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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

Greetings everyone,

So I was driving around the Alabama Swamps and I stumbled upon a sign, "Koi for Sale". It never ceases to amaze me the places you can locate these little fellows... keep an eye out for next months article "You find them in the weirdest places"

Next month we're having our club meeting at my home at 61 Richfield Rd in Williamsville. We will be meeting at the regular club time (7:00 pm) and we ask that everyone bring a chair to sit on and a snack to pass, just as you would if you were running the snack table. There will be no auction, but we will be running the raffle table. The topic for the evening is "Spawning" so I will be conducting periodic hand checks. I have a video to show about how the Japanese breed their koi as some home footage in my own back yard. We will meet rain or shine.

The Niagara Frontier Koi show is coming up real soon. I'm making arrangements with Matt from Sugarloaf koi to pick up our new show tanks in person in the early part of July. This will give us an opportunity to see his new facilities and some of his imports. We are starting a new category this year called "**Koi Keeper of Tomorrow**". This is for the younger members of your family that have koi who are 18 yrs or younger.

We combined the Shubunkin, Comet and Goldfish into one class called "Pond Fish". The turnout in these categories has been so weak so we put them all together. If you're planning on showing, get your reservations in soon to assure yourself a tank. We have 8 reserved to date so we're well on our way to a real nice show.

Our next planning meeting for the Koi show is Thursday, June 18th. We should be able to finalize some of the details. If you are interested in coming on board, this would be a great time to join our team.

So far we have received one suggestion for a possible new meeting place located on Broadway in the Village of Lancaster for \$50.00 a month. I placed an offer on the table to the VFW for \$100. Per month with a guarantee we keep our regular meeting night. They will review it at their next meeting on June 17th. We are keeping all our possibilities open so if you have any alternate locations we can entertain then don't hesitate to contact me.

Yesterday my neighbor called out to me as I was leaving to go to work. Walt; he said...did you know you had a Heron walking around your pond this morning. Folks, it's that time of the year when they are hungry and it's our job to deprive them of your fish. This year we have fishing line around both ponds and the scarecrow turned on and pointed in the open area of the yard...What are you doing to dissuade them?

Regards,

Walt

Floating Plants Are In By Beverly Wojtaszczyk

If you pre-ordered water hyacinths, water lettuce and parrot's feather and did not pick them up at Windy Acres's, they will be delivered at the June 12th meeting. If you can not attend the meeting, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your plants for you.

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Thank You

from Paul and Beverly Wojtaszczyk

Windy Acres Greenhouse would like to thank everyone who made our Watergardening Class on May 30 a success. Thank you to Loren Prucnal and Chris Wilkolaski for giving great talks full of information and ideas. Also to Tracy and Dennis for helping us out. (Rudy thanks Dennis for keeping him entertained!) Once again, Jody and Randy Ferris provided an enormous amount of help and lots of her beautiful cookies! It was so nice of a bunch of club members to show up, also. And, we signed up two new members on the spot!! Thanks again and we appreciate the support!

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be at the home of Carol and Paul Krajewski on Wednesday July 1st at 7:30pm. They are located at 3232 Wende Road, Alden, NY 14004. If you are planning on attending or require driving directions you may contact them at 937-9810.

REFRESHMENTS FOR 2009

January	Bob Colling & Mary Waddington
February	Bev Jarmuz
March	Tracy Prucnal & Sandy Crawford
April	Ann Marshall & Chris Wilkolaski
May	Lin Oldenburg & Carol Krajewski
June	Bev Jarmuz
July	Pot Luck - bring a dish to pass. The July Meeting is at 61 Richfield Rd, Williamsville
August	Felicia & Tom Kolacz
September	Jenny Kaeselau & Mary O'Connor
October	Lorri & John Porter
November	
December	Christmas Party

As you can see many of our members have already offered to host a meeting for 2009. Are you on the List? We have **one more month** to fill. 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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POND TOUR – July 18, 2009

By Lin Oldenburg

It's really close now! The 2009 Pond Tour is on July 18 so put the date on your calendar. This year we are touring the areas of north Buffalo all the way up into Niagara County. Currently we have 9 ponds to tour and are working on the remainder. We will gather (place to be determined) at about 9am and will conclude with a fabulous chicken dinner at Tom and Felicia Kolacz.

Tickets for this event will be on sale at the June 12th meeting. The cost is \$5 per person. The only thing you need to bring is yourself and a chair. We will take care of the rest! See you there!

(If you cannot attend the June meeting please send a check to me along with your name, address, phone number and the number of tickets you want. I will get them to you. Make checks payable to NFKPC and mail them to: Lin Oldenburg, 61 Richfield Rd, Williamsville, NY 14221.)

Ps: If your so inspired and would like bring something sweet to share with everyone...like dessert...That would be fine with us.

2009 Project Plant Update

by Bob Colling & Walt Oldenburg

Common "Umbrella Palms" and "Dana's Delight" pitcher plants will be available this year.



Fifty Umbrella Palms in 5" pots were ordered at \$5.00 each and thirty Pitcher Plants in 3" pots at \$5.00 each.

Both plant varieties are tropical's and can be wintered over inside.

The plants will be available for pick up at the June meeting. Most of the Pitcher Plants were pre-ordered but there are a few left. There are approximately 20 Umbrella Palms still available for purchase at the June Meeting

Both plants are excellent for the sunny deck or patio, you may also grow the umbrella palm in a pond and the pitcher plant will also thrive in a home bog garden.





