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Beneath The Surface



A Compendium of Facts, Fancy, Tidbits, Tips

July, 2007

July 8th 2007 Pond & Garden Tour

No discounts for members.

Support your club

After the pond tour members are invited to Gil & Monica Morley and Elena Murillo's home to enjoy dinner. The club is purchasing the meat from **BBQ THIS!!!!** and the drink.

Time: 4:30 pm

Place: 6702 Spring Cove Court NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

For those who were not able to volunteer for the pond tour, we encourage you to celebrate with us.

Time to relax and enjoy good food and good friends!!



July 28th Meeting

6:00 pm

Harry and Jackie Allsup will be hosting

206 N 3rd St

Quasqueton IA

934-3665

Master Gardener, Joyce Robison, will be speaking on
"Hybrid Lily-Queen of the Garden"

Bring your appetite, Harry's firing up the grill.

Directions:

South

Turn right on Spruce

North

Turn left on Spruce

2 full blocks - 3rd St 2 story green house on corner by
Baseball diamond



Minutes—June 14th Meeting

Our regularly scheduled meeting was held at Dorothy Helm's home in Vinton. Dorothy fed us all a yummy dinner. The late Spring evening was perfect for sitting out beside her pond and visiting. Dorothy told us her pond was built by her children in 1995. It's 2 feet deep and home to goldfish and many beautiful plants. Since we last were there, she has reworked it a little; adding a skimmer and biofalls. A new screened in gazebo also enhances its' appearance. With a TV, DVD player and Boom Box, Dorothy says she spends a lot of time relaxing next to her pond in the gazebo.



Dorothy Helms

President, Garry Hunerdosse, opened the meeting by reminding people that our next meeting is our "Pre-Pond" tour. He reminded everyone that we will be meeting at Jim Milden's home and proceed to visit the other ponds from there. A volunteer list was passed around. There are still several open time slots that we need help with. Please call Gary or Monica if you can help. Becky Lynch mentioned that the Gazette was coming out to her pond to take pictures for an article on the tour, we hope.

He also asked for volunteers and ideas for the club's Freedom Festival float, which we have decided to enter in the parade on June 23rd. The theme this year is Red, White and Blue. Several members threw out some ideas and suggestions in regards to its construction and how best to display our signs. Volunteers will walk along side Gary's truck and hand out fliers promoting our upcoming pond tour.

Gary asked new members, Dave and Karen Freeden to introduce their selves. They live in the Swisher/Coralville area and have had a pond for 5 years.

We then re-discussed the proposal to donate \$500.00, in the form of a scholarship, to a Kirkwood 2nd year student. This would be a possible annual scholarship, with the money coming from the proceeds of the annual pond tour. After, several stipulations were discussed, the club voted unanimously to proceed with this donation. Some of the requirements are: must be an Iowa resident, must come to one meeting, must summarize in writing why they need the money, money to be distributed in \$250.00 increments per semester, and if the student drops out the second chosen alternate will receive the money. They must be majoring in landscaping, golf course management, a DNR program or like studies.

One clarification was noted to last month's minutes. Regarding the Expo, it was mentioned that members got a \$1.00 discount on entrance fees with a club membership card. This was not true; there was not a discount for members.

There was no treasure's report given.

17 door prizes were handed out. Janice Bell donated several "Pink" phlox to be given away. We thank her for sharing. (Be sure to bring any extra plants you may have to share to the Pond Tour. It's a great fund raiser for the club.)

Meeting adjourned.....Respectfully submitted, Jackie Allsup



Dorothy Helms' pond



Time for dinner, compliments of Dorothy



Getting ready for the meeting



Another great shot of Dorothy's pond

A Big "Thank You" goes out to Bob Hollenbeck for sending me the pictures for the newsletter.

Remember each time you send something in for the newsletter, your name will go into a drawing held in November for a great prize.....

We Love a Parade!!!

If you caught the Freedom Festival Parade on television you probably saw the Eastern Iowa Pond Society's terrific entry.

The idea to have an entry in the parade this year was masterminded by one of our Co-Presidents, Gary Hunnerdosse. He suggested it at the May 26th club meeting, asking for volunteers at that time. His vision was to have his bright red pickup truck decked out with signs and other regalia, with pond club members walking behind and handing out information on the upcoming pond tour.



Well if you saw it you would agree, it was a great idea!

Gary and Jo had rigged the truck to support our club banner (beautifully crafted by Erma Thompson) high above the cab facing forward, to announce our presence coming at you. There were numerous fish windsocks, (the bright colored ones Kasey Novak had given everyone on the

tour last year) American flags, and even a fish spinner wind toy, attached high and all around the truck. Our new POND TOUR THIS WAY signs were there too making it very clear what this was all about. Gary and Jo had gone the extra mile in constructing large plywood signs to hang on the sides of the truck bed, emblazoned with our internet address: EIPS.ORG

Wow!! Easily readable and sturdy enough to be used year after year, there was no mistake that this was the pond club float. We had several members helping out. Gil Morley drove for us, Gary, Erma Thompson and grand daughter Taylor, Pam Moore, Rose Milden and Becki Lynch all walked behind and along side the vehicle, smiling and greeting the crowd while

handing out the brochures on the pond tour.

