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Share ideas on building &
maintaining ponds
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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

Wetwork News

A monthly publication of the Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club

Greetings everyone,

Finally...a month where we didn't need a rain coat. Too bad it was so hot; we could have cooked eggs on the pavement. I appreciate how everyone pitched in to make this year's Koi Show great. We all braved the intense heat, lost a little weight and received many compliments. Your hard labor and creativity really showed. We had visitors from as far away as Westchester County on the other side of the state. He found our web site when searching for clubs and saw that we were having a koi show. So he packed up his wife and kids to see his first Koi show and to get information on building a pond.

This month our guest speaker will be Henk Haan. You might remember him from the pond tour. He had the beautiful indoor pond with the large koi not to mention, the most technical pond I've ever seen. Be sure to attend as he will be making up copies of his presentation so you can review it later from your own home.

In case you haven't heard, we are no longer meeting at the VFW in Tonawanda. We have moved our meeting location to the Hamburg Fair Grounds. This is an exciting time



for our folks in South towns who have faithfully been driving to the North towns all these years. Our meeting dates will remain the same. The decision was easily made at the last meeting when I mentioned that the VFW wanted to increase their rates to \$150 a month. You should be able to find directions in this month's newsletter.

Lin and I made it to the new home with all our little guys in tow.

The koi are now residing in tanks in our new garage. The last evening Jerry and Paul gave me a hand knocking in the

walls of the old pond and carting away the gazebo.

It kind left a pit in my gut as I watched all our hard labor being slowly being torn apart. Soon we'll be able to focus on what's ahead.

September 19th is the Fall Festival at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. This is a great event to bring your kids or Grand children to. There are many walking trails, small lakes, Beaver dams and plenty for the kids to see and experience. We will have a table set up at the event and if you would like to help out, contact Mary or Nancy.

See you all soon,
Kind regards,

Walt



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If you are closer to Route 219 you may want to try this route.

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If you are coming from the south and wish to take I-90 to the Hamburg exit there will be a toll. Make a right onto Camp Rd (1.2 miles) Left on Legion Drive (.4 mile), left on Division (.1 mile), right on Colonial (.1 mile) left on South Park Ave (.7 mile). Make a right turn into the Hamburg Fair Grounds and travel .4 miles, the New York State Lottery Building will be on your right.



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	Lorri & John Porter
October	Jenny Kaeselau & Mary O'Connor
November	Pot Luck Bring a Dish to Pass
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? 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.

An advertisement for Hahn Sales & Service. The top part features the company name 'Hahn' in a large, stylized font. Below it, the text 'SALES & SERVICE' and 'Phone (716) 731-5513' is displayed. The main heading is 'YOUR WATER GARDEN HEADQUARTERS'. A list of services follows, including Pond Liners & Preform Ponds, Pumps & Filters, Fish & Water Plants, Japanese Koi, Large Selection of Flagstone, Wallstone and Boulders, Bagged Stone & Mulch, Producers of Ornamental Concrete, Patio Blocks, Fountains and Bird Baths, and Greenhouse Open!. At the bottom, the address '3779 Lower Mountain Rd. (Route 425) Sanborn, NY 14132' and contact information 'hahnssalesservice@adelphia.net' and 'www.hahnponds.com' are provided. An illustration of a koi fish is also present.

Why I Joined This Club

By Sue Kogutec, Mary O'Connor, Walt Oldenburg, Helen Roberts, Greg Young

Below are a series of e-mails that were sent and received in July. They are prime examples of how and why this club was formed and why it will continue to thrive. Phone calls of support and assistance were also made. We will learn more about the technical side of this case from Dr. Roberts in the future.

7-19-09

Mary,

Might anyone know of a veterinarian who specializes or treats fish? I thought I saw an ad recently for someone and I'll be darned if I can locate it. One of my large koi is sick and I'm just standing by watching. Thanks.

Sue

7-20-09

Sue

I am forwarding your note to Helen Roberts who is a member of our club and a fish vet. I am at work now, but I believe her group is 5 corners animal hospital in Orchard Park.

I am also sending this to Walt and Greg Young. Walt has always given me excellent advice and Greg is a Koi Health Adviser. Their telephone #'s are on the front page of the newsletter (if you threw it out - it is on line at www.nfkpc.org)

Good Luck with your patient and let me know how things turn out. Take pictures, it would be an interesting article for the newsletter.

Mary

7-20-09

Mary,

My fish is still hovering in the back of the pond resting atop some submerged plant pots, not moving, not eating and its now 4 days. But she is still upright. This is totally not her; she's normally so active.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your prompt response. Just watching and doing nothing is awful. I contacted Dr. Roberts and she is going to call me in the morning to talk and figure out what best to do. So thank you thank you thank you. I'll let you know how it goes.

