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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 experience

## ACTIVITIES

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

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual.....\$15.00

Family.....\$21.00

*Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.*

*~Albert Camus*

Greetings and Salutations Fellow Ponders,

Well I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and with power. Boy what a storm! I know I was worried about my fish in the power outage. But I was lucky enough to own a generator. For six days the generator ran my home. My fish were all safe in the basement, however I know of some members lost their fish in the power outage. Both their pond and tropical tanks suffered. I am sure there will be many a story to hear at our next meeting.

Our Christmas Party is fast approaching - December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending around a sign up sheet for the Christmas Dinner this month. We need to obtain a head count for the club will supply the meat for the dinner. We ask each member to bring a dish to pass.

Our guest speaker for the November meeting will be Jacalyn Perry and Friends. They are part of the AWARE group from Lockport New York. AWARE is the Association for Wild Animal Rehabilitation and Education. The group cares for wildlife in distress and helps instruct the general public on the proper care for wildlife. They will be bringing a few feather friends for the presentation. (For those few-I believe no spiders this time). Especially after October's storm many wildlife have been misplaced. Trees that were once homes are no more. This group will help answer your questions on the do's and do not's of helping our backyard wildlife.

This is a non-profit group. They are in need of paper towels, dry cat food, and bird seed (any kinds). I am asking the members; if you can spare any of these things please consider bringing them to the meeting as a donation to this organization. I think after the storms we have just had - even the squirrels will be looking for refuge. AWARE is the FEMA of the wildlife world.

Please remember our "special raffle," a beautiful metal work of a koi in a circle is the first prize. An embroidered clock will be the second prize; the tickets will be limited to 100, so come, take a look, and buy a chance. It will be another dollar and a dream raffle.

I am always looking for ideas for guest speakers so if anyone has an idea please let a Board Member or myself know. And with that said: Let us all continue to lead this club to great new heights (and depths).

Yours in ponding,

*Chris*

President

Please contact Greg Young to join the club!

## From the Editors Desk

As always I am open to new ideas and anything that you would like to share with the members is welcome.

I am in need of ponds for next year. Don't be shy; any size pond is of interest. If you feel that you do not want to write the article, provide me with the basic information for the article and I will do the write-up. I would need to know when it was built, approximate size, gallons, equipment, fish and plants. You can bring your pictures to the next meeting or mail them to me at 23 Crystal Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14220. My e-mail is mary.oconnor@verizon.net. My phone number is 823-8979 if you need me to pick up the pictures.

*Mary*

## Refreshments

Nov Beverly Wojtaszczyk  
& Jody Ferris  
Dec Christmas Party

For the Christmas Party in December the club will supply chicken and we will be circulating a sign up sheet at the next meeting for the number of people attending and the type of dish that you will bring to pass.

***If you cannot be at the November meeting but are planning on attending the Christmas Party please contact me at 823-8979 to let me know what you will be bringing and the number of people attending.***

Please consider hosting a meeting in 2007. We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting also or you may contact Barb Weber at 688-7924.

## AWARE

Our guest speaker this month is from AWARE. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to the care and treatment of orphaned, injured, diseased, or distressed wild animals, and to the teaching of others about wildlife and our obligation to the environment.



The program will consist of a discussion of what rehabilitation is all about. Live birds are brought out and a description of their disabilities as well as information about their species is explained. A part of the presentation includes what to do with distressed wildlife and how to prevent injuries to wild animals. The non-releaseable birds of prey are the main attraction of the program. These are all trained, handled and cared for year round by the volunteers at the facility.

AWARE is located at 5565 Mapleton Road, Lockport, NY 14094. For more information check out their website [www.scwrc.com](http://www.scwrc.com).

Donations of paper towels, dry cat food and bird seed are gratefully accepted.

## The Elections Are Coming!!!

It's November, it is obvious that it's Election Day for many of our government officials. Equally important is that it is time to start thinking about our club elections. The club elections are in January but now is the time to start thinking about who will lead the club next year.

The year passed very quickly with all the things the club has participated in and community works that it has accomplished. Among these are the new waterfall and the pond in the outdoor children's garden, both at the Botanical Gardens. We participated in the AKCA Seminar, the show at Niagara Aquarium, Fall Fest in East Aurora, our own Pond Tour and Photo Contest. The decision to participate is made by the Officers and Directors of the club. It's then presented to the general membership. Speakers for the meetings are also discussed by the Board members.

Below is a list and duties of the Club Officers and Directors. Please think about contributing to the club by volunteering for an office or nominating someone that you think would be an asset to the organization. Please contact a current member of the Board of Directors to nominate someone.

**PRESIDENT** – He/she shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the Association. He/she shall enforce observance of the constitution and by-laws and decide all questions of order, sign all official documents, and perform other customary duties pertaining to the office of president. He/she will act as Chairman of the Board of Directors

**VICE-PRESIDENT** – He/she shall act as President of the Association with all rights and powers that the President possesses in the absence of the President. He/She is responsible for the physical assets of the Association (show equipment, projector, etc.) and shall keep an accurate inventory.

