

Our Great Lineup of Speakers

Welcome to the Eastern Iowa Pond Society's 2007 Pond Expo! Thank you for helping us to celebrate our love of "all things water". To show our appreciation for your past support, we have tried to put together a program and trade show for all to enjoy. Look around, talk with our vendors, but be sure to sit in on all of our great seminars. We're here to talk ponds, so please ask questions, have a great day, and thanks for coming!!!

Sincerely, EIPS.

9:00 Doors Open

9:20- 9:30 Welcome from EIPS – Club member and MC, Kacy Novak

9:30- 10:30 Keeping Your Gardens Fun – Jamie Beyer

10:45- 11:45 Bio 101-Mother Nature and Pond Water Management – Doug Dent

12:00- 1:00 DIY Pond Construction – Greg Bickal

1:15- 2:15 Beyond Hyacinths – A Look at Pond Plants – Jamie Beyer

2:30- 3:30 Koi and Goldfish care and disease prevention – Sue Emerick

Meet our Speakers

About our seminars: Since many of our participants are experienced ponders already, we have tried to push the talks 'up a notch' to address the more experienced person's desire to learn yet more about what goes on inside their pond. For the beginners, we hope you won't find this information over whelming. Water gardening and fish keeping is a wonderfully flexible hobby, that is suitable to all degrees of time and experience. PONDING IS FOR EVERYONE!

Jamie Beyer

We could think of no other speaker that we would like to open our show with! There is no other person with the enthusiasm and years of volunteerism in this hobby that we are privileged to know. The very popular subject of adding water features to a garden is one that Jamie Beyer brings a lot of knowledge to. Jamie is a lifetime Master Gardener from the Ames/Boone area and is founder and immediate past president of the Central Iowa Water Garden Association. Water gardening has been a passion of Jamie's for over 45 years and currently, he has 3 -10,000 gallon ponds and one 27,000 gal. pond which contains many kinds of water plants and fish. He combines this experience with his master's Degree in Fish and Wildlife Biology to become uniquely qualified to be one of the Midwest' foremost experts on the subject. Jamie frequently speaks and writes on all aspects of water features and water gardening to gardeners in the Midwest. In addition, he also has a consulting/installation

business, called Midwest Waterscapes, which he works as a water garden, fountain, and pond consultant/installer to people that want extra help.

Jamie and co-author Veronica Fowler, wrote the Ortho Book “ All About Garden Pools and Fountains”. Over a half million copies of the book have been sold in the 6 years since it’s publication.

Today, Jamie will be talking to us about something we frequently forget to do in our busy lives – **Keep our Gardens Fun**. He will give us some gardening techniques that he has found that make the gardening hobby even more fun than you thought possible.

There are many, many ways to have fun. They are grouped into various categories which include whimsical ways, how you allocate your gardening time, how you view your garden, different gardening techniques, how you manage your garden and by sharing.

And, because we love to listen to Jamie, we are asking him to talk to us later in the day about what **Water Plants** are out there to experiment with and enjoy.

Jamie really has fun doing these talks and you will have fun listening to it!!

Doug Dent

Doug comes all the way from New Hope, PA to help us unlock the mysteries of proper water quality with his presentation called **Bio 101 – Mother Nature & Pond Water Management**. Doug is a product development manager with Ecological Laboratories, Inc. Doug has 36 years of experience in the field of industrial microbiology specific to enhanced water quality and product development. If you’re confused about all the products out there that claim to help maintain your pond, this is the guy to ask.

Greg Bickal

Greg is a long time EIPS club supporter. He lives locally in Toddville, IA. He has 12 years experience with ponds and 8 years of experience breeding and selling koi. In his limited spare time, he helps build ponds and waterfalls for a growing number of clients. He is the author of a book on CD called DIY Pond Series 2000. His CD on how to save money by building your own pond filters and gadgets has sold over 2000 copies! He will be talking today on just that – **DIY Pond Construction**. We’re betting you leave with a “I can do that” attitude after hearing Greg,

Sue Emerick

Sue is President and charter member of the Upper Midwest Koi Club located in the Minneapolis, MN metro area. She is also a member of several koi clubs around the country. She has been an avid koi collector for over 10 years and has given many presentations to her newly formed koi club as well as the local water garden club and some of the local garden centers. She has built and maintains two koi ponds which support over 35 large koi and understands the difficulties keeping fish in our northern climate. Sue and her husband show many of their prized koi throughout the country and make every effort to support other clubs whenever possible. She will be helping us understand their care with her presentation called **Koi and Goldfish Care and Disease Prevention**. Sue emphasizes prevention first to support fish health, but knowing how to treat an ill fish, if something does go wrong, is something every keeper should know. Sue will share what she has learned over the years so, hopefully, you will be spared the heartache she experienced her first few years keeping koi. Her presentation

focuses upon koi and goldfish first aid and prevention. Her hope is that once you have the knowledge, you will begin to recognize warning signs and begin to build the confidence to treat your own fish if the need arises. She has a lot of information to share, so will have a CD available for sale covering her presentation, and one lucky participant will even win a free copy!