Sue



7-20-09

That's good to hear Sue!

There are a number of questions I would at this point ordinarily ask you, but as Helen is on the case, she certainly will go over that with you.

Let us know how you make out.

Greg

8-11-09

Hi Sue,

I just wanted to follow up with you to see how your fish is doing. Dr. Helen is great at what she does. Are you going to make it to the koi show this weekend?

Regards,

Walt

8-14-09

Walt, Mary & Greg,

Thank you for asking. The whole experience turned out to be amazing and wonderful. I never would have guessed. Dr. Roberts is a gift for all of us who live in this area.

Sunshine had gone 7 days floating, not eating, not moving, she was in trouble and getting worse. You do get to know your fish and she's been around now for about 10



years. Her routine was speeding around the pond, doing

flips and splashes and generally having fun. Now, every morning I hated to walk back to the pool, expecting to see her belly-up.

Immediately after I contacted Helen (thank you Mary for such prompt referral), we started with a "Catch and Bring into the Clinic" plan. Well, of course, as soon as the net appeared in the pond, everyone took a dive and sequestered themselves into the chimney flu cave I had set up for them to give refuge from enemies...and it worked; I couldn't catch her. "C and B to the C" was declared a no-go. But Helen was on the phone immediately and made plans to do an on-site.



After a recap of my pond's environment, maintenance routine, recent events and some water testing, Sunshine was in a net (go-figure) and heading for a knockout in Helen's tub. With lines running down both sides of her and gills infected, prognosis was an attack, likely by a racoon. Helen cleaned her gills and gave her several injections of antibiotics and checked some slides under a microscope. And then the question, "what can you put her in for the next three weeks so that she can continue to be watched and treated?"

Dahh...Tupperware? The next three weeks were amazing. Helen returned on a regular basis, I think we became friends, finding many things in common including a love for nature and animals. I can fill in the details, but here are some pictures (Helen has full size of them) and I think best person to tell the story is Helen who spoke with Walt about perhaps an article.



It was an experience that I (and my neighbors) will never forget.

Sunshine made it and I'm very grateful for the wonderful care she received by Dr. Roberts.

Thank you for your help too and hope to see you at the show!

Sue



Sunshine Club

By Lorri Porter

Condolences to Jennifer Kaeselau on the passing of her Aunt.

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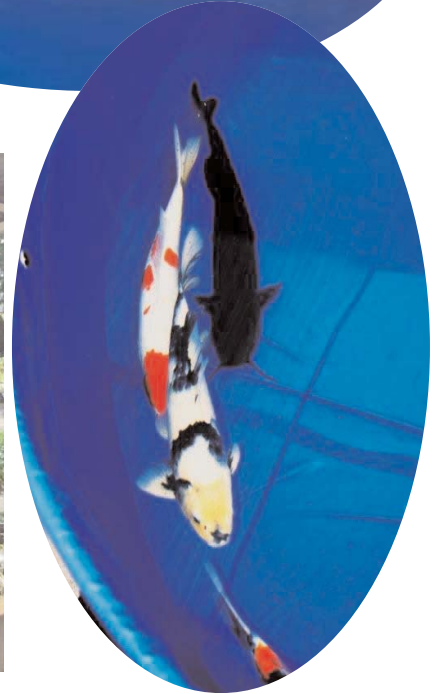
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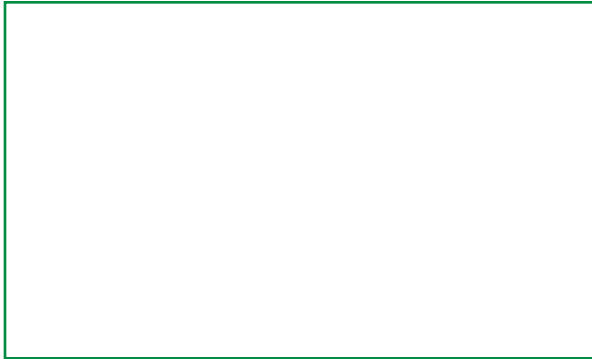
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NEW LOCATION

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Up-Coming Events

- Sept 11** - New Meeting Location in the New York Lottery Building at the Hamburg Fairgrounds
- Sept 11** - Henk Haan will be our guest to tell us about his indoor pond.
- Sept 19** - Reinstein Woods
- Oct 9** - SPCA Wildlife, Power Point presentation and live Raptors. Bring the kids to this one.
- Nov. 13** - Kim from Land Masters

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