

DECEMBER 2005

Beneath The Surface



A Compendium of Facts, Fancy, Tidbits, Tips



All the

Best to

You

and Yours!

November Minutes

The Pizza Ranch in Vinton was the familiar site of our last meeting of the 2005 year. President, Kacy Novak, began the meeting by welcoming everyone. A large crowd was on hand, and I believe we filled every available seat there. There was no treasurer's report. Minutes were approved as printed in the last news letter.

Kacy read a request from the Master Gardeners regarding their Winter Fair. They invited us to again put up a booth for our club. (FYI – this year Carol Sindelar and yours truly will be giving a talk on things to think about when planning your pond) Kacy asked for volunteers to man the booth during the day. Dennis Sindelar, The Hunerdosses, The Serbouseks, Joe Olsen, and Kacy, all raised hands.

Kacy welcomed new members, Rose and Jim Milden from Cedar Rapids. Jim spoke briefly saying he was a member of the local garden railroad club. He was looking for a volunteer to come and talk to their group about ponding. He also mentioned he worked at Apache Hose and thus had access to certain plumbing supplies. So he was offering himself as an alternate source for some of our ponding needs.

Monica Morley brought us a sample of the plaque the city wanted us to attach to the recent bench we purchased for their bike trail. The club voted to go ahead and purchase that. A majority vote also dictated that the new bench would be blue in color.

After all new business was discussed, Kacy talked to the group about all our volunteer committees. She read the responsibilities of each group and asked that everybody sign up for at least one committee. Papers were passed around for people to sign committing to the group of their choice. If you couldn't make the meeting, when you mail in your 2006 dues and fill out a membership form please check a committee box that you feel you can help with. As you know, the more hands the better. New to the committees this year is an Expo committee. In 2000 our club had what we called a pond Expo, where we brought in 4 speakers from around the country to come and talk to us all in one day. This year we're looking into incorporating a small trade

show also. It's in a planning stage, but stay tuned for more information. We're hoping for a "Spring Fling" to get us started for the 2006 ponding year.

Following this, we did our volunteer recognition portion of our last meeting. This year the club gave away what we called EIPS BIG BUCKS! They are actually \$5.00 gift certificates from various local vendors. Certificates and many thanks were handed out to all the people that had their ponds on this year's tour. All 2005 officers were then thanked for their time and hard work in the past year. Special thanks went to Rosie and Herman Michaels for being pond tour chairmen and especially to Rosie for the extra work she went to in holding the Halloween party. Linda and Tim Nolan were thanked for collecting all the door prizes for the year. I incorrectly gave Carol (who started this entire door prize thing) the credit for writing all the request letters, when in fact the Nolans had done all that leg work also. Kacy mentioned the excellent work of the program committee this year. I believe Bonnie Happel and Mary Robinson chaired that committee. And last, but not least, we discussed our faithful and diligent all powerful web master, Josh Spece. (Josh, I know you can't make most meetings, but your work for us is not forgotten or taken for granted) Josh reported that our web site saw over 14,000 pages viewed this past year! That's unbelievable. Anyway, the club thought of a special gift for Josh, which I'll make sure he receives in the months to come. (Thank you again, Josh)

After all the many Thank yous, we discussed the pond tour location for next year. No location was chosen. We'll again have to decide this at the February meeting.

Election of new officers for the upcoming 2006 year was next on the agenda. I'd been busy emailing everyone I could think of in hopes that I could persuade (beg) someone new to take over the existing offices. And because we do have such a great bunch of members that are always ready to help, I was able to bring to the club a proposed slate of several new officers. Monica Morley had volunteered to be our new president, Pam Moore agreed to be our Vice President, Joe Olsen (who I had not contacted) spoke up and volunteered to be the new Treasurer. Good Ole, Carol Sindelar, agreed to again publish and distribute our newsletter and I agreed to continue to write up the meeting minutes for her to publish. There were no volunteers to take either Carol or my jobs, however if you weren't present and would like to volunteer for either roll, please call Monica and let her know as both of us will willingly move over so that others may have the experience. The Rifles will continue

to care for our library. With little discussion or arguments, it was pretty much a unanimous decision to accept this group. Hoorayyy!

