

# NFKPC ~ WETWORK NEWS

August

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## **CLUB PURPOSE**

Share ideas on building & maintaining ponds & filter systems

## **CLUB LIBRARY**

Pond related books & tapes available for loan to members

## **PROGRAMS**

Guest speakers

Raffle of pond related goods

Auction of pond related goods

Member sharing pond experiences

## **ACTIVITIES**

Pond tour

Koi show

Photo contest

Hands on hobby related projects

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Individual.....

Family.....

No refunds will be given if a member resigns after paying dues. Members may bring a guest at no charge & the guest may participate in all programs. By the third meeting we ask that the guest join and pay the club dues.

## **2006 AKCA 25th Annual Seminar on the Niagara Frontier The countdown to June 22-25, 2006 ~ 10 months!!**

Greetings fellow ponders:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, what a hot one it has been. As everyone may know, quite a few of our members will not be at this month's meeting because we will be at the Mid Atlantic Koi Club's **KOI AMERICA 2005** in Chantilly, Virginia. This month's meeting there will be no business conducted, but there will be a meeting, a pot-luck social of sorts, also there will be an auction and raffle, so bring a snack to share and enjoy the evening.

I would like to thank DVM Helen Roberts for the update on KHV, and how we can protect our wet pets from this untreatable virus. One of the most important things is never release you have a plant you don't want, compost it or give it away. If you don't want that fish anymore give it away, don't throw it into the lake or river thinking it will be better off there.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Pond Tour this year, we had a really great time and the day seemed to go by fast, as we were not driving all over the place. We could not have asked for a better day, low humidity and sun with decent temperatures. I would like to thank the following members for opening their ponds for us to view. Grant & Connie Weber, Ron & Sandy Baty, Grace & Gerald McGee, Bill Daniels, Phil Grefrath, Art & Barb Weber, Tom & Felicia Kolacz, Debbie & Matt Foe, Bill Park, Mike & Jackie Curry. I would like to thank the Curry family for hosting the meal at the end of the tour, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I would also like to thank Greg Young for putting together the map packets and getting the ponds for the tour, many of which have never been seen before. anything into the wild. If

Well as you read this the Erie County Fair has started or is going to start soon. Some time slots are still open so contact Roy Seiders at 675-1648 if you would like to take a 4 hour time slot. If you take a time slot, remember to sit for the 4 hour's not just get the tickets and run off, you can come early, or stay late if you wish to enjoy the fair. When at the fair, you are representing our organization, so smile and say hello to everyone you see. Enjoy the fair. Don't forget to bring a chair.

Next month's meeting I have a couple ideas for the presentation, I have still not decided which way to go yet, but both ideas are great.

Our next Board Meeting will be at the Grefrath house August 25th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome, please RSVP Phil at 695-1758.

See you all next month.

Loren.

## Dates to Remember:

August 10 - 14

MAKC Koi America 2005

August 10th to 21st

Erie County Fair

August 20th

NFKPC table at Clarence Farmers Market

## Refreshments

Our refreshment break adds a social element to our meetings and gives members a chance to 'gather and socialize'. It's a BIG 'plus', and we appreciate YOUR participation:

Thank You for providing refreshments:

Pot Luck Snank	August meeting
September	Rosemarie Shelp
October	Tracy Prucnal
November	Mary Waddington
December	Christmas Party

## 2006 AKCA Seminar

by Marlene Hyden

As a part of the 2006 Seminar planning, six NFKPC members attended the 2005 AKCA Seminar in Tulsa, Oklahoma. John and Lorrie Porter, Don Butterworth, Mary O'Connor, and John and Marlene Hyden spent several days near the end of June, looking at the minute details of "making a seminar work". We learned what to do, and more importantly, what not to do. We also took turns, at least two of us at any one time, "manning" our 2006 Seminar table, promoting attendance in Buffalo. If the comments of people visiting the table hold true, we can expect a very good attendance. People are excited about "Koi Across Niagara ~ Excitement In The Water".

Photos taken by Debbie Vanhook  
Clockwise from the top:  
#1) John & Lorri Porter  
#2) Lorrie and Friends  
#3) Some cultural information



### A little note from the editor:

I would appreciate all comments, suggestions, helpful hints, articles or ideas. The format may change a little at a time, I hope that you like it.

I can be reached at:  
mary.oconnor@verizon.net or 823-8979.