**SECRETARY** – He/She shall record and keep the minutes of all meetings and maintain all correspondence and records of the Association. At each general membership

meeting he/she shall read the minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting. He/She is responsible for all correspondence of the NFKPC. He/She shall keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and have the same in his/her possession at every regular and special meeting of the general membership and the Board of Directors.

**TREASURER** – He/She shall keep all Association financial records and accounts, including all receipts and disbursements. He/She shall give a treasurer's report at each general membership and Board of Director's meeting. He/She shall prepare an annual budget for submission at the February Board of Director's meeting, followed by the March general membership meeting for approval by the general membership.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** – The Board consists of all the Officers and five (5) Directors. The Board shall control and manage the affairs and business of the Association. The Board shall act in the name of the Association at any regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Board meets once a month.



### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at the home of Ed and Mary McKee on Thursday, November 30 at 7pm. Their address is 145 W Grimsby Rd, Buffalo, NY 14223.

This is an excellent opportunity to see what happens at a Board Meeting before the January elections.

If you are interested in attending please contact Ed and Mary at 876-0210.

## Sunshine Club

Please help us to remember our members and bring a little sunshine in to their lives when they may need it most.

Please remember Roy Seiders who is ill.

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 our Sunshine Chairperson Lorri Porter at 694-6652 with the details.

## Cyberspace

Here are some sites that may be of interest on the Internet.

[atlantakoiclub.org](http://atlantakoiclub.org)

This is the home site of the Atlanta Koi Club. It is a good place to check out other ponds and get new ideas for your own pond.

[iwgs.org](http://iwgs.org)

The International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society. Lots of information on plants including invasive plants. They are currently updating the site and there will be more information on waterlilies and lotus soon.

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

## Pond Tour 2007

The new chairpersons for Pond Tour 2007 will be Walt Oldenburg and Lin McKay. If you are interested in showing your pond next year please contact them at 912-4492 or [koiwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:koiwebmaster@gmail.com).

The tour will feature ponds in Buffalo and areas to the north in Erie and Niagara Counties.

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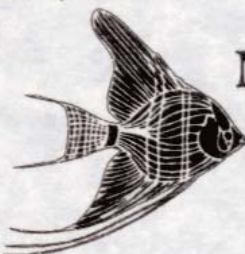
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## October Surprise

By Lin McKay

Thursday afternoon about 3pm I noticed the rain had started to turn to snow. Walt took a picture of the pond not realizing that the next day it would look quite differently. He called me around 7pm and said his power was out and he was running his computer and TV (go figure) off a DC converter running from his truck. I reminded him that if the power was off for more than a few hours he had better get an



aerator on the pond and tanks in the house, which he did. I had power at my house until shortly after they announced on the 11pm news that the Williamsville schools would be closed. It was so scary at our house with all the old trees snapping around us that my daughter and I slept on the couch downstairs, flashlights nearby and lots of blankets to keep warm.

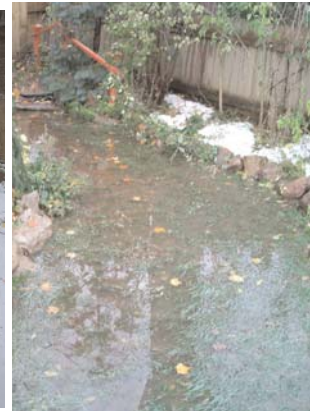
I got up at 6:30am and peeked out the front door to find a very eerie world outside. My car was almost buried; wires all around my house, broken trees piled everywhere. We decided that we would walk 3 blocks over to Walt's because he had heat and some electricity with the converter running. I have 2 koi in a tank at my house so I put them in a bag, wrapped them in a towel and packed them in a duffel bag. I carried them over to Walt's as we climbed over trees and wires and through 2 feet of snow. We all made it and the koi survived and are back home and fine now.

We spent most of the next week at Walt's. I was without power until Thursday, Walt until Saturday



afternoon. We did manage to buy a generator Monday after burning out the truck alternator on Sunday (thank God Walt's brother is a mechanic and could find an automotive parts store that was opened so he could repair it). Things are pretty much cleaned up now but the yard looks very different. All the fish are fine but we are way behind on getting them inside for the winter. Life was sure interesting during that week.

**Photo Gallery of the October Surprise** - Pictures were contributed by Eugene David-Lackawanna, Rich Groblewski-Lancaster, Lin McKay-Williamsville, Walt Oldenburg-Williamsville, Chris Wilkolaski-Orchard Park.