This being the last meeting of the year, it is also customary to have our year end distribution of our Grand Finally Door Prize! All year long, members have signed in at each meeting. At the end of the year, these names are put into one large drawing for several big prizes that are given away. (So if you came to 10 meetings, you have 10 chances to win and you must be present to win) First we drew for the regular door prizes. There were several prizes of fish food, with Judy Olson, Pat Beuter, Monica Morley, and Margie Thompson being the lucky winners. This meeting, Prairie Creek Landscape had sent 2 bags of Frog-a-roni. (Cute stuff, frog shaped macaroni!) to be given as door prizes. Linda Nolan and Rose Milden won the Frog-a-roni. (I'm hoping we see this at a meeting all cooked up sometime) Thanks to the Baileys for their donation. And last, but not least, the Grand Prizes! This year we received 4 great prizes with total values of over \$800.00! (Drum roll please) The first was a Pond Master 1500 pump and filter (a \$140.00 value) was won by Herman Michael. 2nd – a Tetra Tech. 1100 gph pump (valued at \$169.99) was won by Gill Morley. 3rd – a Pond Master 9 watt submersible UV light (valued at \$218.00) was won by Margie Thompson and 4th – was another Tetra 18 watt UVII light (valued at \$275.00) and it was won by Joe Hunerdosse. Kacy has volunteered to take over the door prize job in the year to come. (Thanks, Kacy)

Wow, what a great end to a great year!

Kacy adjourned the meeting and everyone flooded the buffet. Several of the committees got together to discuss plans for next year, already.

Thanks one more time to all the past offi-

cers and many volunteers that helped throughout the year 2005. I've said it before, I want to say it again – This club has to be one of the best around. We have so many people willing to do the work that is required to introduce the public to our ever changing hobby and help our present members with all their ponding questions and needs.

Be thinking about what you want from your club in the up coming year and I'll look forward to seeing you all in February. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season. Respectfully submitted

...Jackie Allsup

Members who received EIPS BIG BUCKS for their hard work:

Pond Tour Owners:

Margie and Roger Thompson
Rita and Larry Tharp
Louis and Jacque Winchip
Roberta and Robert Ward
Joe and Gary Hunderdosse
Nancy and Fred Koontz
Sue Highshoe
Lisa and Brady Lanham
Rosie and Herman Michael

2005 Officers

Kacy Novak – president
Bonnie Happle – V.P.
Nancy Baldwin – treasurer
Carol Sindelar- newsletter editor
Jackie Allsup – minutes

Special Thanks for extra hard work

Linda and Tim Nolan – organizing door prizes
Rosie and Herman Michael – Pond Tour Chairman, and meeting extraordinaire (Halloween party)
Josh Spece – Webmaster.



Remember, EIPS runs on volunteers.
Please consider serving on a committee.
Many hands make for light work

KHA Corner....

(Koi Health Advisor)

With the new ever changing weather, (cold one day, warmer the next) many of our pond owners are seeing their fish show signs of severe stress. My pond alone has frozen over and thawed out twice already and it's only December.



The most common symptom we are seeing is a condition know as "Laying over". Laying over is nothing but severe fish **stress**. There are hardly any exceptions. Normally when fish are laying over, something is **TERRIBLY** wrong in terms of water quality or a parasitism is working them over too. I've seen the most Laying Over in icy winter water. When you'd disturb the fish, they would pretend everything was okay and swim around for a time.

As with any fish problems, the first step is to test the water for ammonia and nitrites. Be sure to bring your water sample into the house and let it come up to room temperature before testing. I'd make sure my fish got into the low seventies as fast as safely possible. This, generally for us Iowans, means bringing the fish inside. Fish in winter ice water sometimes need to be warmed up for various treatments or to rescue them from genuine cold water illnesses such as Laying Over.

