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Beneath The Surface

A Compendium of Facts, Fancy, Tidbits, Tips

July 26th Minutes.

August, 2008

Thursday, August 14th
7:00 p.m.

Jo & Gary Hunerdosse
306 Red Fox Rd SE
Cedar Rapids IA 364-6627
Speaker Gene Frye/pruning shrubs

East Post road to Trailridge (bottom of the hill) then right onto Red Fox.



Directions from 8/06 newsletter



Thursday August 21st
7:00 pm

Hugh & Kathi Albrecht
367 Lindsay Ln S.E.
Cedar Rapids IA - 362-6653



Saturday, August 30th—5:00 p.m Dinner Potluck

6:30 pm - Speaker, Jamie Beyer

Social Picnic Event/Noelridge Park
Lagoon Pavillion

Bring your chairs
to relaxed after
dinner to listen to
Jamie Beyer speak
if you wish.



All social, no meeting. Join us for a summer, evening picnic. Bring your favorite dish to share and drink. After dinner, E.I.P.S. member, Jamie Beyer, will speak on **“Fish and Wildlife of Water Gardens”** Jamie is a Lifetime Master Gardener from the Ames/Boone area and is founder and immediate past President of the Central Iowa Water Garden Association. Water Gardening has been a passion of Jamie’s for over 45 years. Let’s make it a E.I.P.S Reunion, past members welcome. Have your questions ready for Jamie ...

Let’s be safe,
Bring ice to keep your dishes cold. There are outlets for crock pots etc.



2008 Pond Tour Results	
Attendance:	310
Proceeds	\$1551.00
Plant Sale	\$ 428.00
Total	\$1979.00
Expenses	\$ 839.94
Profit	\$1139.06



July 26th Minutes.

The cement deck area along side the pond was completely full at the home of Roberta and Robert Ward. The beautiful afternoon really brought 41 members out to the potluck meeting to enjoy good food and friends.

After the awesome dinner, president, Monica Morley, opened the meeting by thanking all the pond tour host and volunteers. Although, numbers were down, the tour is always considered a success. She thanked all the members that donated plants and Jackie for getting the Wilson Hy Vee to donate 50 plants since it was for the flood recovery, along with thanking Kathi Albrecht, Maria Hamilton and Elena Murillo that worked a full day at the plant sale site for their harking abilities which almost completely sold every plant we had. The craft sale seemed to have been well accepted and she thanked Erma Thompson and the Gourd Society . for their time and effort to do that portion of the tour.

After opening statements, she asked Roberta and Robert to talk a little about their pond. A DIY project, their beautifully constructed pond is the showcase of their back yard. Although they still occasionally struggle to understand the dynamics of their pond, they spend many, many hours sitting by it relaxing to the sounds of the waterfall and watching the fish.

I gave a treasurer's report. After all pond tour proceeds were finalized our treasury has \$5458.47 in it. The tour itself had approx. 310 attendees. Tour proceeds equaled 1576.00 and the plant sale brought in 428.00. Expenses were 871.19, giving the net income of 1132.78. We discussed an unused 1000.00 from last year's tour. Jeff Garner made the motion to donate the money to flood relief and Rose Milden seconded the motion, the membership voted and it was passed. . So we will have 2132.78 to disperse this year. It's already been decided that we would try to figure ways to help with flood relief. We're asking members to bring their suggestions as to possible donations sites to the next meeting. As always, the treasury reports are always available for review by any member, just by asking.

Monica mentioned a date change for the Sept. meeting. The Thursday meeting has been moved to Saturday Sept, 13th. I reminded people and asked for volunteers to man the EIPS booth at Bruce More's upcoming Landscape and Artist fair, Aug. 23. I also mentioned 3 area Koi and Trade shows. They make great weekend or day trips.

I mentioned that the membership dues were no longer covering the club operating expenses. There was some conversation about additional ways to possibly raise some money. A night pond tour, 50/50 drawings at meetings, fish auctions, special speakers brought in for the public, and calendar sales were all suggested. If you have any ideas, please mention them to Monica or any of the officers.

