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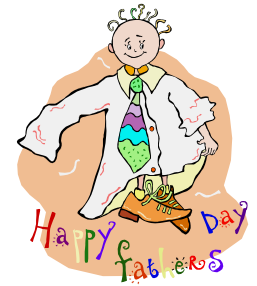
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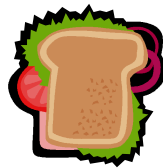
Beneath The Surface



A Compendium of Facts, Fancy, Tidbits, Tips

June, 2007

Meeting, Thursday, June 14th at 6:00 pm



Dorothy Helms will be hosting the meeting at her home,
2185 59th St
Vinton Iowa
319-472-3158

Dorothy will be serving sandwiches and drink



I 380 to Urbana on to Vinton to Main Street to stop lights on 218—Take a left to First Street right 5th Street and go 1 1/2 miles turning into 59th Street

From 30 take 218 to Vinton past elevator over bridge and take a left on 5th Street

Directions provided by the Hostess

Pre-Pond Tour Saturday, June 23rd at 2:00 pm

Rose and Jim Milden will be hosting the Pre-Pond Tour starting at their home
271 Lamplite Ln SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
319-364-4668

Join us for a fun and enjoyable time getting a sneak preview of the ponds on the 2007
Pond Tour

Different ways to drive to the Mildens:

Mt Vernon Ave to 34th St SE Go North to Lamplite Ln SE

Bever Ave to 34th St SE Go North to Lamplite Lane SE

Cottage Grove to 34th St SE Go South to Lamplite

Directions provided by the Host

Minutes—May 10th Meeting

The meeting was held in the home of Carol and Dennis Sindelar of Cedar Rapids. What a beautiful evening (finally) to sit outside and enjoy the meeting.

Co-president, Gary Hunerdosse, called the meeting together and began by letting new members Harvey & Sharon Petrie introduce and tell a little about themselves. They have had ponds for several years. New members, Deb and Joe Holtzman also said they have had ponds for many years, but are in the process of rebuilding bigger and better and are hoping to one day even enclose theirs in a 3 season room.

Minutes were ok'd as printed. There was no treasurer's report given. Jo Hunerdosse brought up for discussion whether we wanted to actually put the treasurer's report in detail in the minutes of each newsletter and thus out on the internet. Which, we have not done in the past. While some members felt the numbers were always available for public access just by asking, others felt they needed to be formally written in the minutes each time. After some discussion, it was decided to include the numbers in the minutes in the future.

In old/new business, Gary told the group that Carol Sindelar and he will be guest on the talk show "What's Happening". A day time talk show on WMT 600, they will have a chance to talk about the club and our upcoming Expo and Pond Tour for a whole hour on Thursday May 17th. I, Jackie Allsup, for the final time, asked people to sign up to volunteer and reminded them to hang posters and by all means, plan to attend!

Monica Morley talked about the upcoming Pond Tour. We have 9 ponds lined up already. This year's tour is July 8th and is Committee chaired instead of one single person overseeing it all. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Morley or Jim Milden, however. Jim Milden will host the prepond tour during his June 23rd meeting, which starts at 2:00. There will be a plant sale again this year. So, start saving your extra plants for the tour sale. Monica passed around a volunteer sheet for the tour so members could be thinking about that also. You can volunteer for a half or whole day again this year.

Jo presented a magazine and talked briefly about the new 2007 water plant releases. She passed it around for people to take a look at. One of the new plants was a Red Bog Lily. (Burgundy leaves and pretty pink flowers.) It was mentioned that Josh Spece carried this variety and that his open house was the upcoming weekend. Gary encouraged members to go and use their new membership cards to get a 10% discount.

I took a few minutes to talk to the club about the Kohaku (red and white koi) contest. Not really a contest at all, but at last year's Expo 6 of us all purchased Kohakus from Kloubec's. The experiment was for everyone to take their fish home and a year later we would come back and compare fish growth and color. 2 of the fish had passed during the year, one fish owner did not respond, and we showed pictures and discussed the environmental differences of the remaining 3. No real conclusions were discussed, but it was fun to compare growth at least.