To avoid shock, the fish should be put in a very large vat of this icy pond water in your garage. I repeat, you're going to use the icy pond water from your pond that the fish is used to. This vat should be at least 75 gallons in size or the temperature will equalize too rapidly and **kill** the fish. They cannot climb up more than 10 degrees F per 18 hours without serious stress or death. Let the vat slowly warm to garage temperature using the ambient room air. **USE NO HEATER.** Do nothing to accelerate the warming process. It's meant to be slow! As the fish warm up, they will become more active. Make sure the vat is covered. Once they have been in the mid sixties for 24 hours, you can raise the temperature with commercial aquarium heater or a paint-bucket warmer, by five degrees per day til in the low seventies.

Salting your pond water will also help with stress. If your fish are scratching or flashing, you need to have them also check for parasites. Parasites can make fish lie over also, so we need to try to find out the **ACTUAL** cause before we begin to shotgun a remedy.

Bringing fish threw the winter should not be a matter of good luck, but good husbandry.

.....Jackie Allsup

{Editor's note: Normal winter behavior is little movement in an upright (normal swimming) position.

Only if the fish deviate from normal should you be concerned about your fish's health }

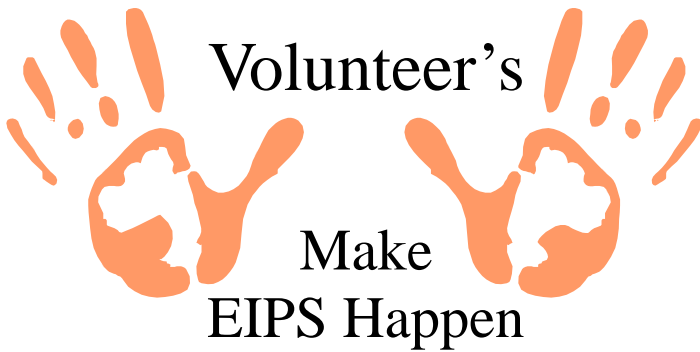


The 4th Annual ISU Extension Linn County Master Gardeners Winter Gardening Fair

The 4th Annual ISU Extension Linn County Master Gardeners Winter Gardening Fair will be held on Saturday January 21st, 2006 from 9am-4pm at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. This year's fair offers 26 classes on a variety of gardening subjects for the beginning or the experienced gardener. Keynote speaker Harlan Hamernik from Bluebird Nursery in Clarkson, NE will give a keynote presentation on Plant Selection for All Season Interest and will also teach classes on Xeriscaping and Clematis.

Register for the event through the [Kirkwood Community College Web site](http://www.kirkwoodcc.edu) , by phone at 1-800-332-2055, or by stopping by the Kirkwood registration office and registering in person. Everyone is welcome at this exciting event. Hope to see you there!

Visit the EIPS booth at this great event!



At the November meeting we will begin the process of planning 2006 activities. EIPS is run by volunteers. All planning is done by the membership. If you have some ideas, we all what to hear about them. We will be inviting everyone to volunteer for a committee:

PLEASE PICK ONE TO JOIN: Each committee will be responsible to meet and establish a chairman for their group. If too many volunteer for one group (or it is considered full) and others have none, you may be asked to re-choose. So first to volunteer get first choice.....

Following are the 2006 committees and the names of those who volunteered at the November meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE:

- ÿ works with the water garden tour committee to bring to the club membership ideas as to where to apply the proceeds from the tours.
- ÿ see that money gets dispersed
- ÿ in the case of a project that requires club participation, they will be responsible for organizing materials, getting volunteers, (does not mean they are responsible to do all the work involved) and carrying through with said project.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:

- ÿ responsible for finding and organizing programs and speakers for meetings.
- ÿ plans and organizes club activities, such as trips, club workshops, etc.
- Program Committee
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COMMERCIAL RELATIONS :

- ÿ responsible for making contact and maintaining our relationships with area retailers. (Letting them know we exist)
- ÿ establish club discounts or promotional door prizes.
- ÿ Distribute club information to dealers so they can give to customers.
- Commercial Relations
*Kacy Novak 362-0487
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HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

- ÿ welcoming new members
- ÿ mentoring new members
- ÿ Promote library
- ÿ name tags and club membership cards
- ÿ Generally help members realize the discounts and benefits to joining.
- ÿ Historian—Organizing scrap books or collecting pictures of club activities.
- Hospitality Committee
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WATER GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE:

