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# Beneath The Surface

A Compendium of Facts, Fancy, Tidbits, Tips



August, 2010

## Thursday August 12th

Daryl Stout & Tom Coyle  
3630 White Oak Rd SE  
Cedar Rapids IA



Daryl Stout Tom Coyle

6:30 pm Dinner  
Meeting to follow at 7:00 pm  
Host providing Maidrites, chips and Drink  
Bring your favorite dish to share...

**R.S.V.P. to 3 19-361-4507 or [thomasg64@yahoo.com](mailto:thomasg64@yahoo.com)**

Program: **Basic Koi Keeping and What Would Jackie Do?**  
By Jackie Allsup



Paul & Gerry Dickerson

## Saturday August 28th

Gerry & Paul Dickerson  
1265 Ivan Ln  
West Liberty IA  
Program: **Koi, food, health, fall prep.  
and much more.....**

Plan meal time @ 5:00 pm. Hosts will provide Maidrites for everyone. Everyone please bring a dish to share. **Please RSVP attendance by the August 21st** to ensure enough food (email address: [dickerson365@yahoo.com](mailto:dickerson365@yahoo.com) or 319/930-2666).

Directions: I-380 south to I-80 East, to the West Liberty Exit (Exit 259), Right at the exit to West Liberty. Approximately 5 miles you will come to a STOP sign within West Liberty (Hwy 6). Take a left at the stop sign onto Highway 6, then at the next stop sign (Casey's on the left corner) turn right and go through town until you come to a "T" in the road. At the "T" turn left and go across the RR tracks and out of town. After crossing a small bridge, make a left turn onto Elder Ave. Take a right on Elder Ridge Rd and at the top of the hill go left. Right onto Ridgeview then left onto Ivan Lane. Dickerson residence is the second house on the left side of Ivan Lane. < 1265 Ivan Lane >. If you need assistance call < 319/930-2666 >. NOTE: Our Subdivision is new enough that it is not on a lot of GPS systems.

I'm not going to complain about the rain. EIPS has been very fortunate to have had good weather during the past years at tour time. It was fun watching people show up with umbrellas.

I want to thank the owners of the ponds on the tour, Albrecht's, Webb's, Bisenius's, Coyle & Stout, Leyse, Landhuis, Ford's and Morley & Murillo. All of you shared with many visitors the many views of ponds, landscaping and overall how it feels to have tranquility in your own back yard by owning a pond.

Special thanks to Jeff and Kerry for volunteering to sit for the full day when I needed help to fill openings. I would like to thank 1st time sitter Jeremy Kohlhaas for volunteering to cover the last opening and all the sitters that covered 1/2 shifts. Many thanks to you all day sitters, Jackie & Harry Allsup, Pat & Wayne Bueter, Joe Olsen, Rhett Taylor, Michele Hurley & Robin Baldwin, plant sale, Maria Hamilton (chairperson), DeAnna Taylor, Erma Thompson, (full day workers) and Bob Hollenbeck. And all members who donated plants. Dennis Sindelar, Pat Bueter, Ed Railsback, Jackie Allsup, Elena Murillo, Maria Hamilton, Monica Morley. Special thanks to Wilson Hy-Vee donating \$100.00 worth of plants.

Thanks, Bob Geers for volunteering for the most difficult job of creating the tour maps, Jim Milden for assigning where to place the tour signs and Stephanie Geers for setting up the wonderful after-tour party at the Olive Garden.

**Thumbs up to the 2010 Pond & Garden Tour....**



One day three fishermen were out in a boat in the Gulf of Mexico. They hadn't caught a thing all day when suddenly, one of the fishermen's poles started jerking. He grabbed it and started reeling in his line and shouting, "I got something! I got something!"

He had caught a nice fish, about ten inches long. The fishermen were about to revel in his accomplishment when the fish shook the hook out of his mouth and transformed into a being, half man and half fish, sporting a crown and holding a trident." Who are you?" said the frightened fisherman who had caught him.

**"I AM NEPTUNE, GOD OF THE SEA, AND I AM GOING TO PUT A CURSE ON YOU LOWLY MORTALS! BEFORE YOU LEAVE HERE TODAY YOUR BOAT WILL SPRING A DOZEN LEAKS! ...NO, MAKE THAT A DOZEN AND A HALF!"**

And with that, he dove back into the waters. As soon as he was gone, the fishermen's boat had sprung so many leaks they were forced to swim to shore.