Larry Tharp reminded club members that he again has the "Once a Year" plant fertilizer tabs for sale. They are 25 cents apiece.

Gary had Carol Sindelar talk to the club about their pond. She spoke about its care and wonderful variety of plants. They have 8 huge original koi, several home raised koi, and one huge albino catfish for population control. (Gee, I wonder who may have eaten their Kohaku?!) Their ponds are beautiful, water is crystal clear, and habitants seem healthy and happy.

A plant exchange was the featured entertainment of the meeting. Everyone that had plants told the group what they brought to share and any one that wanted to got to take home something.

Numerous door prizes were drawn for with lots of lucky winners.

Respectfully submitted.....Jackie Allsup

Treasurers Report submitted by Pam Moore

No treasures report this month.....

Any questions contact Pam Moore diverpug@yahoo.com or 319-362-3375

5/10/07 Meeting



Members waiting for the meeting to start.



Beautiful ferns donated from Deb and Bob Kontz

5/26/07 Meeting



Kacy & Quinn Novak's pond



Members at the meeting



Maria Hamilton checks Kacy's hosta collection

Members check out the pond



Kacy and Pat Bueter

The Novak's dog welcomes us



Minutes—May 26th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Co-President, Gary Hunerdosse, in the home of Kacy & Quinn Novak. Attendance: 22 members.

Kacy spoke about their pond. They have had preformed ponds for many years. During their house renovation, they decided to put in a 48 ft pond. During the process they took out 14 walnut trees. The pond is lined with clay. Richard Miene did the tiling and landscaped the yard. The Novak's have a total of 8 gardens, which include 2 butterfly gardens. The newest addition is a fountain they purchased this year at the Expo. Their pond is home to about 32 Koi.

Old Business.....

Pond Expo – Monica Morley passed out a financial report prepared by Jackie Allsup. Pam Moore noted several corrections/additions that were needed. Estimated attendance was 320. Pam felt that there was a low number of member volunteers. It was suggested that next year we work on increasing the involvement by members.

Pond Tour Committee Report Monica shared a pamphlet that would be mailed to the pond owners in June. She also passed around sign-up sheets for pond sitters. Pond owners would be responsible for picking up and returning signs. Pond sitters would be responsible for picking up the money. Both would be available the day before at Jim & Rose Milden's home. The plant sale will also be at the Milden's. Plants may also be dropped off the day before the tour. Pat Beuter has the signs and pools.

New Business.....

* Gary Hunerdosse opened a discussion about alternating the Expo with the Central Iowa Water Garden Association. There is a feeling that the EIPS would not host the Expo next year. By alternating, Dave Bell thought we would be able to cover a wider geographical area. The majority of club members present favored the idea of alternating. It was suggested that Jackie Allsup contact Jamie Beyer about the interest of his club to host the Expo and possibly some of our members could meet with members of his club. Dick Isard suggested that instead of an Expo, we have several speakers come in for a day and speak to the club. Monica said that the Beems Auditorium was available at no cost and we could open it up to the public, but could not charge. This would be an opportunity to share with the community.

Other observations regarding the Expo: \$1.00 entrance discount with membership card. Several vendors reported a better business than last year. Faith Miene said several attendees were looking for water lilies and lotus. It was suggested that if anyone had extras, they should include them in the plant sale during the Pond Tour. Dave Bell suggested an exit poll be done to find out if the Expo met the expectations of the vendors. Also, in the future, finding out what communities the attendees are coming from might be useful information.

Gary thanked the Pond Expo Committee.

* Jim Milden suggested part of the proceeds from the pond tour be used to set up a scholarship at Kirkwood. It would be similar to a scholarship offered by the Master Gardeners: a \$500/year awarded to a 2nd year student in golf course management course or park & natural resource program. The student would maintain a 3.0 grade and demonstrate financial need. EIPS should consider this for a long-term and a trust could be set up through Kirkwood. Kirkwood would administer and select the student. It was suggested that we present the scholarship to the student at a meeting. Kirkwood needs a commitment by the third week of June, so that it can be included in their publication. Jo Hunerdosse moved that the pond tour committee finalize the guidelines and present it at the next meeting for a vote. The motion was seconded and carried.

