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Beneath The Surface

A Compendium of Facts, Fancy, Tidbits, Tips



October, 2010



Saturday, October 23rd

Gil & Monica Morley and Elena Murillo
6702 Spring Cove Court NE
Cedar Rapids IA
294-4866



Social hour 5:00 pm
Dinner 5:30 pm
Meeting 6:45 pm



End of the year celebration

"Just before the death of flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season
When nature is all aglow."



Dinner on us!!

Bring your appetite
RSVP mespringcove@aol.com or 294-4866
By October 20th

Program: Photo Contest, Voting after dinner

Categories:

Fish Under Ice
Miniatures/Fairy Gardens
Container Water Gardens
Best Water Garden Wildlife
(birds, frogs, dogs, cats, fish, anything goes)

*Photos size: 4"x6" only **Two** pictures per category
*Write your name and category on back side of photo.

Voting on the Pond Tour Proceeds....

Bring your suggestions.

You will receive the 2011 Aquascape Catalog, compliments of Greg Wittstock,
Founder & CEO of Aquascape Inc.

Don't miss the last meeting of the year!!!

More surprises during the night.....

Club President, Bob Bisenius called the September 9, 2010 meeting to order at 6:48 P.M. at the home of Jo and Gary Hunderdosse. There were 21 members present. Bob thanked Jo and Gary for hosting the meeting and asked them to tell the group about their pond. The Hunderdosses' pond is approximately six years old and the rock they used was left over from Herman and Rosie Michel's pond installation. The fish population started with five small goldfish that were added to the pond to feed the resident turtle. Gary said that the turtle must have gone into hibernation before he/she could dine and the fish population has now expanded to include some koi and many large goldfish.

Old Business

President Bisenius sent sign-up sheets around and asked members to consider serving as a 2011 E.I.P.S. officer and/or on a club committee. Bob reminded meeting attendees of the upcoming October 2 get-together with the Northern Iowa Koi Club in Jesup. This joint event is tentatively scheduled for October 2 and will be held at the home of Northern Iowa club members, Pat and Dana Weber. Mike and Devin Swanson of Koi Acres in Scandia, Minnesota will be the guest speakers. The Swansons are very knowledgeable about koi. They breed their own koi and import koi from Japan. Devin, Mike's son, interned for a year at a koi farm in Japan. They also host trips to Japan during the fall koi harvest. Jackie Allsup volunteered to help the Webers with the grilling and prep. Bob asked members to RSVP to him or to Donovan Burke if you plan to attend.

Jackie Allsup, project chairperson reported on the status of the E.I.P.S. 4-H Project. She met with 4-H Regional Coordinator, Jackie Luxted and took her to Larry and Erma Thompson's pond to familiarize her with the hobby. Jackie Luxted will be conducting a 4-H Club membership drive and project sign-up of potential 4-H members on Tuesday evening, September 21. Jackie Allsup will represent the club at the membership drive, answering questions and promoting the project. Depending on the interest of 4-H members, a follow-up informational meeting has been tentatively scheduled for October 14th at the Linn County Extension Office. A junior koi club will be formed if there is interest.

New Business

Bob announced that the next club meeting, Saturday, September 25 will be held at the home of Bob and Stephanie Geers beginning at 5:00 P.M. Dinner will be provided courtesy of the Geers. The Geers ask that you either email or phone them to RSVP.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 P.M. Immediately following the meeting, Bob introduced Jackie Allsup as the evening's speaker. Jackie gave a very interesting and informative power point presentation on the basics of pond filtration. A door prize drawing was held immediately following the program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathi Albrecht, Secretary



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LOVEYOURPOND Pest Control: Water Aphids

Aphids, also known as plant lice, can be a problem to your aquatic plants. Signs of aphid infestation can be yellowing spots on plants leaves and groups of black specks on plant leaves. Aphids can be hard to control and can quickly overwhelm a plant. Remove infested leaves completely, put in a bag, and put in garbage. Do not compost these leaves or throw out near pond or aphids will return. Aphids over winter in trees. Any remaining aphids can be washed into the pond with a strong stream of water for the fish to eat. Plants can also be removed from pond and treated with soap water (2tsp liquid soap/2gallon water) or a commercial treatment. **Treated plants must be rinsed VERY WELL before returning to pond.**