To this day, they never forgot Neptune's eighteen-hole Gulf curse



[www.loveyourpond.com](http://www.loveyourpond.com)

## Looking for volunteers!!!!

### The Brucemore Garden and Art Show

Saturday, August 28

A festival of products and information for art enthusiasts and gardeners of all types. Featuring more than 60 garden vendors and artists - pottery, painting, jewelry, sculpture, glass, textiles, and so much more. This year, "Chew on This," will provide a focus on locally grown and organic food. A never-before-seen family focus will include activities for all ages, including making Christmas ornaments out of gourds with the Iowa Gourd Society, and medallions with the Ceramics Center.

Admission is \$6 per person. 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, including Brewed Awakenings.

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.

If interested, contact Bob Bisenius at [eipsprez@live.com](mailto:eipsprez@live.com)

The EIPS mtg 07/24, 2010 was a fun and adventurous time. 24 persons were in attendance. The day started with fun and ended with food and great company. EIPS members gathered at the home of Ron and Lois Jungers to admire and gawk at their new pond. Ron and Lois have 4 ponds bustling with fish. Once our members were all there; the walking tour began at about 2:45 where we enjoyed seeing his Llamas, pheasants, pigeons, peafowl, exotic peacocks and the out-buildings that house them all. The "big pond" was just down the hill from the animals so members had a nice field trip there. The "big pond" is 1/2 acre and home to grass carp, Koi, sunnies and various "farm pond" fish. Members got a "hayrack-style" ride back to the house. The hill above the Jungers' home is fenced to raise deer. There were 2 fawns, a doe and a buck; very attentive to all these "new eyes" looking at them.

The meeting was called at (5:00) President Bob Bisenius started by thanking the Jungers for opening their home to pond members and hosting this meeting. Mr. Bisenius announced that this meeting would be as short as possible as storms were looming; the creek and riparian areas all over Eastern Iowa were hostile and spilling over their banks; members would prefer getting home by dark. Ron Jungers filled in the details of his new pond. Ground was broken for the pond this spring; the depth runs 4 feet; the plant ledges 18". The pond perimeter, waterfall and the stream are lined with natural and beautiful limestone indigenous to the area. This pond has 6,700 gallons of water and home to some large and beautiful koi. Ron and Lois have built the path to the "new pond" adjacent to 2 lively and koi/goldfish-populated ponds that frame the front entrance and retained-portion of their front yard. These were constructed a 300 gallon stock tank sunk into landscape-block surround and a 300 gallon preform pond beautifully nestled into a raised-bed garden.

EIPS treasurer Jackie Allsup reported the club's financial statement reflecting the income generated from our pond tour, proceeds from the plant and lily sales, new memberships, and sale of library materials.

Mr. Bisenius reminded the club members of our non-profit status and that this is the time that we need to be thinking about/working on the community projects and beneficiaries of our outreach. We will formalize a presentation of what this is, what it entails for our next meeting ... we should expect late September - October to vote and finalize. Next item on the list is the need for club members to think about EIPS 2011 and what roles each member wants to play in the club's organization and success. Next meeting and all meetings thereafter we'll have committee sign-up sheets so we can start aligning the groups and the parts these committees will play.

Mr. Bisenius and Donovan Burke announced that we are "receiving interest" from the Northern Iowa Pond club for a get together this fall both clubs for a social gathering. The Northern Iowa club has a member whom lives in Jesup volunteered his 2-pond property for the event. An "informal" head count members that would like to attend/participate in this event was favorable. Club Presidents Bob Bisenius and Donovan Burke agreed that interest from both clubs is high and that we will move forward organizing this event. Look for more information on this our upcoming meetings and newsletter.

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## Meeting Minutes—July 24, 2010—Con't

Dave Bell was in attendance and presented the 3 P's ... this went pretty quick as the dinner was on the table and we were all hungry. Meeting was adjourned 5:30.

Ron and Lois Jungers treated club members to delicious pork sandwiches and club members all brought side dishes and deserts; this dinner would put gourmet chefs to shame. I ate too much.

Bob Bisenius



## New Product

See below web site for more info.

[www.pondalgaesolutions.com](http://www.pondalgaesolutions.com)

### PondBiotixSP - Concentrated Biological Treatment For Small Ponds

Brand new and more powerful than most natural pond treatments, **PondBiotixSP is specifically formulated for small ponds making it safe for fish, pets, and people.**

Small pond systems can be challenging to keep clean and free from unwanted growth and green water but using a beneficial bacteria is one of the best ways to safely move your pond in a better direction. PBSP is one of the most potent and concentrated formulations available for small ponds. **It will lower nutrients that algae can feed on, and work to clear the bottom of unwanted muck and organic debris.** All of this can lead to a cleaner and healthier pond overall.

Available in an easy dosing liquid, a one quart bottle can treat many small ponds for six months or even longer. Please refer to the dosage chart below for more information.