ADD-A-SPHERE By Chris Wilkolaski

Don't forget to buy at ticket and "add" to your Pond

May I say it was a conversation piece at the Pond Tour last year. I heard more than one person say: "I don't believe it till I see it with my own eyes". Well my one Koi obliged and showed off for all to see.

The sphere comes with its own stand. I did add height to it by placing it on an upside down flowerpot. It does not take long to set up, as the video on their website shows. I got into the water and half filled the sphere then set it on its stand. You then stick the PVC pipe that comes with the kit underwater up into the sphere and connect a shop vac to the other end. You vacuum out the air and the water takes its place. You are done.

When I clean mine I use vinegar and a Mr. Clean eraser. You want to be careful not to scratch the globe. It is a great magnifying glass. This allows you to check the physical appearance of your fish

A feeding cup is included. You place food in the cup and close the lid, attach the cup to the PVC pipe. Guide the food cup in the water and into the sphere the lid open and the food floats up to the top of the sphere. The fish then enter the sphere and eat while we enjoy their magnified view.

Good luck and buy those chances!!!!!!

Photo Contest Winners Best Fish Category



First Place - Loren Prucnal



Second Place - Loren Prucnal



Third Place - Walter Oldenburg

Sunshine Club

By Lorri Porter


On May 13th our club increased by one as Allyson Jade was born to Jennifer and Scott Kaeselau. Mary O'Connor is a first time proud Grandma.

Don Butterworth is ill, Audrey Behlau is recovering from surgery for a torn miniscus after a fall in her pond. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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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Photo Contest Winners Best Pond Category



First Place - Walter Oldenburg



Second Place - Rob Smith
& Ann Marshall



Third Place - Connie Weber

Best Plant Category



First Place -
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Second Place - Loren Prucnal



Third Place - Rose Schaefer

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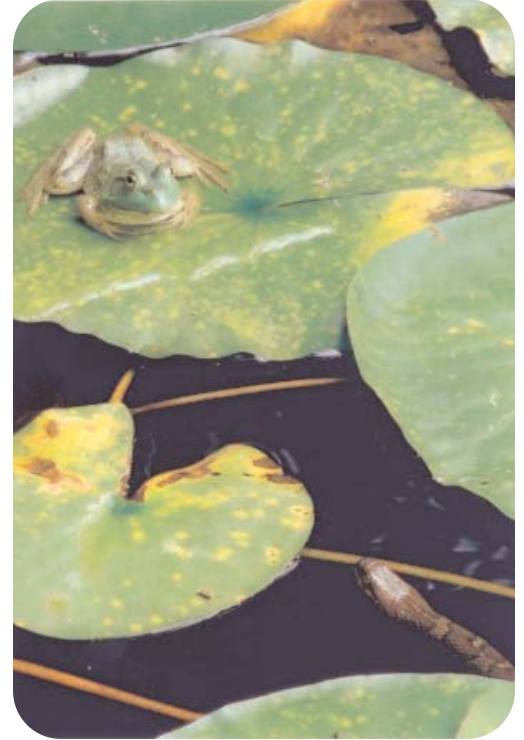


KODAMA KOI FARM

Photo Contest Winners - Pond Critter Category



First Place - Audrey Behlau



Third Place
Walter Oldenburg



Second Place - Walter Oldenburg

A Helpful Hint For Your Waterlilies.

By Mary O'Connor

A few weeks ago a group of club members were discussing our waterlilies and the problems that we have with our fish rooting around in the pots. Chris Wilkolaski shared her secret for keeping her koi out of the pots. Filter pads. These are cut to the size of the pot and secured in place with cable ties. A hole is cut in the pad for the top of the root of the waterlily to poke through and remember to leave the hole large enough for the growing room for the root. Please remember to fertilize the plants. I tried this 3 weeks ago and have not had a problem since.

An added bonus to this was that I was not weighing the baskets down with pea gravel to hold the planting media in place and this meant that the pots were a bit lighter. I tried to take a picture of this but it didn't turn out very well, sorry. The filter media was purchased at Masterson's Pond Shop at Menne Nursery. It was white, but it seems to be blending in to the pond and when all the leaves and lilies are in bloom you won't be able to see the pots at all.

Thanks for the tip!

How To Clean A Pond In One Day

That's easy, no problem, anyone can do that. You might say that about your pond, but when you are talking about the koi pond in the Botanical Gardens, it's easy with a little help from your friends. Or should I say an army of friends.

Bright and early on May 8th we arrived at the Botanical Gardens with a



holding tank, nets, pumps, hoses, boots, clippers, saws, and a lot of energy. While the water was being pumped out of the pond we were put to the test trying to catch all the fish so that we could give the pond a thorough cleaning.

All the plants were trimmed at this time also. Some plants had so severely



overgrown their pots that we had to use a saw to cut the roots.

Those that participated in this adventure were Chris & Dennis Wilkolaski, John & Lorri Porter, Carol & Paul Krajewski, Mary O'Connor, Walt Oldenburg, Bev Jarmuz, Greg Young, Audrey Behlau, Greg Gordon, Susan Kogutec, Kirk Peryea, Angie Cyrek and Tim Tordy.


I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Special Thanks to Audrey for the wonderful lunch that she provided and to Susan for the photographs.





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 the old Keyser Buick location) to Elgin. Everyone is welcome!



Niagara Frontier Koi & Pond Club
23 Crystal Avenue
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Up-Coming Events

June 12 Mega Auction
Be sure to list all Items on the Official Auction Sheet before you arrive at the Auction.

July 10 Club Meeting at 61 Richfield Road, Williamsville. Bring a chair and a snack to pass.

July 18 Pond Tour

August 15-16 Koi Show at Menne Nursery

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