Meeting Minutes—September 25, 2010

Club President, Bob Bisenius called the September 25, 2010 meeting to order at 6:25 P.M. at the home of Bob and Stephanie Geers. There were 29 members present. Bob thanked Bob and Stephanie for providing the delicious dinner buffet and for hosting the meeting. Bob installed the Geers' beautiful 3-level pond approximately five years ago. The upper pond is a 150 gallon bio-filter pool that spills over a large waterfall and into a 1600 gallon pond which in turn flows over a smaller waterfall and into the 800 gallon lower pond. The lower two ponds hold goldfish and shubunkins. This past spring, the Geers built a spectacular patio that overlooks their beautifully landscaped yard and pond.

Old Business

President Bisenius sent sign-up sheets around and asked members to consider serving as a 2011 E.I.P.S. officer and/or on a club committee. Bob reminded meeting attendees of the upcoming October 2nd get-together with the Northern Iowa Association of Ponds and Water Gardens to be held at the home of Dana and Pat Weber in Jesup, Iowa. Approximately 30 members from the combined clubs have submitted their reservations. This joint event will feature speakers, Mike and Devin Swanson of Koi Acres in Scandia, Minnesota. The Swansons will speak at 2:00 P.M. followed by a pre-dinner social gathering. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 P.M. Drinks and meats will be provided. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Driving directions may be found on the E.I.P.S. website.

Bob spoke about the status of the E.I.P.S./ 4-H Project. Jackie Allsup, Jo Hunderdosse, Carol and Dennis Sindelar represented the E.I.P.S. at the September 21, 2010 4-H membership drive. Carol and Dennis set up an aquarium which was a very popular draw. Jackie and Jo answered questions and promoted the hobby as a potential 4-H project. Jo was told that the attendance at the membership drive was down significantly from years past.

New Business

President Bisenius gave the monthly Treasurer's report in the absence of club Treasurer, Jackie Allsup. Bob reported that the club's total cash in the bank as of September 21, 2010 (checking plus savings) was \$4089.72.

Bob announced that the next club meeting, Saturday, October 23rd will be held at the home of Gil and Monica Morley and Elena Murillo, meeting time to be announced. The annual club photo contest will be held at this meeting and members were reminded to bring their photos. Bob also encouraged members to put together their proposals and recommendations for dispersal of the 2010 Pond Tour proceeds (\$1007.49-). These proposals will be presented for consideration at this meeting.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M. followed by an open discussion relating to prepping ponds, fish and gardens for winter. A door prize drawing was held immediately following the program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathi Albrecht, Secretary

Saturday, October 2nd - Special "Get Together" meeting.....Jackie Allsup

Wow! I hope you didn't miss this one.... course I am a member of both clubs, so knew everyone there, but I had a really good time visiting with everyone and I hope you did too.

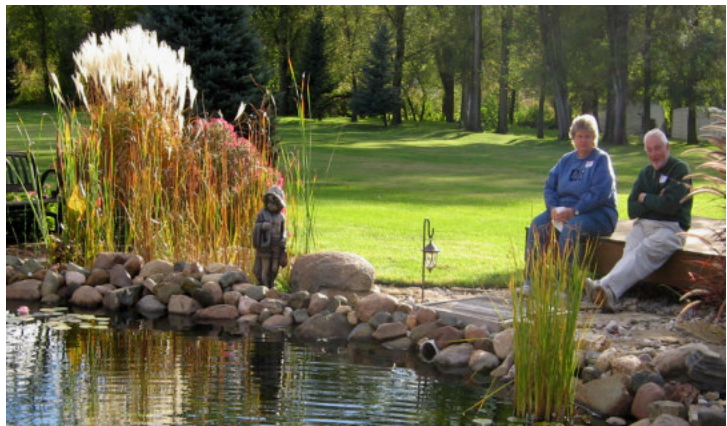
Of course, it sure helped to have two beautiful ponds and a huge flower filled garden to meander through; along with an inside party room to come in out of the cool air if desired. The home of Pat and Dana Webber, was a great place to hold such a get together. A meeting of the two clubs. The Northern Iowa Pond and Koi Club finally got to meet the members of the Eastern Iowa Pond Society. Something NIPKC's president and EIPS member, Donovan Burke, has been trying to put together for a couple years now.

