

Ribbit II

# Ribbit

- Cast of  
Characters

- Helping Your  
Garden Grow

- Fun for the Family



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### **The Garden Belle**

Miss Savannah Watkins is from Charleston, South Carolina. She came to us from the world of pageantry and actually held the title of Miss South Carolina in 2003. She traveled the country as a beauty pageant judge until she joined Ribbit the Exhibit in 2015. She now enjoys sharing her impeccable taste in Southern Finery.



## Frog on Bicycle

Jaque Patit is originally from Arlon, Belgium. His mode of transportation has always been his trusty bicycle and his favorite destination has always been a picnic somewhere. When we suggested that his job for Ribbit 2 would be to ride his bicycle everyday to a picnic destination of his choice, he signed on immediately.



## **Big Zen**

Big Zen, as he is known by his students, was a Yoga instructor for ten years in the Bronx, New York. The traffic and the exhaust fumes were getting to him and all he yearned for was a quite lily pad in a beautiful pond anywhere, USA. Bingo..... along comes Ribbit 2 and a chance to meditate and practice yoga all over the world in the most beautiful gardens on earth.



## **Express Yourself**

Every applicant was asked to fill out a short form. One of the questions was, “What is your favorite pastime? For Caesar, the answer was drinking good espresso with good company. The idea of drinking his espresso all day long in wonderful gardens throughout the world with interesting visitors was definitely his cup of tea. Caesar also loves to have his picture taken and often encourages the guests to snap a selfie or have a group gather around his table for a great portrait.



### **Winston, The Greeter Frog**

We met Winston in 2015 when Jeeves, The Lantern Carrying Frog from Ribbit 1 developed a bad case of gout in his left foot and was out for the season. Jeeves introduced us to Winston, his first cousin and suggested he might fill in for him. We hired Winston on the spot. He has since performed a wonderful job greeting the patrons in each garden for Ribbit 2.



## **Henry Potter**

Henry came to us from the horticulture department of the public garden world . He has loved plants all of his life. He understands the care it takes to get a seed to a seedling and the nurturing of that seedling to become a full grown plant. Potted flowers has become his passion these days and he loves to show off his latest prize.



### **Melvin the Mowing Frog**

Marvin the Mowing frog in Ribbit 1 has six children. He is very proud of all of them, two doctors, a lawyer, a school teacher, and one son beginning a career in politics, but Melvin has taken after his father and loves to mow grass. We are so glad to have him in Ribbit 2 and every garden has raved about his abilities as a grass mower.





### **Dance of the Little Swans**

Our four beautiful ballerinas were fresh from the Joffrey School of Ballet in New York, class of 2014. We agreed, that if they would join the troupe, they could select their own routine. Of course they chose Danse des petits cygnes or, Dance of the Little Swans from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, the ballet's second act, the fourth movement of No. 13. Their grace is only matched by their beauty.



### **Pecos Straight**

Pecos made his living on the Swamp Circuit Rodeo in Louisiana. His specialties were Big Gator Bustin' and Snapping Turtle Roundup, He is seen here riding his faithful heron, Ol' Blue.



### **The Ribbitsville Ramblers**

The three Rambler brothers came to the audition and fired off a blazing rendition of Froggy Mountain Breakdown. Well, we were aw struck and signed them immediately. Roy is on Banjo, Raymond is on washboard and Roscoe plays the washtub base. If these three brothers don't get your toes tapping, our guess is nothing can.



### **Tango.....The Dance of Love**

Unbelievably, Gina and Victor did not know each other before the Ribbit 2 auditions. They both had dance instructor backgrounds and we asked if they would mind dancing together. They chose the tango and the rest is history. The two were married in 2017 and have been dancing happily ever since.

## The Hedge Frog

Trever has taken the art of topiary to a new level. He has won hedge trimming contests across the United States. He took first place in The Topiary Nationals, trimming a 40 foot western cedar into an exact replica of The Statue of Liberty. He came to Ribbit the Exhibit in order to keep all of the many hedges in each and every garden neat and tidy.



## Digger Smith

Ever since Digger can remember, he enjoyed digging in the earth. From his first sand box to gold mining in the Klondikes, Digger has felt that good shoveling is an art. We have engaged him to help out in the garden in any way that he can.



### **Little Leapers**

Huey, Dewey, Louie are from the southern French Coast. They had been traveling as acrobats for Circ du Soleil for the past five years. When they heard about the opportunity to constantly be outdoors every day in beautiful gardens, they leapt at the chance to join the troupe.



### **The Lookout**

Dexter has a high level background in security. In fact, we can not reveal the place or places that he has worked before. Dexter was responsible for designing this ingenious device for keeping an eye (or eyes) on all 360 degrees of the garden. If you want to know what is going on at Dow Gardens, just ask Dexter.



### **The Thinker**

Terrance spent many years on the streets of Paris as a street mime. His favorite poses were based on famous paintings and sculptures. Here we have him in one of his very favorites, *The Thinker* by Rodin.





## **Wallace and Grommet**

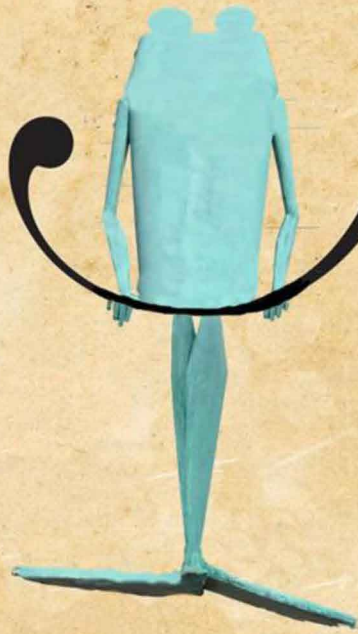
When Wallace Smith applied for a job with Ribbit 2, his only stipulation was that his little Westie, Grommet would have to accompany him to every garden. We did not see this as a hindrance, rather, a wonderful addition to the troupe. It turns out that Grommet is a marvelous watch dog and all of the gardens have welcomed him as a bit of added protection. Wallace and Grommet patrol the perimeter of the gardens and keep all of the other frogs safe and sound.



### **The Watering Frog**

Lenard is a hydrational specialist. He loves his job of trying to keep all of the garden plants watered during the busy growing season. Besides, no one understands the need for good clean water like a frog.

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