

BENEATH THE SURFACE

NEWSLETTER FOR EIPS MEMBERS

June/July 2012

FROM THE EDITOR



Hello everyone. I hope this finds all of you in both a healthy and happy place. I know this summer is one of the warmest and driest I have ever seen. Here it hoping August cools down some.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



August 1, 2012

Well June and July are in the books and what a time for all of us. The pond tour was in July and by all accounts, it was very successful. I want to personally thank each and every person that helped in any way with the event. We are pulled together and pulled off the biggest pond tour our club has ever done. Kudos to everyone. I am particularly happy to who ever arranged for that day's weather. It was awesome.

Proceeds from the pond tour will be donated to the Building a Dream in the Country, and at the next meeting we should have a final total as to our donation.

MEETING MINUTES.

Meeting Minutes 6/23/12

The Saturday, June 23, 2012 meeting was held at the Kloubec Koi Farm in Amana. President Jeff Garner called the business meeting to order at 5:04 P.M. Thirty-six members were in attendance. Jeff thanked the Myron and Ellen Kloubec for their warm hospitality.

Jackie Allsup presented the Treasurer's Report, dated May 24, 2012 to June 21, 2012. Jackie reported that the club has funds of \$1439.07 in checking and \$2827.12 for a total in the bank of \$4266.19.

Committee Reports

Pond Tour Committee

Tim Nolan and Curt Moore received a big round of applause for their work in creating this year's beautiful online pond tour brochure. The online brochure includes photos and descriptions of all 22 ponds on this year's tour.

The Pond Tour Committee members were also given a big round of applause for putting together the club's largest tour to date.

Pam Moore and Jackie Allsup reported that all of the pond sitter positions have been filled except two half-day spots. Rose Milden reported that Hy-Vee Garden Centers have been contacted and two have agreed to donate plants. Jeff Garner reported that Wal-Mart has also agreed to donate \$200.00 worth of plants to the Pond Tour's Plant Sale. Jeff reminded members to donate plants from their gardens for the sale, as well.

Jeff Garner and Pam Moore will represent the EIPS Garden Tour on WMT Radio's morning show on Wednesday, June 27th.

Kerry Shaner will represent the EIPS Garden Tour on KCRG's Morning MugShot on Wednesday, July 4th.

There are news articles featuring the Pond Tour forthcoming in the Gazette and the Penny Saver.

Jeff announced that the Pre-Pond Tour (southern route) will be held on Friday, July 6th. The Friday Pre-Pond Tour will begin at 6:00 P.M. in West Branch, IA at the home of Robert and Connie Van Sickle - 126 Scott Drive.

Pond sitters may pick up their packets at this time. If you will not be attending the Pre-Pond Tour, please contact Jackie Allsup to make other arrangements.

On Saturday, July 7 there will be a Pre-Pond Tour (northern route) beginning at 3:00 P.M. Members will meet at the home of Wayne and Pat Beuter, 318 Mill Street, Walker, IA.

On Sunday, July 8th (immediately following the Pond Tour, approximately 5:15) there will be a Post-Pond Dinner at Bickal Koi Farm, 3653 Toddville Road, Toddville, IA. Anyone helping with the tour is invited to participate. This is a catered event, so please **RSVP** to Jeff Garner if you plan to attend.

New Business

There was discussion regarding the club newsletter and the frequency of issues. Larry Jayne made a motion to reduce the number of newsletters to four times per year (quarterly). The motion was seconded. A hand vote was taken; motion carried.

Jackie Allsup recommended, and members agreed that the meeting minutes would need to be submitted (following each meeting) to Josh Spece for placement on the club website. This practice will ensure that there is always and up-to-date record of club actions and activities.

Announcements

Mechanicsville Library Pond Walk - Sunday, June 24 1-4 P.M.

The library will be hosting a Pond Walk. Get inspired or simply admire our neighbor's ponds, water features, fish and landscaping. Cost is \$5.00/person, children under 12 are free. Pay admission at the library, get a wristband and map. There are 7 ponds/water features to tour. The proceeds will go to the building of the Reading Garden at the library.

Central Iowa Water Garden Association (Des Moines area)

17th Annual Water Garden Tour

Saturday, July 21, 2012

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Admission: \$10.00

Nine gardens and water features, details may be found online at:

<http://www.ciwga.org/garden%20tours.html>

The American Hemerocallis Society - Region One

Summer Meeting and Garden Tour

Kirkwood Community College Event Center

Friday, July 20 through Sunday, July 22

The conference is not just for daylily lovers but for all garden enthusiasts.

Check online for registration details. www.CVIDS.org

The club's business meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Immediately following the business meeting, Myron and Ellen Kloubec presented an interesting and entertaining program on the workings of their Koi Farm followed by a tour of their facilities. The Kloubecs provide wholesale and retail sales of their koi. Anyone interested in buying retail, may shop online at or in person on Saturday mornings, 8:30 - Noon. Please give Myron and Ellen a "heads-up" call if you plan to stop in on a Saturday morning.

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Following our meeting at the Kloubec's, twenty-nine members topped off a great evening with a wonderful dinner at the Ronneburg Restaurant in Main Amana.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathi Albrecht, Secretary Pro-Tem

Thank you Kathi for being Secretary at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS

OUR NEXT MEETING WITH BE AT DENNIS AND CAROL SINDELAR THIS COMING THURSDAY EVENING AUGUST 9TH

**1754 D AVE NE
CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA**

DENNIS AND CAROL ARE HOSTING OUR MEETING AND IT WILL START AT SIX PM. BELOW IS FROM CAROL HERSELF AND SHE HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO MAKE CHICKEN BREASTS AND WE ALL SHOULD BRING A DISH TO SHARE. I SUGGEST LAWN CHAIRS ALSO.

DENNIS WILL SPEAK ON AQUARIUMS AND BRINGING OUR FISH INSIDE FOR THE WINTER. THANK YOU DENNIS AND CAROL FOR HOSTING

I can grill some marinated chicken breast slices. Have everyone bring a dish to share. I'll have Iced Tea and lemonade. And I will have paper plates, plastic forks, and cups.

Dennis & I will present something on setting up a tank to winter the fish

This will be our first meeting since June so hopefully we can have a good turnout. It will be nice to discuss our pond tour with all of us together.

St Louis Trip

On July 27th many a brave EIPS and Northern Iowa Koi Society members loaded themselves onto a bus and headed to St Louis. We saw some wonderful ponds and were treated very nicely by our neighbors to the south. The Chinese lantern show at the Missouri Botanical Gardens was quite a sight to behold.

Our members took many photos and I am asking them to bring them to this next meeting so we can show those that were not able to attend. Here is a couple taken by member Robert Hollenbeck. Thank you Robert







Well that is all for now. Please try to attend the meeting this Thursday if you can thanks
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