* Monica asked if the club ever had a rain date for the pond tour. After some discussion, it was decided that it would be too hard to determine when to cancel. Also it was an imposition on the pond owners and sitters to have a rain date.

* Gary H. suggested the club enter the Freedom Festival Parade on June 23 – 9am. The entrance fee is \$10.00 and it would be good advertising. Dave Bell moved that we authorize spending \$10 to get in the parade. Motion was seconded and carried. Following members have fish windsocks that could be used: Nolan, Helms, Thompson, Bell and Moore..

* Gary H. referred to a suggestion from last year regarding viewing ponds at night and offered the idea of a Progressive Dinner in the fall. We could visit 4 ponds. The ponds could be lit with pond lighting, torches, candles, etc. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

* It was suggested that Sharon Wiese, founder of the club, be made a honorary life-time member. A motion was made, seconded, and carried.

* Tim Nolan suggested that a note from the President be included in the next newsletter informing members that they pay for a ticket to the pond tour.

* Monica. announced that in appreciation of Sue Emerick, president of the Upper Midwest Koi Club in Minneapolis, speaking at the Expo at no charge, she will be donating a quilted wall hanging, made by Maria Hamilton, as a thank you from the Club. Also, Sue will be offering her CD for \$20.00. Details will be in the June newsletter. Kacy is donating the CD she won at the Expo to the Club's library.

* Monica. announced a photo contest for late September. Categories: People in the Garden, Flowers in the Garden, Best Overall Garden View, Most Unusual, Garden Statues, and Fish & Frogs.

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From the Editor...

Get your camera out..... NEW contest in the works for September 22nd meeting at the Morley's/Murillo home. The pictures will be an addition to the 2006 contest pictures. The public enjoys looking at the photo book at club events.

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

Pictures must be from your own home. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Lot of prizes. Lots of fun. If you missed last year's contest, here is your second chance.

Size of picture
4X6

2007 Expo pictures



Denny Taylor, Larry Tharp, Gil Morley in line to give a helping hand.



Jackie Allsup watches as Larry Thompson & Gil Morley move fish.



Members enjoy the potluck.



President, Gary Hunerdosse, tries his luck with the ducks to win a prize.



Jamie Beyer swaps garden stories with member, Elena Murillo.

Honorary Member Sharon Weiss

In recognition for being the founder of the Eastern Iowa Pond Society in 1996.

Congratulations Sharon!!!!



June Birthdays

Erma Thompson June 24

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



More 2007 Expo Pictures



Curt & Pam Moore selling tickets.



Joe & Deb Holtzman look at baby koi at the Kloubec's booth.



Robert & Roberta Ward (left) with Gil Morley work the membership table.



Jamie Beyer with his friend Grumpy. He is one the surprises found in Jamie's garden.

Our 2007 Expo is Over.....

Shewww...I'm beat. What a busy weekend for club members. Our second attempt at hosting a trade show with speakers is complete. I'm sitting down today to summarize the event and give thanks. The Expo is 2 full days of volunteer work and so without YOU helping, it just couldn't happen.

It starts about 9:00 Friday morning. Greg Bickal had already set up 2 big water tanks and filled them so the water could be warming for vendors. Gary Hunerdosse, who barely left the building all weekend, was there to help open up. (You know, if I start listing all these people that were there to help I'll miss someone, so I apologize now.) The Morley's, Thompsons, Sindelars, Tharps, and numerous others all began to show up to help measure off areas, set up tables and chairs, and help vendors unpack and setup. Gary spent a lot of his day helping to put together the large gazebo that you saw there. That was no small feat. Others made signs, decorated tables, and generally helped where they could. By late afternoon, Prairie Creek had their pond display basically set up. (It's always fun to watch them turn a cement floor into a working pond in a few hours.) Several vendors were there and the club tables were looking pretty snazzy. Harry had started the grill out back and the smell of roasting chicken and pork loin finally out-smelled ADM's pungent aroma. Club members began to pour in bringing additional potluck food to share with workers and vendors alike. It is so appreciated by the vendors. Thank you everyone for bringing something. It was a great feed with lots of variety. It was about 9:00-10:00 before everyone got out of there that evening.

