

November 2006

## Beneath The Surface



*A Compendium of Facts, Fancy, Tidbits, Tips*

The November meeting will be:  
Saturday, November 18, 2006  
Cooper's Mill Restaurant  
100 F Ave NW Cedar Rapids  
Members will pay for their own meal.

There will be a room reserved for EIPS.

This is the end of the season, **elections** and planning for 2007 meetings. If you are interested in the life of the club, this is the meeting to attend. Do you have a topic you would like covered at a meeting? We will be brainstorming meeting program ideas. Would you like the club to come visit your pond? There will be an opportunity to sign up to host a meeting. Want to be on the pond tour? We will get started on the 2007 pond tour, selecting a committee and location.

EIPS is a great club, built on a solid foundation from years of commitment from its founding members. Come build on that foundation and continue sharing the joy of ponding.

# Meeting minutes

October 21, 2006 meeting

The meeting was called to order on a rainy Saturday after noon by president Monica Morley. Hosts Larry & Erma Thompson were gracious enough to invite the 12 members in attendance into their family room which overlooks the ponds. We all took a pre-meeting tour of the Fish & Bird room, admiring the indoor ponds where some beautiful goldfish and floating islands of plants were being wintered.

Larry was very organized and lead a discussion on winterizing our ponds. The group created a list of items we felt were the minimum that needed to be done to keep fish in the pond over the winter in Iowa.:

- \* Heater and aerator to keep a hole in the ice. The heater did not need to be on at all times but available when the weather gets really cold to keep the hole open. An air stone will keep a hole open most of the winter.

- \* We discussed the super cooling controversy briefly.
- \* Remove dead leaves/debris prior to the freeze
- \* Inspect fish for disease prior to reaching 50 °
- \* If necessary (if you or your neighbors have trees, “leaf net” to keep leaves out
- \* Good water quality to start the winter season. Do a water change in late fall.

Other suggestions:

- \* Noodles can be used as floatation to float the leaf net, etc.
- \* A truck tire makes a good light holder for the deicer.
- \* Driftwood (an noodles) can be added to cushion the affects of ice expansion on the pond liner.
- \* Building a greenhouse over the pond can keep water temps above 40° most winters.
- \* How deep is deep enough for fish in Iowa—2 1/2 feet minimum. 48 inches id the contractor’s frost line. The deeper the better.
- \* The group discussed how long members felt fish will survived if the pond freezes over? A day, maybe two. Not long. Be repaired with a heater that can be plugged in.

Then the members shared how thy wintered their ponds.

Pond Owner	# years	Depth	filter on/off	fish # & Size	Method
Thompson	1	4’-6’	on 9 mo.	17 @ 12”-28”	Home made Green House cover
Thompson	1	2’-4’	on 7 months	18 @ 6”-12”	Hole in Ice—Heater/Aeration
Sindelar	7	4’	off 5 months	24 @ 22”	Aeration with Heater backup
Morley	4	4’	on all year	100 @ 6”-13”	Rumps run with heater & Aeration
Hunderdosse	3	5’	on 9 months	50 @ 6”-22”	Air so gases can escape
Milden		18”	Turn off & empty the pond and take the fish inside for the winter.		

Treasurer’s report

    Bruce more event registration & supplies      \$22.86  
 September & October newsletters      153.81      ending balance \$4426.08

Erma had plenty of yummy snacks and as we enjoyed her hospitality Monica shared some announcements:

- \* No door prizes today. Not available
- \* Passed clipboard to sign up for 2007 meetings
- \* November meeting will be at Cooper’s Mill in CR. Dutch treat. Election of officers, recognition of members, and the year end door prize drawing. Reminder, you must be present to win. So if you were at any of the meetings this year your name will be in the drawing.
- \* If members are attending craft sales this fall and come across people who should be invited to exhibit at our expo, get their contact information to Monica or Jackie.
- \* Please watch for county extension service bus trips to garden shows so we can share the information in the newsletter next year.
- \* Monica is looking for winter pond pictures to show how they look frozen and how the opening looks..
- \* Monica shared some of the input received from an idea handout from the last meeting. A copy is included in this issue and the club would appreciate your input. Is EIPS meeting your ponding information and support needs?

Meeting adjourned and the Hawkeye’s game was turned on. Go Hawks!

Submitted—Carol Sindelar

Circle and/or list ideas that you would like the club to do in the next year. Add comments.

### Ideas to improve attendance

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Informal Dec & Jan meetings? Yes/no?

### Seminar topics

- 1.
- 2.

### Field trip Ideas

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**MyIdeas**

### Meeting Topics

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Mini Night time Pond  
Tour to view lights in  
ponds. Yes/no  
Do you have lights and  
would you participate?  
Yes/no

### Comments & suggestions

Return to Monica at or before the November meeting.  
You can also email your comments.

Some ideas that have  
already come in for 2007:

- \* Fund Raiser calendars with members ponds as the pictures.
- \* Summer BBQ
- \* EXPO
- \* Later meetings on Saturdays
- \* Go back to 7 pm Saturday or Sunday meetings
- \* Evening meetings on Saturdays
- \* Fall weenie roast
- \* Monthly treasurer's report in the newsletter
- \* Bus trip for members
- \* Picnic (social) with a Saturday meeting once or twice
- \* Form a "Pond Squad" to assist members with problems
- \* Bus Trip to Botanical Gardens in Chicago
- \* Another swap meeting to exchange plants, fish or no longer needed equipment

## From the Editor's Desk

I have receiving may thanks for a job well done on the newsletter. I just want to share my belief about a good newsletter. It is only good if the organization's members contribute interesting articles and reports. Thanks for the support and keep up the good writing and help the new editor look good.

Carol

## Birthday wishes for the Month of November

Larry Thompson	4th
Robert Hollenbeck	29th
Joyce Jensen	30th

We would love to remember your birthday. If you have not submitted your birthday, please contact the Hospitality Committee

Elena & Gil



# Eastern Iowa pond Society Membership Application 2006

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  
2003 206th Street  
Independence, Iowa 50644

Dues are \$10.00 per calendar year.  
Make checks payable to Eastern Iowa Pond Society.

\_\_\_\_\_ New Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

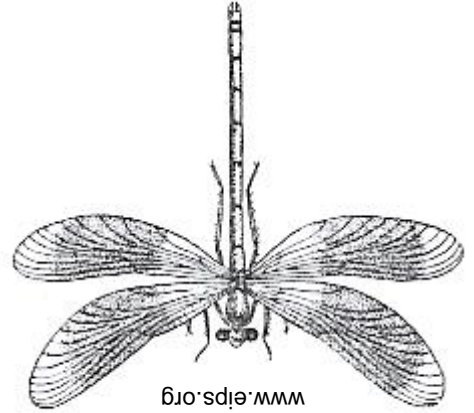
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\_\_\_\_\_ Please mail the monthly newsletter to me.

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Volunteers are needed to help with these committees.

- Community Service—organize community service projects
- Programs— identify and organize programs and speakers for meetings
- Commercial Relations—establish and maintain our relationship with retailers
- Hospitality Committee—welcome new members, provide mentoring
- Writing \committee—help write and organize the newsletter
- Water Garden Tour Committee—coordinate and conduct tour annual tour
- Publicity Committee—organize and get publicity for meetings and activities
- Recognition Committee—send thanks yous to presenters & business sponsors, plan November meeting



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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 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 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 April 1st of each year. These dues entitle a member to participation in all activities and receive a monthly newsletter.



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