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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

Please contact Greg Young to join the club!

## Greetings and Salutations Fellow Ponders,

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, we have a count down of 20 days till the Pond Tour. Hope everyone has reserved that July 21<sup>st</sup> date on his or her calendar. There will be a sign up sheet for the Pond Tour at the general meeting. The club will supply the main meat but we asked that members bring a dish to pass and note the type on the sign up sheet. Summer is now in full swing and so is our club. Members have been busy helping members all month. The Sunday after our June meeting, Don Butterworth, Ed McKee, Bob Colling, Loren Prucnal, along with my husband Dennis and myself went out and cleaned Joan Gierlak's pond. The following weekend The Erie County Fair pond was completely drained and cleaned by Bonnie Wulf, Roy Seiders, Don Butterworth, Nancy Wojnowski, John and Lorri Porter, Gerry and Angela Cyrek, and Dennis and Chris Wilkolaski. Irv Slater gave Phil Grefrath a call. Phil was out helping to find a leak in Irv's pond.



The last big helping hands project was completed just in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. My Father-in-law, Robert Heiniman, a new member this year, with a little help from my husband and myself, put in his first "official" pond. We had bought him a plastic sit on the ground 55-gallon pond last year. Well, no more plastic molded pond for him, but an in the ground, on the side of a hill - Pond. I even made sure he had a fish "spitter" as a pond warming / birthday gift. Needless to say, as we are all aware of this love we share for this hobby of Koi, Goldfish and Ponds. I went back the next day to see three new Koi swimming with the original three goldfish. I knew then, he was "hooked" for sure.

I want to thank all those club members that took time and helped fellow members. If anyone needs a little help with his or her pond please let us know. We have a group that is more than willing to help. Or let us know if you are willing to help. We would love to put you on our list of pond helpers.

Our Mega Auction went very well at the June meeting. Mike Curry was a great auctioneer. Remember, the club will continue to hold Mini Auctions at our meetings this summer. So split a plant or two bring them to the next meeting and share the wealth.

The Koi and Goldfish Show is coming together. Remember those dates as well, August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone willing to help set up/tear down or work the show please contact Mary O'Connor. Let us all work as a team and make this a Success for the Club. I know Mary is still looking for donations for the Auction Table. If you have an item please bring it to the meeting or call Mary or myself and we can schedule a pick up if needed.

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## Editors Note

Our club members seem to pull together when needed to help fellow members. In that tradition I wanted to remind you of an opportunity to learn more. The AKCA has a Koi Health Advisor program that will teach you how to take better care of your koi. The information is found on the website, [www.AKCA.org](http://www.AKCA.org), and the classes are taught entirely on the internet except for the one wet lab that must be attended during the course. Courses run from July 1st to June 30th of the following year. The wet labs are traditionally held during the AKCA Seminar each June. Next year it is in Florida. What a great way to combine hobby and vacation. The course is free except for the supplies that you must purchase and of course your trip to the wet lab. So if you find yourself with some time on your hands and you want to try something new, why not give this a try.

## Refreshments for 2007

July	Kathy Arries
August	Pam Craig
Sept	<b>Please Volunteer</b>
October	Mary O'Connor
November	Beverly Wojtaszczyk & Jody Ferris

Please consider hosting a meeting in 2007. 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.

We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting or you may contact Barb Weber at 688-7924.

**Mary**

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Our own Loren Prucnal was out at Windy Acres and did a talk on ponds. This was a great chance for the club to be represented and for Loren to show his knowledge on the topic. Loren will be our speaker for July. He will be discussing the various types of Koi. I am sure it will be a very interesting presentation. So come to the meeting and learn exactly what kind of Koi you really own.

I have to say our club has been a place of common hobby but it is also a place for love. I on behalf of the club, would like to congratulate our own Walt Oldenburg, the Webmaster, and Lin McKay, the Pond Tour Chair, on their recent marriage.

Again, feel free to call any of our elected officers and board members with ideas for future meetings. Let us **all** continue to lead this Club to great new heights (and depths!).

Yours in ponding,

*Chris*



## Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at the home of Bob Colling at 2240 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14305. The meeting will be on Tuesday, July 24 at 7:00pm.

If you are interested in attending, or require driving instructions, please contact Bob at 297-1514.

All members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. You may find it easier to express your feelings to the Officers and Board Members in a more intimate setting instead of at a regular club meeting. We value everyone's opinion.

## News from Windy Acres Paul & Beverly Wojtaszyk

Windy Acres Greenhouse would like to thank Loren and Tracy Prucnal, and Phil Grefrath, for presenting a watergardening lecture for our customers on June 9. We had a nice turnout and the weather was great. The attendees had many questions for Loren and Phil, and a lot of good advice was given. We might even get some new members from this. We already have interest in another talk for next year from people who were unable to attend this year. Also, a special thank you to Jody Ferris for supplying a large batch of her beautiful painted cookies. They were so pretty and tasty!