Saturday morning found Gary, again the first one there, opening the doors for early risers and late vendors. Water hoses were running everywhere and trucks were still backing into the huge overhead doors. At 9:00 the doors were open to the public and business was pretty busy most of the morning hours.

I certainly hope you got to listen to some of our great speakers. Jamie Beyer is always so energetic. He spoke twice during the day and pretty much stayed around all day to talk to people and meet members. Doug Dent with Ecological Labs talked on water quality. He's such a great speaker also, using common metaphors to help us understand the more complicated chemistry that can make up our water quality. In a conversation I had with him later in the day, he spoke about how all the swimming pools in Europe were now going to use veggie filters to filter them instead of the standard chlorine chemicals. While much of his display did not arrive so that he had product to sale, he was still available all day to talk about all water issues you may have had.

And, Sue Emerick. She drove 6 1/2 hours, got caught in a traffic jam, from Minnesota, arrived just in time for her talk, gave over an hour talk on fish health, and promptly left to return to MN. Charged us not one dime! What a super person. Greg Bickal gave his talk on DIY construction. He left everyone with that "I can do this" attitude. Again, no charge to the club. Jamie only charged us mileage and Doug only an overnight. Everywhere I go, I'm amazed at how kind and truly dedicated our experienced speakers are to the hobby.

And speaking of giving, while many members helped to put this all together, I want to give special recognition to committee members that put in many behind the scene hours. I tried to delegate authority, so dishing out jobs to people meant many of them stepped right up to help do things. Tim Nolan, kind of stepped forward and put together the door prize games. While I saw him "out and about" a couple times, for the most part he was behind the duck pond all day. He did a great job calling in people and encouraging them to try their luck. If you thought our club table looked all professional and everything, well, that was mostly Monica's hard work. She had nice membership tablets and pond tour handouts all made up. Nobody asked her to do all this, she just saw a need and went ahead and spent the many computer hours putting them together. Pam Moore and Jo Hunerdosse handled the money matters for us. Kacy Novak, while you may not have seen much of her all day, was working hard announcing all our speakers and welcoming all our guests to the Expo. Did I mention our president; Gary Hunerdosse was there dawn to dusk on both days? And again the Sindelars and Thompsons were in on all the early planning meetings, setup, and right through to tear down. Monica and Jim Milden were responsible for much of our advertising this year. Who else did I see pitching in to help: Geers, Wards, Gaddis, Mienes,well lots of members brought food. I just can't thank you all enough for the support and help putting this all together.

I believe the plant vendors all felt good leaving. Again, this year we had 3 no-shows. 2 of these were fish dealers and one garden statue vendor. Some fish vendors said they didn't sell as much, while others were elated. I saw lots of people going out the door with plants and a new fish to call their own. While other vendors weren't selling anything I hope they are happy with the awareness they brought to the public about their business.

So I'm calling it another huge success! It may not be a huge money maker for the club, but the awareness it gives the public about our club's existence is beyond any single other thing we do. There is no other "club" that would even attempt to put on a whole trade show to just focus on their hobby. Not many would have the volunteers that could pull it off. EIPS can and did. I'm proud and thankful to all of you.

Committee chair – Jackie Allsup



Catch the Fever of Water Gardening

2007 Pond & Garden Tour
July 8, 2007
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Rain or Shine

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www.eips.org

Different styles and sizes, home made and professionally built..
Some ponds never before on the tour.
Go at your own pace, see them all or only the ones you
choose.

Cedar Rapids

271 Lamplite Ln SE.....Plant Sale
2315 Linden Dr SE
1754 D Ave NE
68 36th Ave SW
2818 Southland St SW
6702 Spring Cove Ct NE
1028 Rolling Creek Dr NE
331 Carnaby Dr NE

Hiawatha

1385 Robins Rd

Marion

1990 41st St

Tickets (wristbands) and
directions available at each
pond.

Adults 5.00 each under 13 yrs
free.

No discounts for members

Watch for the ad in the Gazette
and Penny Saver.

Get ideas, get exposed to the different styles of water garden ponds.



