

# BENEATH THE SURFACE

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#### FROM THE EDITOR,

Hello fellow ponderers, I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy. Well August is in the books and it was a busy one for everyone it seems. September brings fall clean up time and something near and dear to my heart FOOTBALL!!! Until the first kickoff, here are some things for your calendars.

- Meeting Thursday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>
- Wine Tasting Sept 16<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting Saturday Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

*Next meeting and event details:*

**The meeting on Thursday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> is at Ed and Connie Railsback's home, 304 Pleasant View Dr in Solon.**

Meeting starts at 5:30 for social hour and dinner at 6:00pm. Hosts will provide main course along with drinks, please feel free to bring a dish to share and your own chair.

RSVP to Ed and Connie at 319-430-9047 or [erailsback@southslope.net](mailto:erailsback@southslope.net).

The speaker will be Master Gardener Ellen Skripsky.

**The Benefit Wine Tasting for the EIPS** is on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the home of Kerry Shaner and Jeff Garner. The cost is 25 dollars a person unless you are going to man a pouring station or provide food for the event, in which case it is 10 dollars a person.

If you plan on attending please RSVP to [eipspres2011@yahoo.com](mailto:eipspres2011@yahoo.com) and let Jeff and Kerry know. If you want to pour or provide food please let them know this too. This event has been a good time and nice source of income for the society in the past and with a good commitment of people it can be again. Event is open to public and Jeff has presale tickets that will be at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Hope to see you all there.

The September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the home of Wayne and Pat Bueter. Wayne and Pat are located at 318 Mill Street Walker Iowa. Meetings start at 5:30pm and please bring a dish to share and your own chair.

*There is no "I" in Team,  
but there is a "u" in  
volunteer!*

MINUTES OF LAST TWO MEETINGS

MEETING AUGUST 8/8/2011

President Jeff Garner called the Thursday, August 11, 2011 meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. in the home of Larry and LuAnn Jayne

Jeff thanked our hosts for opening their home and for providing the wonderful main course and beverages. Jeff thanked all of the members in attendance for bringing side dishes and desserts to share. The business meeting was proceeded by a social hour, dinner and a fun, interactive and informative program, "Water Garden Plants 101" presented by fellow member and Linn County Master Gardener, Rose Milden with assistance from fellow Master Gardener, LuAnn Jayne. Jeff welcomed and introduced new member, John Welsh to the club. Twenty-seven members were in attendance.

Jeff assumed the editorship of the club newsletter beginning with the August issue. Jeff asked members to submit articles or material for the next newsletter. Jeff suggested adding a "Buy-Sell-Trade" component to the newsletter. This suggestion was well-received.

**Old Business**

Jeff presented further details of the E.I.P.S. Wine tasting to be held at Jeff's and Kerry's home on Friday, September 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The event will showcase American wines made from similar grapes of three featured regions of the country. East Coast versus Midwest versus West Coast wines. Volunteers are needed to provide food and to serve as pourers. Tickets will be available at a cost \$25/person (\$10/person if you provide food or work as a pourer). Jeff will have tickets available at the August 27 meeting.

At the July 23rd meeting it was suggested that the club consider buying club insurance through AKCA, which is now offered at \$125.00/year. A motion to purchase the AKCA insurance was made. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Jackie Allsup asked for volunteers to man the club's information booth at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Brucemore Garden and Art Fair. The event will be held on the grounds of Brucemore from 9:00-4:00. Free passes to the event will be made available to six members who volunteer to work a shift.

**Eastern Iowa Pond Society Meeting Minutes 8/27/11**

President Jeff Garner called the Thursday, August 27, 2011 meeting to order at 6:08 P.M. in the home of Donovan and Linda Burke. Jeff thanked our hosts for opening their home and for providing the wonderful main course and beverages. Jeff thanked all of the members in attendance for bringing side dishes and desserts to share. The business meeting was preceded by a social hour and dinner. Thirty members and one guest were in attendance.

Treasurer, Jackie Allsup, presented the August 2011 Treasurer's report. Jackie reported a balance of \$334.41 in checking and \$3820.86 in savings for a total in the bank of \$4155.27.

**Old Business**

Jeff reminded members of the E.I.P.S. Wine tasting to be held at Jeff's and Kerry's home on Friday, September 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The event will showcase American wines made from similar grapes of three featured regions of the country. East Coast versus Midwest versus West Coast wines. Volunteers are needed to provide food and to serve as pourers. Tickets will be available at a cost of \$25/person (\$10/person if you provide food or work as a pourer). Tickets were available for sale or for members to take to sell to family, friends and coworkers.

Jeff thanked the club members who volunteered and spent the day at the Brucemore Garden and Art Show.

**Action Item Connie** Railsback asked that the club consider moving the date of our second meeting of August to a different date so that it no longer coincides with the annual Brucemore Garden and Art Show.

**New Business**

Jackie asked if members were interested in getting club shirts made, since it had been a while since members had done so. Some discussion followed by a show of hands. Due to members' interest, Jeff asked Jackie to look into the costs involved and report back her findings to the club.

Jeff suggested creating a club business card with the club's website address. Discussion followed.

Jackie reported that there is about \$1300.00 in 2011 Pond Tour proceeds available to be used per the vote of the club membership. Members should bring their written proposals including specific details as to what the money is to be used for and the amount requested, to the next meeting. Ed and Connie Railsback will host the next meeting, September 8, 2011. Master Gardener, Ellen Skripsky will present the program.

Jeff asked members to think about the possibility of a combined meeting, pond tour and potluck dinner with the Waterloo club in the Fall of 2012.

Immediately following the business meeting, Jamie Beyer presented an informational and entertaining program, "Nature's Way of Setting Rocks".

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathi Albrecht, Secretary



**PARTNER  
BUSINESSES**

**KLOUBEC KOI FARM**

**MYRON AND ELLEN KLOUBEC** have been in the ponding and working with fish for over 30 years .Over 55 mud ponds can be located in their 80 acre setup.

They have koi, koi products, water plants and food for koi

Kloubec's were also on the pond tour this year and will be hosting one of our spring meetings in 2012.

Their website [www.kloubECKoi.com](http://www.kloubECKoi.com) has a complete rundown of their products and also some videos and many photos of their business.

As with our other business partners thank you for your support of the EIPS

## THE KOI WHISPERER HOLISTIC KOI CARE CONFERENCE

Mary Ellen Malinowski as you all know is the Koi Whisperer. MaryEllen is having a Holistic Koi Care Conference on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Koi Whisperer Sanctuary.

MaryEllen is a member of our EIPS and is hosting the conference at her complex in St Charles, Ill. Check out her website for further information.

[www.koiwhisperersanctuary.com](http://www.koiwhisperersanctuary.com)

## SOCIETY NOTES AND INFORMATION

As mentioned in the minutes, we will be looking for ideas and/or organizations to give some of our pond tour proceeds too. Please bring any thoughts you have on this to one of the next two meetings. Please try to have a contact person for any of these ideas you are interested in giving funds too.

The recognition night is rapidly approaching and we need members for this committee. If you are interested and want to be placed on this committee, please contact myself or Tom. The event is usually very fun and we need to start getting it planned.

We would like to start a BUY/SELL/TRADE type of program here in the newsletter and/or website. If you have anything you want to sell/buy/or trade, send the information to myself by email and we will see about getting this started. Many times we have fish and products that we have no use for at this time so this might be a nice way to get the info out there to others that are looking for just such items.

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