When Mike Swanson of Koi Acres in Scandia, MN consented to come to Iowa to give a presentation to the groups, it sounded like a great reason to finally get together. Mike began by apologizing for Devin's absence. Devin was home sick, so Mike's wife Janel accompanied him. He gave a double presentation. One on Life in Japan, and one on Koi Pond Construction. Lots of questions were asked along the way and Mike ended his presentation by inviting all members to come to his Koi facility in May of 2011 for his big open house celebration. Mike also spoke to the group about an upcoming trip to Japan which he and his son host. He had, some of us at least, salivating at the thought of a real koi exploration and buying trip to Japan.

Following his talk, there was a huge pot luck for everyone to enjoy! I think everyone enjoyed meeting a few new friends, too. Mike and Janel stayed till every question was answered by any member with more questions or too shy to talk in front of the group.

Many thanks to Mike and Janel for traveling so far to talk to our group. And, many more thanks for all those that picked up food and supplies before hand and helped to organize everything. Special thanks go out to Pat and Dana for their hospitality in hosting the event.

I'm ready to do it again, and would hope many more of you will have a chance to come next time. We missed you! We plan these special events for YOU in hopes to give you a new and fun experience in ponding above and beyond just the regular meetings. And finally, Thank you for coming if you made the drive.



New project for Kodama Koi Academy By Taro Kodama

The periodical Koi textbook is \$60/year with 4 copies. Each copy is only \$15 every three months. This covers only the printing cost. It does not cover my father's time and translator's fee. We would like to have at least 300 serious Koi hobbyists on the subscription, just enough to cover the printing cost. If you read and like the book, please recommend to your friends as well so that my father can continue the publication.

Thank you for your interest. Please contact me at tarokoi@gmail.com with your mailing information. I am glad to have you as a part of Kodama Koi Academy.

Recognition Night & Voting for 2011 Officers

Saturday November 13th

5:30 pm

Ruby Tuesday

217 Collins Rd NE

Cedar Rapids IA 52402

Ordering off a special menu for groups
Will have a wide assortment to pick from
Pay by Cash or Credit Card

Lots of fun!!
Everyone goes home with a gift.....

RSVP to Monica Morley
mespringcove@aol.com or call 294-4866
By November 6th



A sample of one of the recipes you will enjoy from the EIPS Cookbook..

Contact Monica
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- 1 - 9.5 oz pkg Pepperidge Farm Mini Puff Pastry Shells
- 1 Cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/3 Cup mayonnaise
- 2 medium green onions chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- 3-4 slices of bacon, cooked & crumbled (1/4 cup)
- 1/8 Teaspoon cracked black pepper

Bake, cool and remove the "top" of the shells according to the package directions.

Reduce the oven temperature to 350 °F.

Stir the cheese, mayo, green onions and bacon in a small bowl. Divide the cheese mixture among the shells to fill.

Bake for 5 minutes or until hot.

Kathryn Durnan

Requested Recipe from Jesup Potluck: Luscious Four-Layer Pumpkin Cake

<http://www.kraftrecipes.com/recipes/luscious-four-layer-pumpkin-cake-65930.aspx?pf>

- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) yellow cake mix
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin, divided
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/3 cup oil
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice, divided
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed
- 1/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
- 1/4 cup chopped PLANTERS Pecans

prep time
20 min
total time
1 hr 50 min
makes
16 servings

Make It

HEAT oven to 350°F.

BEAT cake mix, 1 cup pumpkin, milk, oil, eggs and 1 tsp. spice in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Pour into 2 greased and floured 9-inch round pans.

BAKE 28 to 30 min. or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 min. Remove from pans to wire racks; cool completely.

BEAT cream cheese in medium bowl with mixer until creamy. Add sugar, remaining pumpkin and spice; mix well. Gently stir in COOL WHIP. Cut each cake layer horizontally in half with serrated knife; stack on serving plate, spreading cream cheese filling between layers. (Do not frost top layer.) Drizzle with caramel topping just before serving; top with nuts. Refrigerate leftovers.

Pond Winterization

By Mike Gannon



Labor Day weekend, the last hurrah for summer, and all our thoughts go back to...everything and everything is coming like a freight train. Back-to-school, kids sports programs, the holidays just WEEKS away, and time to winterize the pond. No, not exactly time to say goodbye to the pond yet, but we all know that the time is drawing near where for a few months here in the northeast our ponds becomes just something pretty look at. A nice waterfall running with a snowy scene behind it.