Size Of Pond	First Application	Follow Up Applications
80 to 200 gallons	8 oz	2 oz. once per week for next four weeks then once per month for maintenance.
201 to 500 gallons	10 oz	3 oz. once per week for next four weeks then once per month for maintenance.
501 to 1,000 gallons	12 oz	4 oz. once per week for next four weeks then once per month for maintenance.
1,001 to 5,000 gallons	16 oz	6 oz. once per week for next four weeks then once per month for maintenance.

**PondBiotixME Muck Reducing Pellets For Small Ponds Check this out on the web site listed above**

**President;** Enforce the By-Laws and Constitution of the E.I.P.S. Preside at all meetings, represent the E.I.P.S. in community functions, Introduces new ideas and helps stimulate open discussions, works with all committees to make sure each is carrying out it’s responsibilities

**Vice President:** Assume all the duties of the President on the absence or upon request by the president. Assist the President and carry out all duties assigned by the president.

**Secretary:** Keeps all records of meetings, preserve all records, reports and documents of the E.I.P.S. Maintain a list of unfinished business for the President at members request provide reports or document for their viewing

**Treasurer:** Collect and record all dues, special fees, Submit a monthly financial report to the membership. To prepare and submit all reports required by any governmental agency. Keep current membership list.

The above is only a partial list of duties.....contact Monica for more duty descriptions

## Committee’s

**Commercial Relations:** Responsible for making contact an maintaining our relationships with area retailers, Establish club discounts, Conduct drawing for Prizes at club meetings, Distribute club information to dealers to give to customers, Send thank you notes to all retailers donating products.

**Writing Committee:** Write articles for newsletter. Assist the secretary at his or her request;

**Publicity Committee:** Organizes and gets publicity for meetings and activities, Works closely with Pond Tour group to get advertising everywhere. Develops and maintains our club informational brochures and sees that they get to the dispersed. Organizes booths at area events.

**Hospitality Committee:** Welcoming new members, Nametags, sign in book

**Programs Committee:** Responsible for finding and organizing programs and speakers for meetings . Introduces speakers at meetings, Plans and organizes club activities, such as trips, club workshops.

**Recognition Committee:** Puts together year end recognition of volunteers and officers. Thank you notes to speakers at club meetings.

**Water Garden Tour Committee:** Finding members’ ponds and getting the tour organized, Recruit volunteers to sit at ponds, Responsible for dispersing and collection of pond tour signs. Print tickets, Map out directions for tour, Handle the Pre Pond tour. All other duties to make the event run smooth.

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# 2010 Meeting Schedule

			
	Thursday, September 9th	Gary & Jo Hunnerdosse	
	Saturday, September 25th	Bob & Stephanie Geers	
	Saturday, October 23rd	Monica & Gil Morley & Elena Murillo	
	November TBD	<b>Elections &amp; Recognition Night</b>	
			

## This year's Pond Tour Proceeds going to...



Here's your opportunity to decide how the proceeds should be used. Bring your ideas and we will be voting at the October 23 meeting.

**August Birthdays**

Monica Morley	Aug 2
Herman Michel	Aug 5
Linda Burke	Aug 7
Clarence Serbousk	Aug 21
Lavonne Isard	Aug 23
Doothy Helms	Aug 24



## Treasurer's Report

As of July 21, 1010.....\$4373.35

Included in above total:

Pond Tour ticket sales	\$1020.00
Plant Sale	421.35
Cookbook/library sale	<u>19.50</u>
	<b>\$1460.85</b>

Total Attended Pond Tour: 204

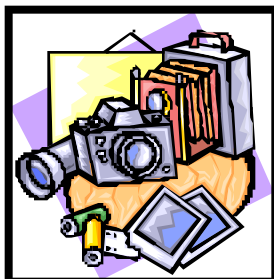


Mark Briske, winner of the EIPS Friendship award at the Upper Midwest Koi Club's recent Koi Show in Minneapolis.

Attended by the following members:

Donovan and Linda Burke  
Michele Hurley & Robin Baldwin  
Harry & Jackie Allsup  
Dave & Janice Bell  
Greg Bickal had a booth  
All went and had a great time.

Submitted by Jackie Allsup



**Photo Contest coming in October**

**Categories:**

**Fish Under Ice**

**Miniatures/Fairy Gardens**

**Container Water Gardens**

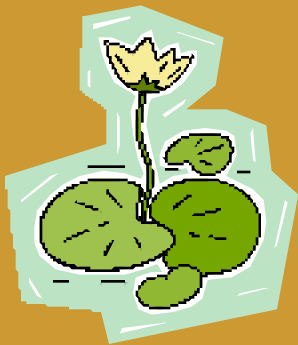
**Best Water Garden Wildlife**

**\*Photos size: 4"x6" only \*One picture per category**

**\*Write your name and category on back side of picture**

**Eastern Iowa Pond  
Society Inc.**

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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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