

Beneath the Surface

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BABY IT'S COLD OUT THERE!

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR!

WELCOME BACK.

March 15th at 6:30 PM

RAMSEY'S in Marion

1120-7th Ave.

We need your ideas for next year!

Please RSVP asap to Steve,

bear7@mchsi.com or call 319-377-5624

We Need to Talk

Please try to make our first meeting of the year. Not only do we need to plan out the whole year, but we need to talk about officers, pond tours, meeting dates and well about everything!

Dues are due. All dues are due at the beginning of the new meeting year.

Can You Feel It Coming?

Spring is in the air even though Ol'Man Winter is still here on the ground. Is there anyone not ready for the new ponding season? We hope you had a nice Winter, but let's get Spring going now. We are looking forward to seeing you all soon for the first Spring meeting!

March, April, and May are the prime times to clean your pond. After months of being hands-off with our ponds, after months of winter weather, a few storms, and not so great conditions, does your pond need some sprucing and are your fish and plants ready?

This is the time of year that we will start to see our fish get a little more active, but it is not time to feed them just yet in our area; so let's give it a few more weeks to be sure our Winter weather has left us. Water temperatures, not air temperatures, are what will help us decide when to feed our fish. Once water temperatures stay above 52F we are good to start feeding our fish.

Any day now we will begin seeing some of the early plant growth. Water iris will be popping up soon and giving us those beautiful blooms soon after. Early growth in our water lilies can be seen below the water as begin their stretch up to the surface of the pond. And the ever cheerful Marsh Marigold will be putting out lots of beautiful yellow flowers with the next couple of weeks!

Spring is a great time to stock up for the season too. If you need fish food, water treatments, or other things, this is the time to get them ordered. Or better yet, get that pencil out and start sketching that new pond design!! As I write this, it's supposed to get 60 this weekend. And, I've already seen my first robin. Whoop — whoop!!! I can feel it, can you?

The Eastern Iowa Aquarium Assoc. will be holding its annual Fish Show at Noelridge Park on April 1st. (Easter Sunday) Try to make time to go out and see the tanks and the Easter display in the greenhouse. It's a great way to ring in Spring!



We're back on Facebook!!!

Our Facebook page is back up and running!!! Be sure to go find us at "Eastern Iowa Pond Society".

"LIKE" us so you get all the notices!

"POST" your pictures of your pond!

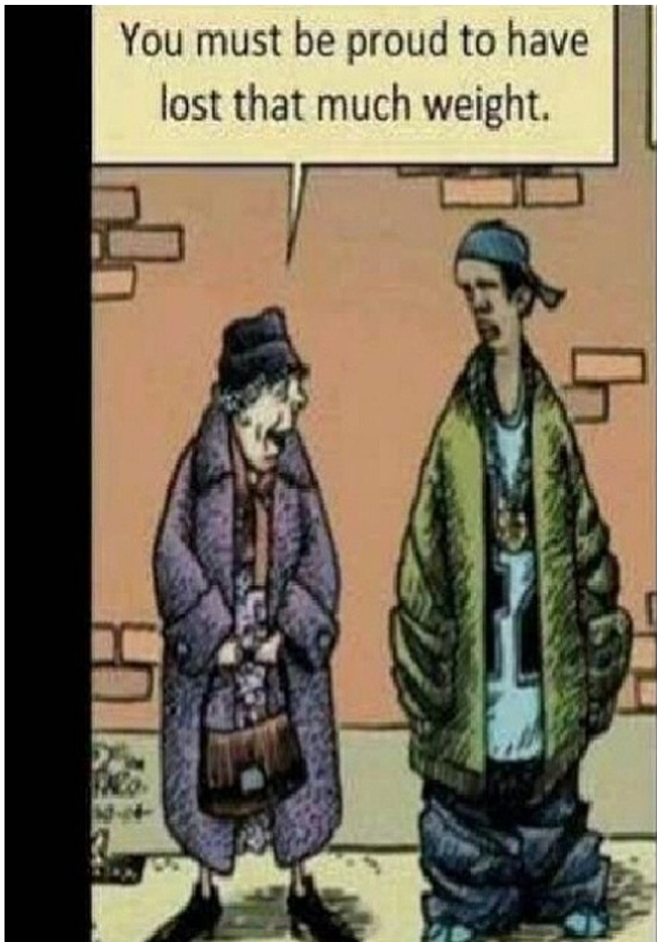
"COMMENT" - we want to hear from you!!

"SHARE" EIPS with everyone you know!!

Promote the club so that other's can find us!!

It's Spring!

**Don't forget the Pond Club
owns a Pond Vacuum. If you
would like to use it for your
cleanouts, simply make
arrangements with Pam Moore
to come and get it.**



Eastern Iowa Pond Society, Inc.

Membership Application

To become a member of the Eastern Iowa Pond Society, Complete this form and mail along with your dues to:

Eastern Iowa Pond Society

% Stephanie Geers

3615 Honey Hill Dr. SE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

New Membership Renew Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Dues are \$10.00 per calendar year per family. Make checks payable to Eastern Iowa Pond Society, Inc. **ALL newsletters can now be found on line at [www. EIPS.org](http://www.EIPS.org)**

Newsletters will NOT be mailed unless you notify us that you have NO computer, so be sure your email is current and legible. Thank You.

Eastern Iowa Pond Society

Our Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Association shall be to create, promote and enlarge the hobbies of ponds, aquatic gardening, and keeping, breeding, appreciating, and exhibiting the wonderful world of fish.

The Association shall disseminate information about the above to the membership to engage in educational and social activities related to our purposes; and to acquire and own such property as may be necessary for any or all of the foregoing purposes.

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