We are again planning an evening progressive dinner pond tour. Last year's tour was really fun. If you have a pond with night lights, please consider hosting one leg of the tour. Jeff Garner and Kerry Shaner have offered to organize it this year, so please contact them. (See Page 8 for details.)

Deb Kontz brought in some water lettuce to share. (One of the many benefits, members get) We thank her for that. Monica mentioned the strictly social meeting being held at Noelridge Park on Aug. 30th. Member Jamie Beyer, has offered to come in and talk to the group.

This meeting was our picture contest. Many members brought in some really wonderful pictures to share. Monica donated prizes that were given for 1st and 2nd places and the pics will be posted on the web site. Thanks again to all those that participated.

VP, Dave Bell, began his 3P's (plants, products, & problems) section of the meeting. This is a time members get to discuss troubles, ideas, and new found products. We had conversations about were to find mosaic plants, never ending green water, non performing hyacinths and water lilies, shop vacs with 2 pumps, and treating fish ulcers.

Whew....we talked about a lot of things at this meeting and I may have even forgot or left out a couple things in an attempt to keep this all on one page! We had a ton of door prizes to give away, too. The meeting adjourned as the sun was going down. What a beautiful summer evening, thanks again for the great food and interesting conversation. Respectfully submitted, Jackie Allsup

From the President....

I hope you are thinking of projects for the pond tour proceeds. This is the most important issue for you as members of this club. Get involved, present your idea to the club. There are some guidelines & info required:

- You must be a current member
- Project description
- Contact person
- Dollar amount needed
- Tax Exempt Number of the organization

If you are unable to attend and present your idea, please give the info. to a member of the community Service Committee: Jackie Allsup, Deb & Bob Kontz, Rose & Jim Milden. Or give it to a member of your choice to present it for you.

Date September 13th is the date, Please make the effort to attend.....

Are you interested in putting out a cookbook by members of the E.I.P.S.?

After that wonderful potluck at Robert & Roberta Ward's home, we have got some awesome cooks in the club. This could be a fun project that will involve everyone, even if you don't cook. Details coming.....

Do we have a couple of members who would like to show their ponds, talk to grade schools on a day outing, or maybe to senior citizens in assisted living on a day outing. Is Eastern Iowa Pond Society willing and ready to share and educate the pleasure of water gardening. Some of my new ideas, tell me what you think. Let me know your ideas, like I always say **"Let's Kick It Up A Notch"**

Monica

Behind The Scenes.....2008 Pond & Garden Tour



Special thanks to Bob Bisenius for his great work and time to put together the maps for the pond tour..... Great Job!

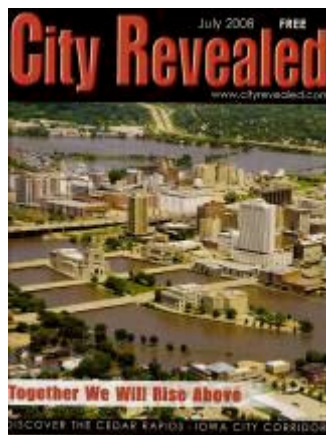
Thanks, Jim Milden, for contacting surrounding areas to promote the pond tour and distributing the posters for members to post.



Jackie Allsup Monica Morley



Thanks to Monica Morley working with City Revealed to promote the tour and club, and for putting together the Gazette Advertisement.



Here's a couple of radio personalities. Jackie arranged with WMT radio to talk July 9th during "What's Happening w/Ryan Schlader" to promote the 2008 Pond Tour.

What fun we had.....

'Sweet Innocence'

"Tetraploid" is becoming a hot word when it comes to new hostas. Tetraploid hostas have double the number of chromosomes as a typical hosta. Why would a gardener care about tetraploid hostas? Often, tetraploid hostas have heavier leaf substance, which means less bug damage. They usually have a wider, showier leaf margin (if they are variegated) and larger flowers. Tetraploids can also be slower growing, but in general being tetraploid is a good thing.

Most of the tetraploid hostas are sports from other hostas. Some nurseries are even converting existing hostas to new, improved tetraploid forms by using special chemicals! Hosta 'Sweet Innocence' is a tetraploid sport of 'Fragrant Bouquet'. It has rounded, apple-green leaves that are surrounded by a wide, creamy white margin.