Need volunteers

- Plant Sale at Milden's 10:00 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 4:00
- Becki Lynch - 68 36th Ave SW 10:00 to 12:30
- Dennis & SJ Taylor - 331 Carnaby Dr NE 10:00 to 12:30
- Dick Isard - 2818 Southland St SW 12:30 to 4:00
- Eric Harbit - 1960 41st St, Marion 10:00 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 4:00
- Jon & Jennifer Lewis - 1028 Rolling Creek NE 10:00 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 4:00

This is next door to the Morley's and Murillo home

For the pond owners and pond sitters, afterwards enjoy dinner from BBQ This!!! The Club is purchasing the pulled pork and drink. Held at the Morley and Murillo home 6702 Spring Cove Ct NE. Come and have good food and talk about the days' event.

From the President.....

I LOVE A PARADE!

Well at least for June 23 I do. That's the day EIPS will have an entry in the Freedom Festival Parade to promote the Pond Tour. Our design is simple- decorate a generously offered pickup truck with pond related wind socks, flags and any other flying apparatus. We will include our banner and we have obtained the world famous Stephanie Geers fish costume and a willing volunteer to wear it. Anyone interested in taking part contact Gary or Jo. We will need a few walkers to pass out the pond tour information or a driver and I will walk (oops I think I just revealed the identity of the generous donor of the truck).

A BIG THANK YOU!!! From the Presidents for all the hard work of the many volunteers of the Expo, it was great!

Other items of business coming up: we plan to finalize arrangements for a scholarship at the June 14th meeting so we really need to have a good turn out for this meeting at Dorothy Helms in Vinton. Keep in mind the pre-pond tour meeting June 23 and be getting those plants ready for the Pond Tour Plant Sale! Plans are in the works for a members only Pond Tour this fall in the evening to enjoy the lights in and around some of our ponds. This will also involve food so stay tuned for details.

Happy Pondering!

Gary & Jo

More pictures from ponds gardens on the tour.

Bob & Deb Kontz



Rose & Jim Milden



Becki Lynch



Lots to see on this tour. Tell your friends, spread the word.....

POND TOUR 2007

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Eric Harbit
1960 41 St Marion

NEW

Two ponds, one in the front 24'x16' and the back 24'x16' with a 100 ft stream. He used Aqua Blue Granite in the construction. His pond is the home to koi.

Rose & Jim Mildren
271 Lamplite LN SE

NEW

A 125 gallon preformed pond with waterfall about 5'x9'. Installed by owners. It has goldfish and many plants. A garden railroad runs around the pond. it's the Rosedale Trolley Line.



Dick & Lavonne Isard
2818 Southland ST SW

NEW

12'x37'x3' pond constructed by owner using sand base sides, rock top with liner 4' falls 7'river. This pond is in the construction stage, a great one to see if you are considering putting in your own.

Bob & Deb Kontz
2315 Linden Dr SE

NEW

Pond is two years old. The size is 8' by 8'. The construction is railroad ties, cinder blocks and liner. Installed by owner. While the front is level with the ground, the back of the pond is actually "above ground" a couple of feet.



Becki Lynch
68 36th Ave SW

NEW

Water feature contains a falls of stair steps 4' wide 7' long. Installed by family. A bottom pond with a sandy beach entrance for wildlife. It is a home to approximately 80 fish. Has a great flower garden surrounding the pond. You'll want to see this one!



Mark & Sue Baumann
1385 Robins Rd, Hiawatha

NEW

There pond is approx. 10,000 to 12,000 gal. Approx. 20' to 25' x 4' deep. They installed it themselves. They have a few koi. 2 waterfalls, 30' creek, lots of hand picked rock. It's 4 yrs old.

Carol & Dennis Sindelar
1754 D Ave NE

2003 pond tour participants. 25'x15' x4 1/2' pond. Half is 4' deep and 1/2 is 2' deep. They installed it in 1999 with friends and family. Two skimmer boxes with pump and one large waterfall. 3' tall 3' wide. Rubber liner—fallsbox was specially constructed from plywood and fiberglass to fit the splash stones. Ponds contains lilies, cattails, forget-me-nots. The surrounding gardens feature Bearded Iris and Daylilies.