But the most fun part of all of this was the star attraction.....Jo Hunnerdosse was wearing the famous Stephanie Geers fish costume, riding in the back of the truck in a sea of blue, waving to the crowd angling many smiles and laughs from the onlookers! Talk about a colorful, fun and informative parade float!!! It was really up beat. Literally, because we also had recorded music playing, courtesy of Pam and Curt

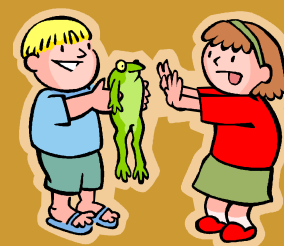
Moore, via a boom box strapped to the top of the cab, loaded with the songs of summerd brin! Everyone had a great time, from the long wait in the staging area, all the way to the end.

This was a pretty large parade with well over a hundred entries. You can be proud of the job done by your volunteers to promote the club and the tour. And you can be especially proud of Gary and Jo for putting so very much effort into this crowd pleasing display. It looked like so much fun this year, that it's a good bet many of the members will want to do it again next year!



Pre Pond Tour June 23rd

What a great time we had viewing the ponds. 47 members gathered at Rose and Jim Milden's home. Rose served treats with a cool drink. Gary drove up in his red truck still decorated from the parade for everyone to enjoy. Several new members attended, David & Karen Frieden, Paul Wise & Joan Folkmann, Larry & LouAnn Jayne, James & Nancy Houtz, Tammy & John Mill-sap. The Frieden's and Jayne's also volunteered to sit at a pond during the tour. How nice is that for just joining the club.....



A Big High Five to all involved in this year's Pond and Garden Tour..... participants and supporters.

Pictures and article by Tim Nolan

From the Editor...

Photo Contest
September 22nd

I love having my photo taken. See my big, big smile.



Pictures must be from your own home. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Lot of prizes. Lots of fun.

Size of picture 4X6

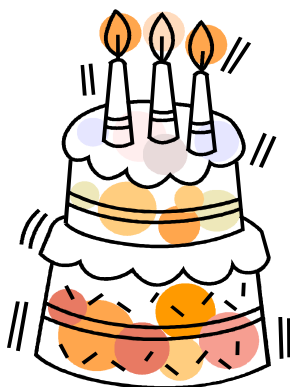
Here are the categories

- People in the Garden
- Flowers in the Garden
- Best Overall Garden View
- Most Unusual Garden Statues
- Fish and Frogs

Enter one or all categories
One picture per category

July Birthdays

Deb Gaddis	July 7
Dave Bell	July 8
Harry Allsup	July 9
Robert Geers	July 9
Carol Sindelar	July 14
Stephanie Geers	July 19
Roberta Ward	July 17
Joe Hall	July 23
Tom Hamilton	July 29



If you would like your birthday printed in the newsletter, e-mail us at mespring-cove@aol.com or sign in with the Hospitality Committee: Elena Murillo or Gil Morley.

This was the greenest pond I have seen. Last weekend I helped a neighbor clean his pond for the first time in 2 yrs. He had bought a house with a pond and had no clue what to do. The fish lived thru two winters with no up keep Here are a couple pic's by Monica Morey



Before



Owner "Troy"



After



It was a long afternoon, but we ended up with clear water, plus happy fish.....

Many rocks had to be restacked. The liner had to be pulled up on one side of the pond.

HELP LINE

Call the following members for advice for all your questions on fish health, construction of the pond, water garden plants. The list is long. Give them a try!!

Contact

Joe Olsen
319-334-2709
olywon@indytel.com

Dennis & Carol Sindelar
fishlounge1@cs.com
Requests e-mails only

Jackie Allsup
319/934-3665
Cedarserviceja@aol.com

Thank you!!!
To the members who offered a kind word when suggesting a couple of improvements to be made on the directions. I appreciated your input. Carol Sanderson and Joe and Deb Holtzman to mention a few.

Monica

Hosta of the Month by Josh Spece

'Bridegroom'

Ask anyone what their favorite Hostas are... the variegated ones, the blues, the golds. How often do you hear the greens? Not often! This is unfortunate, because a garden needs green to provide a rest from the bright colors and bold variegation that is so popular. Some of my favorite Hostas are "just plain green." One of those is 'Bridegroom'

'Bridegroom' is a lively plant that should be in every hosta collection. Somewhat triangular shaped leaves are dark green with a satin-like sheen and small ripples along the margin. The most unique feature of this hosta is the way the leaves are slightly

folded downward, leaving the leaf tip pointing to the sky. With a little imagination, it's not hard to see where the plant got its name! 'Bridegroom' will form a two foot wide clump that is unmistakable.