## My Pond

By Jerry and Angela Cyrek

Our pond, which measures approximately 30 feet by 50 feet, with a depth of 6.5 feet, is



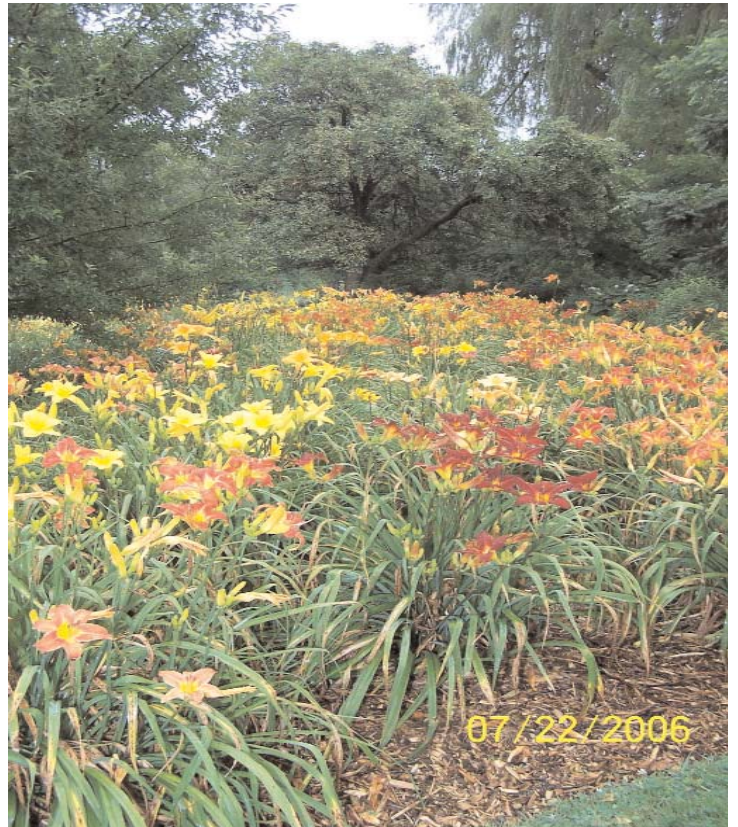
constructed entirely without the use of a liner! We used over 250 tons of concrete and stone to make the foundation and structure of the pond.



Our filter and skimmer system is home brew, as is our pond. The bio-filter is actually a 50 gallon plastic bucket/garbage can that affords bottom flow filtration. It contains lava rock, along with various other filter type materials. The skimmer is constructed of cement block and stone.

The entire system is powered by an 8,000 gph pump.

The pond is home to numerous goldfish, frogs and water lilies, along with assorted other plants. There is an original piece of artwork in the pond, a fountain, created by Jerry.



Surrounding the pond, and much of our property, are hundreds of varieties of daylilies which were hybridized by the previous owner.



Answer to the  
October Puzzle

7	2	3	9	8	4	6	1	5
6	5	1	7	3	2	4	9	8
9	4	8	5	1	6	2	3	7
5	6	2	8	4	1	9	7	3
3	1	4	6	9	7	8	5	2
8	9	7	2	5	3	1	6	4
4	3	5	1	2	9	7	8	6
2	7	9	3	6	8	5	4	1
1	8	6	4	7	5	3	2	9

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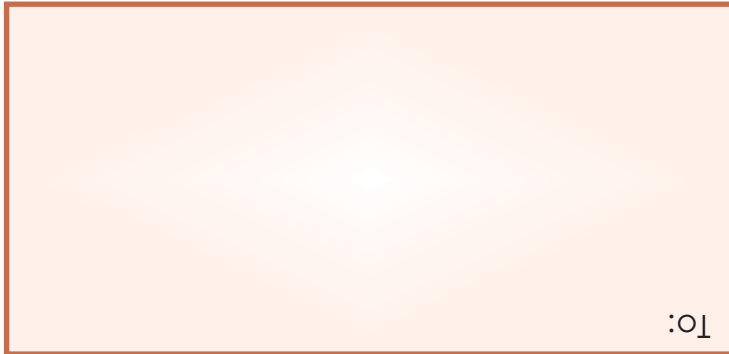
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- Nov. 11& 12 National Toy Hall of Fame Weekend - 10am to 5pm at the Strong Museum. 585-263-2700 or [www.strongmuseum.org](http://www.strongmuseum.org) for more info.
- Nov. 11 Reptile Experience - 10am to 4pm at the Aquarium of Niagara. 285-3575 or [www.aquariumofniagara.org](http://www.aquariumofniagara.org) for more info.
- Nov. 18 Beast Feast Family Workshop - 10am to noon at the Buffalo Zoo. 837-3900 or [www.buffalozoo.org](http://www.buffalozoo.org).
- Nov. 18 Clifford on the Carrousel - Join Clifford the Big Red Dog at 10:30am at the Herschell Carrousel Museum. 693-1885 or [www.carrouselmuseum.org](http://www.carrouselmuseum.org)
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