A special note of thanks to my daughter, Jennifer O'Connor-Kaeselau, for her help (and patience) with putting the pictures into this special color edition.

Thank you for your support.

Mary

### AUCTION

This month each dues paying member may bring in 4 items to be auctioned.

The request for **no leaking containers** is still a priority an additional 25% will be taken out of their profit.

It is greatly appreciated that most plants be **labeled with names** and in some cases a brief description of growing tips.

Please come a little early to the meeting to give us time to record everyone's name and tag the items.

Thanks,  
**Lorri.**

### Special Request:

Do you need any Water Hyacinths? We are "over run" with HUGE water hyacinths this year due to the wonderful summer weather, they are only \$.50 per plant. Please contact Les and Sue Wolf at 837-6349 (leave a message) We will definitely get back to you and we will either bring them to the meeting or you can arrange to pick them up at our house.

### The Kohaku (from How to Keep Koi - An Essential Guide by David Twigg)

The Kohaku is the most highly cherished of the koi varieties; a good specimen will be very valuable and really stands out in the pond. It is described as a two color, non-metallic koi, namely a white bodied koi with a red (Hi) pattern on its back. On a good specimen of Kohaku, the pattern should have clearly defined edges and the white should be a good unblemished color, often described as "snow" white. The contrast between the two colors can be striking and this is why the kohaku is so highly prized.

Although a Kohaku cannot have color variations, it does have pattern varieties and these are generally known by the number, or placement, of Hi patches along the length of the body. Maruten (one circular Hi patch on the head and another Hi on the body), Nidan (two Hi patches along the back) and Inazuma (a single Hi patch along the back in the shape of a lightning strike) are some examples. These are classic patterns, but other pattern formations are equally attractive, provided the pattern is well balanced. Normally, there should be no Hi on any of the fins of a Kohaku; they should be white at the body joint, changing to almost clear at the tips.



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## 2005 Pond Tour

According to the weatherman we were to have the "best day of the summer" for our annual pond tour. Boy was he on the mark, as Saturday, July 23rd proved to be a banner day!

We started at the home of Connie and Grant Weber at 9am, and from there visited the homes (and ponds!) of Ron & Sandy Baty, Grace & Gerald McGee, Bill Daniels, Phil Grefrath, Art & Barb Weber, Tom & Felicia Kolacz, Debbie & Matt Foe, Bill Park, and ended up at the home of Mike & Jackie Curry where we had our chicken dinner at 4pm.

The ponds this year covered the entire gamut from the smallest to the largest (which runs several 5 hp pumps to produce the 28,000 gph flow required to feed the massive waterfalls and stream!) 8 of the 10 ponds featured this year had not been on the tour in the past.

The new format of clustering the ponds in a geographic distribution (city and North this tour) saved precious time and mileage, and was very well received by the members on tour. We had over 100 signups for this year's tour!

Next year's tour will feature the city and South, so think about including your pond on next year's tour, if you are located in that geographic area and have not shown your pond in the last 3 years.

Greg Young, NFKPC Pond Tour Chairperson



The above ponds were photographed by Bill Moskulak and Mary O'Connor. On the left is the pond of Connie & Grant Weber, and the top right pond belongs to Ron & Sandy Baty, the bottom right pond belongs to Gerald & Grace McGee.



The ponds pictured are owned by the following: Top row left - *Bill Daniels*, top row right - *Phil Grefrath*, Second row left - *Tom & Felicia Kolacz*, Second row right - *Mike & Jackie Curry*, Third row left - *Matt & Debbie Foe*, Third row right - *Art & Barb Weber*, Fourth row - *Bill Park*. All photos taken by Bill Moskaluk and Mary O'Connor.

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To:

The NFKPC meets the 2nd Friday of every month at 7:00 PM, at the VFW Post on Elgin St. in Tonawanda. Take Delaware north from I-290, 1.5 miles to right on York (at Skill Buick) to Elgin. Everyone is welcome!

Please visit our club website:

[www.nfkpc.org](http://www.nfkpc.org)

## Niagara Frontier Koi & Pond Club

### Up-coming Events

- Aug. 12 - 14 MAKC Koi America 2005
- Aug. 10 - 21 Erie County Fair
- Aug. 20 NFKPC table at Clarence Farmers Market
- Aug. 25 Board Meeting
- Sept. 1 Deadline for Wetwork News
- Sept. 9 General Membership Meeting

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