- ÿ finding ponds and getting the tour organized
- ÿ recruit volunteers to help at the ponds
- ÿ establish times
- ÿ print programs
- ÿ coordinate and help with publicity.
- Water Garden Tour Committee
*Brandy & Lisa Lanham 362-7672
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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

- ÿ organizes and gets publicity for meetings and activities.
- ÿ Works closely with Pond Tour group to get advertising everywhere.
- ÿ develops and maintains our club informational brochures and sees that they get to the Commercial Relations committee for dispersal.
- ÿ Organizes booths at area events.
- Publicity Committee
*Carol Sindelar 365-1839
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- Y assist the secretary
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{Note to the writing committee: a reminder of which month you signed up to submit an article in 2006.

February - Joe Olsen

March - Tim & Linda Nolan

April - Pam & Curt Moore

May -

June - Pam & Curt Moore

July -

August - Tim & Linda Nolan

September - Joe & Mary

Robinson

October -

November - Pam & Curt Moore

December -

*If you would like
to submit an
article for a
specific month or
any month,
contact Carol*

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE:

- Y sends thank you notes to presenters & business sponsors.
- puts together year end recognition programs for officers and volunteers
- Recognition Committee
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Some organizations have magic elves who come around when we are asleep and get things done so we can enjoy the benefits. It may seem like EIPS has magic elves because there are some people who will just “do it” when no one else will help or plans have fallen through. But we don’t like to function like that. And we don’t have magic elves.

All we have is you the members...

To keep an organization **fresh** and **interesting** it needs new ideas and enthusiastic helpers. Please consider being actively involved in EIPS. If you would like to help with a project but don’t know how, just ask. The president or secretary can put you in touch with someone who can be your guide. Become part of the team. And help EIPS have another successful year promoting the ponding hobby.

EASTERN IOWA POND SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Eastern Iowa Pond Society
PO Box 187
Vinton, IA 52349

____ New Membership ____ Renew Membership

Name:

Address:

Phone Number: E-mail address:

____ Please mail the monthly newsletter to me

____ I can print the newsletter from the club website ... no need to mail me one!

Dues are \$10.00 per calendar year per family

Make checks payable to Eastern Iowa Pond Society

WE ASK THAT EACH MEMBER PLEASE HELP WITH ONE COMMITTEE.

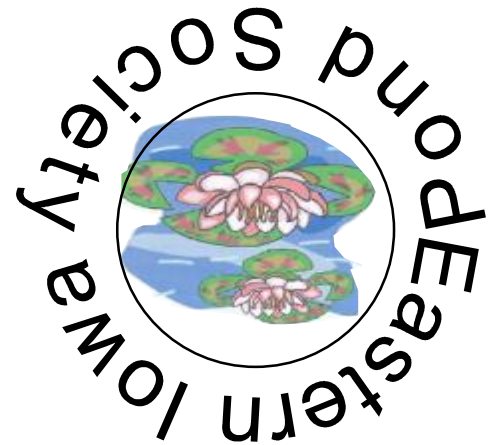
PLEASE INDICATE WHICH ONE YOU'D LIKE TO HELP WITH.

- Community Service—organizing community service projects
- Programs—finding and organizing programs and speakers for meetings
- Commercial Relations—establishing and maintaining our relationship with retailers
- Hospitality Committee—welcoming new members, mentoring
- Writing Committee—help write for and organize the newsletter
- Water Garden Tour Committee—coordinate and conduct our annual tour
- Publicity Committee—organizes and gets publicity for meetings and activities
- Recognition Committee-sends thank yous to presenters & business sponsors, Nov. meeting

For Treasurers Use only

Check # Check date: check amount

Cash Amount: Date: Paid thru:



Eastern Iowa Pond Society
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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 in 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 7:00 PM and fourth Saturday in April, May, June, July, August and September. During Feb., March, October and November, meetings are held once a month on a Saturday. No meetings are held in December or January.

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 up and coming 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 lucks, and club projects are all activities that happen during the year.

DUES

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



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