I'll admit that there are many green Hostas that are anything but exciting, but there are lots of

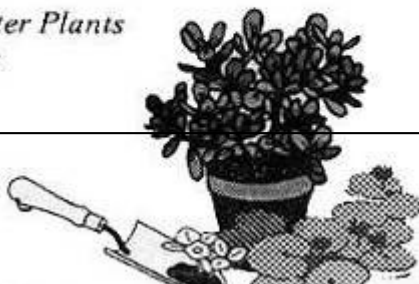
unique and distinct green plants, too. Try a couple among your brighter, showier Hostas. I bet you will come to love them!



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PRE -POND TOUR JUNE 23RD

Members gather at Rose & Jim Milden's

Rose & Jim Milden's pond



Deb Kontz talks about her pond



One of many little surprizes at the Kontz pond



Members viewing Jon & Jennifer Lewis' pond



Members at the Taylor's



Taylor's pond



Jon Lewis built his pond all on his own. Learning as he went.



Sindelar's pond, surrounded by beautiful plants.



Monica & Gil Morley and Elena Murillo's pond



Carol Sanderson walks across the bridge at the Morley's & Murillo pond



Sindelar's pond



Mark & Sue Baumann's pond



One of many things to see at the Baumann's



Eric Harbit's pond



Dick & Lavonne Isard's pond



Becki Lynch's unusual waterfall a must see....



EIPS Treasury

June 26, 2007

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Submitted by Pam Moore, Treas-

Beginning Balance: \$2480.31

Income:

Expo deposits	\$518.00
Dues	\$190.00
Expo income (total)	\$2641.00
Dividend	\$.11

Expenses:

May Newsletter	\$104.42
Cash for Expo	\$600.00
Office supplies	\$23.66
Ducks for Expo	\$32.51
Speaker Fee	\$100.00
Hawkeye Downs (Expo)	\$1075.00

Ending Checking Balance: \$3893.83

Ending Savings Account Balance: \$1007.30

June 2007

Beginning Balance: \$3893.83

Income:

Dues	\$40.00
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Expenses:

Brucemore (Garden Show)	\$15.00
Expo expenses	\$832.54
June Newsletter	\$134.77
Assoc. Koi Clubs	\$100.00

Checking Balance (6/26/07): \$2851.52

Reminder
Pond Host pick up your signs and Pond Sitters pick up packets and map at Rose and Jim Milden's. Times are on the pamphlets that were mailed to you also listed below. Any questions contact Monica -294-4866
Or
Jim - 364-4668

Plants can be dropped off at the Milden's

July 7th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Or
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Please price and name your plants.

Central Iowa
Water
Gardeners
Assoc. Ames
pond tour:
July 7th - 9-5

Northern Iowa
Water
Gardeners
pond tour:
July 15

Contact:
Mary Schwake
with questions
234-0603



UPPER MIDWEST KOI CLUB'S FIRST ANNUAL KOI SHOW AND PRODUCT EXPO

~ Our Invitation ~
August 4th and 5th, 2007
FREE ADMISSION



Upper Midwest Koi Club announces its inaugural Koi Show. This show celebrates some of the most exquisite animals ever kept. Bred for patterns, size and body shape, these animals create living art in our ponds and water features which are treasured by many keepers!

~ A First in The State of Minnesota ~

The time has come for all of us to celebrate the hobby with our inaugural Koi Show & Product Expo. The Upper Midwest Koi Club's first show - is a big first - the first Koi Show in the State of Minnesota. The club and its sponsors welcome you to our biggest celebration of the year. Come see some of the most beautiful animals in the upper Midwest or enter the competition by bringing a few of your own. Our premier sponsor "Bachman's" and the UMKC invite you to visit us and explore some of the most exciting products that serve this hobby.

An event not to be missed!

This show will be held on site at one of the best known garden centers in the upper-Midwest - Bachman's Lyndale. We wish to invite hobbyist who supports the Koi hobby to participate. Bachman's will be extensively advertising the event throughout the metro area, including local television coverage. Please visit our web site for more details.

<http://www.umkoiclub.org/>



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- ◆ Gifts for the water gardener

2007 Meeting Schedule

August 9 @ 7pm	Gary & Jo Hunerdosse—Cedar Rapids	“Summer Gardening” Master Gardener, Ellen Skripsy
August 25	Herman Michel—Cedar Rapids	Herman’s Birthday Celebration
Sept 13 @ 7pm	Joe & Judy Olsen—Independence	Open Discussion on Pond Related Topics
Sept 22 @ 4pm	Monica & Gil Morley / Elena Murillo	“Fall Bulbs” Master Gardener, Zora Ronan
October 27	Open—T.B. D	
November 17	Recognition & Election Night—T.B.D.	

Eastern Iowa Pond Society—Membership Application 2007

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
217 23rd St Dr SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

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 member to participation in all activities and receive a monthly newsletter.

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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. 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 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

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