Just like its parent, 'Sweet Innocence' has large, white, very fragrant flowers in late summer.

Josh Spece is a long-time member of EIPS.

What's New And Happening...



Starting at the meeting
August 21st at
Hugh and Kathi
Albrecht's

You don't want to miss this new drawing starting August 21st. Come to the meeting and check it out. One clue, bring \$1.00 if you decide you want to participate. You must be a current member.

A Thank You goes out to Carl Unkel for this great idea for the club....

Recipe Corner



Sweet Sausage Rolls

1 tube (8 ounces)
refrigerated crescent rolls
24 miniature smoked
sausage links
1/2 cup butter or
margarine, melted
1/2 cup chopped nuts
3 tablespoons honey
3 tablespoons brown
sugar

Unroll crescent dough and separate into triangles; cut each lengthwise into three triangles. Place a sausage on the long end and roll up tightly; set aside. Combine the remaining ingredients in an 11-in. x 7-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Arrange sausage rolls, seam side down, in butter mixture. Bake, uncovered, at 400° for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown.

Yield: 2 dozen.

This works well as an appetizer or a breakfast/brunch dish. (I tripled the recipe and used two 9 x 13 dishes with 36 in each).

Kathi Albrecht

Harry and I recently returned home from a great vacation in Jacksonville, Florida. WE have come to incorporate the AKCA's annual seminars into our summer plans. These seminars are kind of like our little "Expo" only much larger and longer with 2 days of presentations, banquets, and a grand finale pond tour. Some of the highlights of the seminars were the great beach party, educational seminars held by such distinguished veterinarians as Dr. Nick Sainte Erne and Dr. Tim Miller Morgan. Both these gentlemen have been very instrumental in teaching Koi Health to the Koi Health Advisor program and hobbyist world around. In conjunction to the seminars, there is a huge vendor show, with the newest designs in filtration and pond accessories. Artist and craftsmen are there showing all their "koi and pond" paintings, vases, jewelry, and cloth art. The events all culminated with the big Saturday night banquet. The AKCA gives out its awards for service, welcomes the new graduating KHA's and presents awards for the "Koi of the Year" and "Koi Person of the Year" people are nominated by their individual clubs. This year I was proud to receive such an award. (Come to find out Monica had nominated me—Thank you.) Sunday was the highlight of the seminar for me. Everyone loads up on buses for their pond tour. This year's tour was maybe the best ever. Beautiful tropical ponds with plants we only dream of here in Iowa. Spanish moss hanging from the trees, the salty taste of the Atlantic Ocean, The daily afternoon showers, the biggest and absolutely most stunning koi I've ever seen. Biltmore Estates, the awesome Smokey Mountains, Mammoth Caves, Harry spending 3 days of it all in the hospital!!! All great memories of this year's vacation

Next years' seminars are moving to February and are in San Diego, CA. Won't you join us next year?



Can you see the wrench—15 feet down on the drain?

**E.I.P.S.
"Koi Person of the Year"
Jackie Allsup**

Congratulations

Thank you for sharing your knowledge and experience to benefit our members on this great hobby.



Sunday, August 10th E.I.P.S. members are invited to join the Waterloo Club and visit Kloubec's at 2:00 pm.

For more details contact: Jackie Allsup
934-3665 or cedarserviceja@aol.com



Pictures from the July 26th meeting



Some of the 41 members attending



Jackie & Harry Allsup



Largest meeting this year.....

41 members attending

Top, Larry & LouAnn Jayne, Jackie Allsup (in the middle) posting their pictures for the contest.

Below, Erma Thompson and Hugh Abrecht count the votes for the annual club photo contest



Bob Bisenius visiting with his wife Cecilia



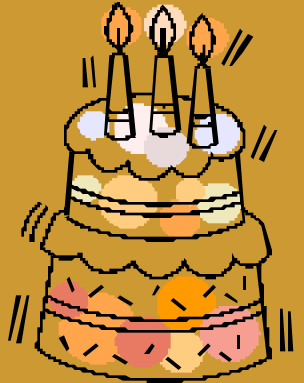
Roberta Ward & Carl Unkel talk ponding



Robert Ward talks about his pond



Members getting updates during the meeting



August Birthdays

Monica Morley 2nd

Herman Michael 5th

Andi Quinn 13th

Deb Kontz 17th

Clarence Serbousek 21st

Lavonne Isard 23rd

Dorothy Helms 24th

If you would like your birthday printed in the newsletter, e-mail us at mespringcove@aol.com