But before all that hits, there is still some work to be done as our insurance investment to be enjoyed just a few months away; it is kind of a maintenance 3-month CD. Try to winterize your pond before the leaves all really come down, say late October, here is a quick check list to follow, but of course, do what needs to be done specifically for your pond! These are just some suggestions.

- Remove excess debris from the inside of the pond
- Remove floating tropical pond plants
- Cut back your hardy aquatic plants
- Clean thoroughly the pond's filter system
- Disconnect and remove your seasonal equipment (i.e. UV sterilizer)
- Add a cold water beneficial pond bacteria charge
- Get your aerator or de-icer staged and be sure it is still working ok
- Check out all your fish very closely, make note of anything unusual
- Switch to "Fall Blend" fish food
- Cover your pond with netting to protect from heavy leaf fall

These are just some general guidelines to prepare your pond to winter successfully. You will have to know your pond and do what needs to be done specifically for your pond and your area, winterizing an Arizona pond is different from winterizing a New Jersey pond. Remember too that there are pond service professionals, many of them certified, that offer these and other pond services at usually very agreeable prices and can usually be found in your area with a quick Google search. Feel free to call Full service Aquatics to schedule your pond winterization service, or for free advice.

The **LOVE YOUR POND** blog is written by Mike Gannon of Full Service Aquatics. Mike is a professional pond builder and expert in the broad topics of fishkeeping and water gardening. Mike also produces THE POND HUNTER video series which can be viewed on Youtube. "In The Pursuit Of All Things Aquatic" the Pond Hunter videos provide how-to pond construction videos, pondumentaries, and videos of related interest. Mike resides in New Jersey with his wife and 2 daughters. To visit his website go to www.loveyourpond.com and visit The Pond Hunter at www.youtube.com/thepondhunter

**LEND A HAND
Take your turn**

Become a 2011 E.I.P.S. Officer

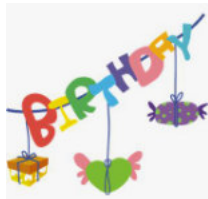
Ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I attend 90% meetings
- Do I enjoy sharing my enjoyment of this hobby
- Do I want to see E.I.P.S. continue to educate and expose members and public to the pleasures of this hobby



If you answered yes to the above, E.I.P.S. wants you as an officer
President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President
all rewarding positions,

October Birthdays



Maria Hamilton	17th
Kerry Shaner	24th



**What ideas do you have for the club next year
2011**

Bring your ideas to the next meeting.....
Let's work during the winter months to make it another
exciting year for the club!

Monica

Eastern Iowa Pond Society—Membership Application 2010

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
206 n. 3rd ST
PO BOX 148
QUASQUETON IA

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: _____

Dues will be \$10.00 per family, payable November of previous year and delinquent April 1st of each year. These dues entitle a member to participation in all activities and receive a monthly newsletter.

Would you like to host a meeting?

The following dates are open:

Saturday Feb. 26 Inside your home
Saturday March 26 Inside your home
Thursday April 14 Inside your home
Thursday May 12
*Saturday May 21

*The above date has been moved up a weekend due to Memorial Day weekend

Thursday June 9
Thursday August 11
Thursday September 8
Saturday October 22 Inside your home

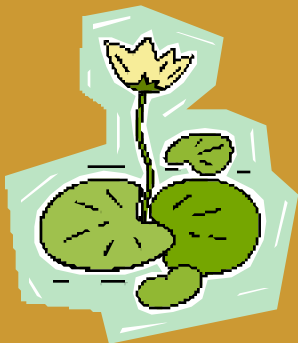
If you have never hosted a meeting, members gather at your home for a meeting. Members bring their chairs, you talk about your pond before the meeting starts. It is up to you if you wish to provide snacks and beverage or potluck, whatever you want to do. Thursday night meetings usually begin either at 6:00 pm or 6:30 and Saturday meetings usually start at 5:00 if a dinner/potluck is planned.

Contact Monica Morley/Editor at mespringcove@aol.com or 294-4866

Let me know if you have any questions.

**Eastern Iowa Pond
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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 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.

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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