Gil & Monica Morley and Elena Murillo
6702 Spring Cove Ct NE

2003 pond tour participants. They have a 4300 gal. two ponds with a connecting stream with 5 waterfalls. 25 koi and many goldfish. Rubber liner with many boulders. Installed by County Landscapes in 2002. Large garden surrounds the pond with many flowers. Lots to see at this pond and garden.

Jon & Jennifer Lewis
1028 Rolling Creek NE

NEW

It is 8'x6'x2' deep. Jon installed it himself using rubber roof liner with 2 waterfall /pump kits. They have waterfall planter boxes in both waterfalls. The pond is landscaped with various sizes of river rock and large stones harvested from farmers' fields. Also a nice flower garden.

This pond is next door to Spring Cove Ct (Morley's)



Sj and Denny Taylor
331 Carnaby Dr NE

NEW

Pond is 10' x 20' with a stream about 25'. It was built into the side of a small slope with a stone retaining wall on the front side. It was professionally designed and installed. They have goldfish. A rippling brook begins at the top of a gentle slope with a cascade of small waterfalls, and flows between a couple of trees and ends with another waterfall into the pond. A garden railroad loops around 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

Koi Looking For A Good Home

Contact Kacy Novak
At 362-0487
cqknovak@msn.com
Kacy has many you can choose from.

In The Country Garden & Gifts. E.I.P.S. members receive a 10% discount. Must show your current membership card at time of purchase.

Hosta of the Month by Josh Spece

'Blue Mouse Ears'

Occasionally, a new Hosta comes along and instantly causes a big stir among Hosta growers. Such is the case with Hosta 'Blue Mouse Ears'. 'Blue Mouse Ears' was almost discarded when it showed up as a mutation in a group of 'Blue Cadet' plants in a nursery in 1987. Luckily, the nursery owner gave it to his friends, Emile and Jane Deckert, who grew it in their garden for the next twelve years. Not being Hosta aficionados, the little plant was mostly neglected until one spring it really caught Emile's eye. He thought the unfurling leaves looked like a mouse's ear and so it was named.

Still not aware of what a treasure they had, the Deckert's decided to sell some divisions of 'Blue Mouse Ears' on E-Bay. Hosta collectors immediately took note and the plants sold for enormous



prices. Hosta 'Blue Mouse Ears' has continued to quickly gain momentum and has been widely available since 2003. It has been awarded Hosta of the Year for 2008.

Hosta 'Blue Mouse Ears' forms a small mound up

to 16 inches across and 8 inches tall. The blue leaves are nearly perfectly round and have a thick, leathery substance. In summer, short scapes of lavender flowers form a neat bouquet above the plant.

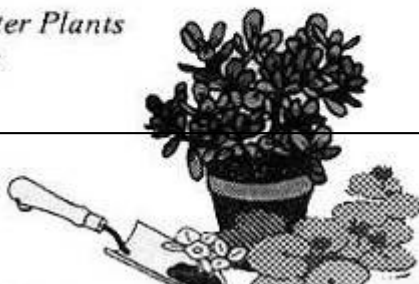
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Special Thanks to the following members for helping at the

2007 Expo

Friday set-up

- Gil & Monica Morley*
- Gary Hunerdosse*
- Jackie & Harry Allsup*
- Rita & Larry Tharp
- Roberta & Robert Ward*
- Tim & Linda Nolan*
- Pam Moore*
- Erma & Larry Thompson*
- Robert Hollenbeck
- Herman Michel*
- Greg Bickel
- Carl Unkel
- Joe & Deb Holtzman*
- Dave Bell*
- Carol & Dennis Sindelar*
- Denny Taylor*

*** members also at the potluck**

Potluck Friday

- Dorothy Helms
- Sharon Weiss
- Deb & Roy Gaddis
- Janice Bell
- Rosie Michel
- Tom & Maria Hamilton

Worked Saturday

- Pat Bueter
- Jackie & Harry Allsup
- Roberta & Robert Ward
- Gil & Monica Morley
- Erma & Larry Thompson
- Bob & Stephanie Geers
- Pam & Curt Moore
- Tim Nolan
- Dave Bell
- Faith & Richard Miene*
- SJ Taylor*
- Kacy Novak

Clean up Saturday

- Harry & Jackie Allsup
- Erma & Larry Thompson
- Jo & Gary Hunerdosse
- Monica & Gil Morley
- Dave Bell
- Tim Nolan
- Carol & Dennis Sindelar
- Faith Miene



The Pond Tour Committee recommends a scholarship be established with proceeds from the pond tour each year. Club members will vote on this issue at the next meeting.

