losses of biodiversity if we don't do something fast." The study is the fruit of interdisciplinary teamwork facilitated by the Tropical Science Center, the non profit scientific and educational organization that operate the preserve and RANA. Scientists from nine Latin American countries collaborating through RANA developed the new database of harlequin frog observations used in the study.



FROG COLLECTION FOR SALE: 143 Frogs in all, mostly quality small and miniatures, in ceramic, resin, metal, and glass. Offers invited. Photos and further particulars available on request. Contact Paul (UK) Email: [scorpion\\_leeds@hotmail.com](mailto:scorpion_leeds@hotmail.com) (samples shown below)



## Meet Scientific Illustrator — Roger Hall

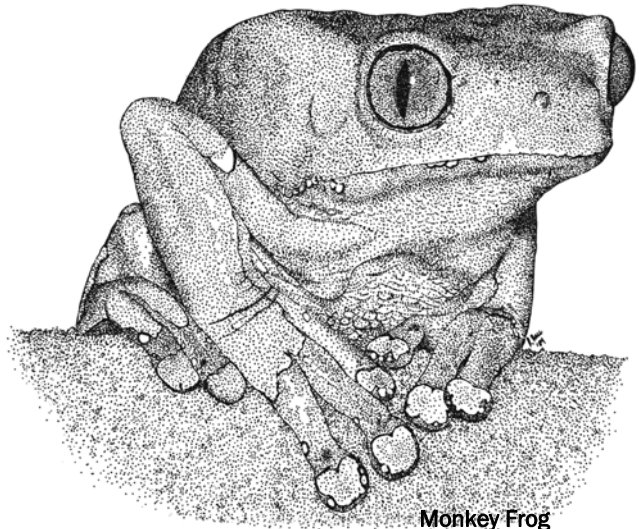
Scientific illustrator Roger Hall first became interested in drawing as a young child, through the influence of an artistic older brother. This developed over the years along with his great love of nature and wildlife.

Many summers were spent looking for frogs and other such creatures in his native state of Minnesota. His love of frogs took him as far as Costa Rica where he traveled for the express purpose of seeing poison arrow frogs in their native habitat. Currently, he has rendered more than two dozen different species of frogs and toads.

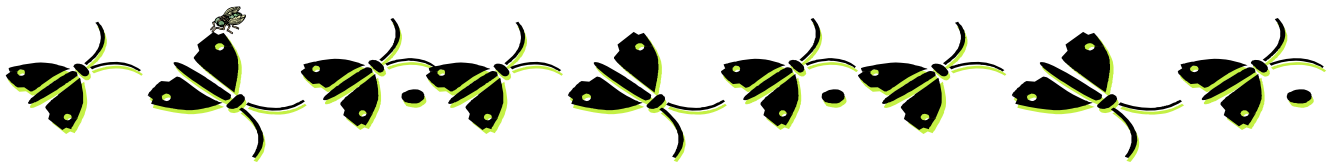
Roger's love of nature serves as a continuing source of inspiration, motivating him not only as an artist, but also as an environmental advocate. He is a member of the Sierra Club, World Wildlife Fund, The Nature Conservatory and Defenders of Wildlife, and contributes regularly to environmental causes. Additionally, Roger is a member of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, a global organization comprised exclusively of artists specializing in ecological and wildlife themes.

Roger says, "I hope that my illustrations will, in their own small way, help raise awareness to the plight of frogs and other amphibians who are facing extinction in many areas of the world."

Please visit Roger's site at <http://inkart.net>. There you can view his art and even purchase copies in various formats — such as cards or prints. He does some fantastic drawings and his pricing is very reasonable. Check it out — you'll be very pleased with what you see.



Monkey Frog



## "Stretch" by Tim Cotterill for Sale

From the collection held by Carole McGimpsey, her daughter is selling "Stretch".

Stretch is a ORIGINAL piece of art created and signed by Tim Cotterill.

He is a dark green patina tint with golden highlights on the tips of his fingers and toes. He is number 23 out of 1000 that were made in 1992 and is signed, numbered and dated underneath.

He is in excellent condition. He measures 18" long by 6 inches wide and 3" high and weights approximately 4 pounds. Gay is certain her mother bought him directly from the artist in California.

Any one interested should contact Gay Hutts at [gay.hutts@hobbylobby.com](mailto:gay.hutts@hobbylobby.com).



**GREEN FROG DIP —**

*GREAT RECIPE FOR ST. PATRICKS DAY!*

**SERVES 6**

- 1 LARGE RIPE AVOCADO
- 1/2 TABLESPOON OF LEMON JUICE
- 2 TABLESPOONS CREAM CHEESE
- 1 TABLESPOON CHOPPED CHIVES
- 1 TOMATO , SKINNED, DESEEDED AND CHOPPED
- SALT, PEPPER

Cut the avocado in half, remove, the stone and scoop out.  
Mash or blend together all the ingredients and season with salt and pepper. Place in bowl.

Decorate the frog’s face. Use the uncut chives to make the mouth and the slices of cucumber, eggs and olives to make the eyes.

Place the frog dip on a large plate and surround it with a selection of raw vegetables and cheese for dipping.



**DECORATION:**

- 2 SLICES CUCUMBER
- 2 SLICES HARD BOILED EGG
- 2 STUFFED OLIVES
- 2 CHIVES
- CHEESE CUT-OUTS
- RAW VEGETABLES



**ANSWERS FOR FROG SOLVE AND SEARCH, P.4**

1. Natterjack
2. Amphibians
3. Smooth
4. Warty or rough
5. Amplexus
6. Spawn
7. Herpetologist
8. Hibernate
9. Goliath
10. Spring
11. Water
12. Newt



**Help for Lovesick Frogs**



Amorous frogs in Somerset, England, are getting a little bit of help again this year by having a road near their mating ground closed for seven weeks from February 13 to March 31. In 2005, about 1,700 of the creatures were helped to safe grounds by an army of “toad marshals.”

Local residents will be on hand again this year — armed with buckets to carry the amphibians across the road. Every year toads, frogs, and newts that have been resting in the fields make their way to the valley across the road to breed in ponds and lakes.

(Now we know the real reason the frog crossed the road!)



Here’s some simple advice:  
Always be your-  
self. Never take  
yourself too seri-  
ously . And, be-  
ware of advice  
from experts,  
pigs, and mem-  
bers of Parlia-  
ment.

—Kermit

**TRY THESE TONGUE TWISTERS!**

Two toads totally tired.

Five French frogs frolicked through the fields in France.



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#### Did you know?

- ◆ The earliest known frog fossils to date were found in Arizona and are believed to be from the late Jurassic period, about 190 million years ago.
- ◆ In India frogs personified thunder.
- ◆ In China, it wasn't the man in the moon, but the Frog in the Moon. In a lunar eclipse the frog swallowed the moon.
- ◆ Most frogs can change their color somewhat to match their surroundings.
- ◆ The red-eyed tree frog lays its eggs on branches over the water so the tadpoles can drop right in.
- ◆ In most species of frogs, only the male croaks. Attracting a female during mating season and letting other males know there's a new frog in town!!

**HOPPY**

**ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY!!**

