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PROGRAMS  
Guest speakers; Raffle of pond  
related goods; Auction of pond  
related goods; Member sharing  
pond experience

ACTIVITIES  
Pond tour; Koi show; Photo  
contest; Hands on hobby  
related projects

# Wetwork News

A monthly publication of the Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club

## *Greeting and Salutations Fellow Ponders,*

As we enter yet another deep freeze always remember to keep that hole open for our finned friends. Gases can quickly accumulate and hurt our dear pets. Just remember in a few months their happy hungry faces will be greeting us.

During the January board meeting we discussed and will again hold an election in February for the Office of President. Please consider running for this office. This club has so much to offer and so many willing to help. We will continue to swim forward.

Although it is February the days go so fast. Spring and summer, they will be here in no time at all. We will again be selling Project Plants for the club. A thank you to Ed McKee for offering his help in this endeavor. We will have Umbrella plants and one other choice yet to be determined. Delivery will be in May and signup sheets will be out in March and April. Bev, at Windy Acres, will again offer Water Hyacinths, Water Lettuce and Parrot Feather to our members. Signup sheets will be sent around in March and April with delivery in June. So keep your eyes open for these sheets when they go around.

The Board would like to thank Bev Jarmuz and John Porter for their service on the NFKPC Board and welcome Jim Dolan and Rob Smith on to the Board for a great adventure. The Audit was completed at the January Board Meeting. Paul, Mary and Nate donated their time and Math skills to check the books. Thank you.

Our Club has a full plate of activities this year. Starting with our February meeting with Danielle Peccaro of Wild Birds Unlimited as our guest speaker. We may not be able to see our finned friends at this time, but we can learn something about our feathered backyard companions at this meeting. Hope to see you then.

The Pond Squad, aka Chris and Dennis, are always looking for extra help to start up ponds this spring. If you can help or may need some help just let them know. They are thinking some time around the end of March or the start of April to clean the ponds at Reinstein and the Fair grounds. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help, let them know.

If the cold and snow is getting to you and cabin fever has set in think about taking a ride to the Botanical Gardens. For those who helped do the major cleaning last year –the pond still looks great. Dennis tries to get there twice a week to do the filters and that seems to do the trick. Our 17 finned friends are still accounted for and we even have a few nice looking Koi babies.

Our Photo Contest is set for our May meeting. Start now going through all your photos, so you will be ready. We are moving the Koi Show from August to June this year. It will still be at Menne's Nursery. Decide now which fish you would like to show this year. Date TBA. Our pond Tour will be in the South Towns this year. Please consider showing your pond to your fellow members. There are so many great ideas out there to share.

Yes, we have moved our meeting place from the Hamburg Fair Grounds to **Maguire Hall at St. Agatha's in South Buffalo**. Directions have been sent out. If anyone is unsure of the area, feel free to call any of the elected officers or board members for info.

Lastly- February is the time of year to renew your membership. We are asking all members new or current to fill out a membership form. We have so much planned for this year. We look forward to having you as part of our ponding family.

Let us continue to bring this club to greater heights and to even greater depths.

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## REFRESHMENTS FOR 2010

January Chris Wildolaski, Bev Jarmuz,  
and Ann Marshall

February Mary O'Connor

Please contact Barb Weber at 688-7924 if you are interested or sign-up at the next meeting.

The club will reimburse you up to **\$45.00** each month for expenses. You can do it alone or with a friend or two. This is always an enjoyable part of the meeting when we are able to visit with each other.

Also, please remember to make a donation when partaking of the refreshments to help the club break even for the evening.

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## Directions to our New Meeting Location at Maguire Hall

Take the New York State Thruway (Route 90) to the I-190 North (exit 53). Take the Clinton St exit (exit 2). Turn right on to Clinton and then left on to Bailey Ave. Travel about 1.2 miles to the end of Bailey. Turn left (first left) on to Abbott Rd.

If coming from Niagara Falls area take I-190 South to Seneca St/Bailey Ave exit. Slight right on to Coppola, left on to Elk St, right on to Bailey Ave and follow directions above.

St. Agatha's Church will be on the right. It is at the corner of Good St and the parking lot is next to the church at the corner of Alamo Place. Maguire Hall is at 51 Alamo Place directly across from the Church parking lot. There is also a small parking lot next to Maguire Church Hall.

## Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be at the home of Chris & Dennis Wilkolaski on February 23 at 7:30pm. Their home is located at 6147 Webster Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

If you are planning on attending or require driving directions you may contact them at 662-9429.



## A Very Busy 2010

Wow! What a year we had in 2009, but it looks as though the Officers and Board of Directors (and former officers) have great plans for 2010. As always we are looking for volunteers to assist at some of the functions but most will be things that we all like to participate in.

The speakers that are already lined up for this year are:

February – Danielle from Wild Birds Unlimited.

March – Kim from Land Masters for all your hardscaping needs.

April – Clarke Smith from Jagged Moss in Toronto about Japanese style ponds.

Additional Speakers will be Mr. Franco – tropical fish importer, Rich Groblewski – Japanese Bonsai, and Walt Oldenburg on the new pond that he built.

The upcoming events will be:

May Meeting – Photo Contest

Hahn's Sales and Service – May 15

Windy Acres – May 29

AKCA Seminar – May 19 to 23 in Nashville, Tennessee

NFKPC Koi Show in June

Pond Tour in July

Genesee Valley Pond Tour in August

Erie County Fair in August

## Spring is Around the Corner

If your mailman has been walking up to your mailbox bent over in agony, then spring must be on the way. I get catalogs for drip irrigation, pond equipment, gardening equipment, plants, seeds, National Arbor Day, Botanical Gardens, and the list goes on.

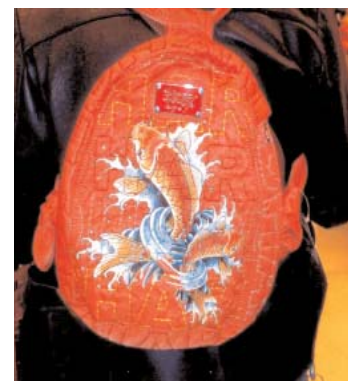
Although we may have dreams of spending hours enjoying our yards, we really can't be there all the time. How can we let people know about our hobby and enjoy some useful items at the same time? I'm glad you asked. I found two of these items at my local Target Store and the third was a gift that I will save for enjoying around the pond this summer.



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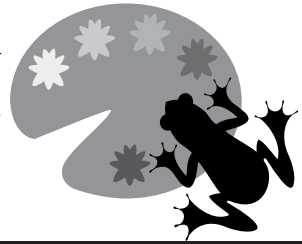
Back Pack

## Sunshine Club

Please remember our fellow members who are recuperating from surgery and other illness this month. Tim Tordy had eye surgery and Felicia Kolacz has been under the weather.

If you are aware of a member experiencing a "Life Event" in their family such as weddings, birth announcements, illness, surgery or death, please contact me at 694-6652 with the details.

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## Koi Couple of the Year - Walt and Lin Oldenburg

It doesn't seem that long ago that I got this guy on the phone at work and while I was trying to get him the information that he needed for work, he says to me "Can I ask you a question about ponds?" That was the beginning of many questions and when through the month's the conversation went to the very technical, I invited him and his girlfriend to a meeting so that he could pick the brains of people in the club with much more info than I would ever be able to provide.

Soon Walt and Lin became members and through their tireless efforts with taking over the club website, running the koi show and the pond tour, holding office for a couple of years as President and Treasurer, organizing the cleaning of the pond at the Botanical Gardens, organizing the building of the pond at Reinstein Woods, and countless other projects too. They are the new Dynamic Duo.

Although they decided not to run for office this year I know that they will be there to run a couple of functions this year and when time permits they will be there to lend a hand.

They started with one ornamental pond and ended up with 3 ponds at their previous home. In the late summer they moved into their new home and the priority on both their minds was to build their new pond for their beautiful fish. Landscaping has to wait till the spring, but I know it will be spectacular.

## January Speaker of the Month

Mary Hughes brought a wealth of knowledge on reptilians and she even brought some friends with her. The meeting was very hands-on for those that wished to participate. These pictures were supplied by one of our members – Robert L. Smith





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## Up-Coming Events

February	Speaker of the Month Danielle from Wild Birds Unlimited
March	Speaker of the Month Kim from Land Masters
April	Speaker of the Month Clark Smith from Jagged Moss
May	Photo Contest
June	NFKPC Koi Show

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