Eastern Iowa Pond Society Scholarship Guidelines

Amount: \$500 per year

Criteria:

- Award to one student
- Must be a second-year student in one of the following programs: Golf Course and Turfgrass Management, Landscape, Nursery and Garden Center Management, or Park and Natural Resources.
- Must be resident of Iowa
- Must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
- Must include in summary how this scholarship will assist you in attaining your educational goals.

Committee Chairmen

Hospitality.....Elena Murillo

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Community Service..... open - no volunteers

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Water Garden Tour.....Morley's, Milden's, Hunerdosse's

Programs.....open - no volunteers

Splash! Beneath The Surface

Joe Hall has been a water gardener for 10 years. Joe has a railroad that he has incorporated into his water garden.....very cool. His favorite water plant are the water lilies. His pond has 4 goldfish with no names. Joe spends his



ponding time

corralling plants, chasing away ducks, and enjoying the entire water garden. Joe joined the club 2 years ago because he knew that he could get expert advise from the other members. The answer to the question “who has had the shortest meeting?” is Joe

Hall. During the first 5 minutes of the meeting the loudest thunder roared from the sky and everyone scattered . It turned out to be one of the biggest hail storms we had. But quite a few members did get to enjoy seeing the pond with the railroad moving in and around the water.



Joe participated in this years' 2007 Pond Expo. If you are interested in railroads, Joe is the man you want to talk to. Ask him about the Cedar Valley Railroad Society

Joe Hall on the right in picture.

WELCOME

New Members

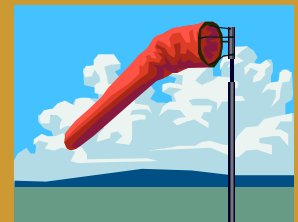
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Jane West
John W. Bailey

Richdeer 3 Pond Supplies
Larry & Julie Nelson
Ken & Margie Morgan



A BIG CONGRADULATIONS
Goes out to long time member Edna Rife. For receiving a Virtuoso Trophy from Kalina Melodies 14th Annual Piano Contest

May 27th in Milestones
Cedar Rapids Gazette



A BIG THANK YOU TO PRAIRIE CREEK NURSERY

Members, Shirley and Kevin Bailey are donating wind socks to each of our ponds on the tour.

What a great way to catch the eye of the public visiting the ponds. Stop in to see Shirley and Kevin at Prairie Creek Nursery 4100 Bowling St SW Cedar Rapids IA

* Gary received an E-mail from Abby Robertson. She purchased a pond without instructions and is looking for some help. He will pass along the email addresses of the Pond Help Line: Joe Olsen, Sindelar's, and Jackie Allsup.

.....**Open Pond Discussion**.....

Monica asked how does a UV filter work? Kills all bacterial, including beneficial bacteria in a pond. Larry Thompson has had success, however, states that there is a balance that needs to be maintained. Also, it can be expensive. Several members felt that the koi preferred and thrived in cloudy water. The Hunerdosse's used one last year just before the pond tour and found that it cleared the pond water in a short time.

Monica also asked if anyone did a 20% water change. Both the Mildens and Thompson's do this on a regular basis. Larry suggested that you siphon out water into a 5 gallon bucket in order to keep track of the quantity. He also said that 10-15% would make a difference.

Motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Prizes were not available.

A special thanks to our hosts who provided a meal at the end of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Hamilton, co-editor

2007 Meeting Schedule		
July 8	Pond Tour	
July 28 @ 5 pm	Jackie Allsup—Quasqueton	“Hybrid Lily—Queen of the Garden”
	Master Gardener, Joyce Robison	
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	Gil & Monica 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.

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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 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.

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