Festive "Under the Stars" Pond Evening

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Friday, September 19, 2008
7:00 pm

Appetizers Larry & Erma Thompson, 131 Rosedale Rd, Cedar Rapids
Dinner Jeff Garner & Kerry Shaner, 1323 34th St SE, Cedar Rapids
Dessert Bob & Stephanie Geers, 3615 Honey Hill Dr SE, Cedar Rapids

Cost: \$10.00 per person, which will be donated to flood relief.

RSVP to Jeff Garner—jgfile@aol.com

More details given at the meetings



The Brucemore Garden and Art Show

Saturday, August 23
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A festival of products and information for art enthusiasts and gardeners of all types. Headline presenters, unique products, fine arts, and more. Featuring more than 35 artists - pottery, painting, jewelry, sculpture, glass, textiles, and so much more.

Admission: \$6/adult. Children 10 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets purchased at the gate. For ticket information call (319) 362-7375. Food and beverage service available all day.

No on-site parking. Continuous bus shuttle service from Washington High School north parking lot. Handicap parking available on-site, enter the estate through the First Avenue Gate.

Photo Contest Winners

Winter Scene
1st Place
Jackie Allsup
2nd place
Rosie Michel
Karen Hobbs

Pets & Ponds
1st Place
Maria Hamilton
Rose Milden

Best Waterfall
1st Place
LouAnn Jayne
Rose Milden
Robert Hollenbeck
2nd Place
Karen Hobbs

Pond & Nature
1st Place
Roberta Ward
Karen Hobbs
2nd Place
Carl Unkel
Jackie Allsup
Robert Hollenbeck

Thank you all for
participating in this
annual photo
event.

Monica Morley

TENTATIVE 2008 Meeting Schedule

Times determined by the Host/Hostess
Programs will be updated as available along with the times of the meetings.

Date changed:

Saturday

September 13th 5:30 PM Bob & Cecilia Bisenius

Voting night on where to donate proceeds from the pond tour. Projects will be presented by members. Important night for the club, please plan to attend.

September 27th Bob & Deb Kontz/**Jamie Beyer**

October 25th Herman & Rosie Michel

TBD Recognition Night

Eastern Iowa Pond Society—Membership Application 2008

To become a member of the Eastern Iowa Pond Society, complete this form and mail it along with your dues to :

Eastern Iowa Pond Society
206 n. 3rd ST
PO BOX 148
QUASQUETON IA

Dues are \$ 10.00 per calendar year. Make checks payable to: Eastern Iowa Pond Society

_____ New membership _____ Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Newsletters will be mailed to all members.

Dues will be \$10.00 per family, payable November of previous year and delinquent April 1st of each year. These dues entitle a mem-

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Visions

Our Mission Statement

We are committed to providing a social atmosphere for members dedicated to sharing and learning the pleasure of water gardening. We are a non-profit organization.

Membership of this association shall be open to any individual without regard to race, creed, national origin or Sex, who shall render membership dues as specified in the governing documents.

History

The Eastern Iowa Pond Society was established by Sharon Weiss in 1996 to encourage and promote water gardening and ponds.

Meetings

Meetings are held at different members homes the second Thursday at 7:00PM and the fourth Saturday in April, May, June, July, August and September. During Feb., March, October and Nov.

meetings are held once a month on a Saturday. No meetings are held in Dec & Jan.

Yearly Planning

A plan-the-year meeting is held on a February afternoon at a central location to hammer out strategies on how the club will conduct business and to plan activities for the upcoming year.

Activities

A yearly Pond Tour event involves selected members opening their ponds to the public. Speakers, demonstrations, field trips, plant and fish swap, pot luck, and club projects are all activities that happen during the year.

Dues

Dues will be \$10.00 per family, payable November of previous year and delinquent April 1st of each year. These dues entitle a member to participation in all activities and receive a monthly newsletter.



Non profit organization

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