## Website Info Walt Oldenburg

From time to time the club receives feedback on our website or someone seeking information on our hobby. Below is a request from a gentleman in Canada:

I am a koi pin collector and long time member of the Canada Koi Club in Vancouver, Canada. Are you aware of anyone collecting pins in your club and if so would you be kind enough to forward my email enquiry to them?

You have an excellent web site. We are just in the process of making changes to our site and were looking at some of the more visually appealing sites out there. Your site certainly caught our eye. Thank you for your attention to my enquiry.

Clark Shea,  
Canada Koi Club  
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## The Auction

### Lorri Porter

Now that the MEGA Auction is over for the year we will now return to our regular monthly auctions. Everything is welcome to the auction but there is a limit of 3 items per member. Plants, fish, food, pumps, etc. You bring it in, we'll auction it off. The split for those who are new is 50-50. I once again cannot stress strongly enough to PLEASE make sure your containers DO NOT LEAK. The VFW has been very good to us for many years and we do not want to destroy any of their tables or make a "pond" of their floor.

I also would like to strongly suggest that all participants make an effort to label their items with any and all pertinent info (name of the plant, color if known, H2O or land type, expected height, etc.). This will greatly help the auctioneer and make the entire evening go quicker and smoother. As in the past, the auction will be the second half of the meeting after the break for refreshments. See you all on Friday!

## 2007 Pond Tour

The tour is nearly upon us and its time to finalize things! Sign up sheets will be passed around again one last time at the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you cannot be at that meeting and did not sign up at the last meeting please call me at 523-7944 or email me at [songarden4@gmail.com](mailto:songarden4@gmail.com) with the names of all coming and what dish you are bringing to pass at the final stop. I need an accurate count so I can order enough chicken for everyone.

Also, anyone who is showing your pond, please bring your write-up on your pond to the July meeting or email it to me at the above email.

### A couple of important things:

1. PLEASE BRING SERVING UTENSILS WITH YOUR DISH TO PASS.
2. Please – everyone bring a chair.

There will be 9 ponds on our tour this year but the road between is long so please do your best to show up at our starting location on time. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call or drop me an email.

By the time this is in print I will officially be,  
Lin Oldenburg



## Sunshine Club

By Lorri Porter

Congratulations to Lin McKay & Walt Oldenburg on their recent nuptials.

Get well wishes to Jan Evert who recently underwent quadruple by-pass surgery.

Bonnie Wulf's husband Jim was feeling a little under the weather. We hope that he is back to tinkering on his antique car's by now.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Mary O'Connor and her family on the passing of her brother. John Chinni.

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



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There is a charge of \$10.00 for some of the courses, but upon completion each registered participant receives a coupon valued at \$10.00 towards that days purchase of \$50.00 or more.

10:00 am - Ulbrich's Garden Coach - Introduction to Water Gardening - \$10.00

10:30 am - WNY Rose Society - Selecting, Pruning and Maintaining Roses - FREE!

11:30 am - Emperor Aquatics - Ultra Violet Lights and Filtration - Q & A Period - FREE!

1:30 pm - Ulbrich's Garden Coach - Planting a Patio Planter with annuals, perennials and more - \$10.00

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Sincerely, Mary O'Connor, Editor of Wetwork News




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To:

Niagara Frontier Koi & Pond Club  
 23 Crystal Avenue  
 Buffalo, NY 14220



**Niagara Frontier Koi & Pond Club -  
 Upcoming Events**

- July 1-Aug 31 North Tonawanda Historic Gardens Tour  
 Guide map available at N. Tonawanda History Museum, 314 Oliver St.  
[www.nthistormuseum.org](http://www.nthistormuseum.org)
- July 14 Williamsville Garden Walk-starts at Village Hall, 5565 Main St. [www.willvill.com](http://www.willvill.com)
- July 14-15 Hamburg Garden Walk -Maps at Memorial Park Bandstand, Lake and Union Sts  
[www.village-hamburg.com](http://www.village-hamburg.com)
- July 14-15 Lockport In Bloom-433 Locust St. for maps
- July 15 South Buffalo Alive garden walk - Dudley Library, South Park Ave. \$2 for maps.
- July 21 NFKPC Annual Pond Tour**
- July 28 Genesse Valley Pond Club Annual Pond Tour
- July 28-29 Garden Walk Buffalo for maps call 879-0123  
[www.gardenwalkbuffalo.com](http://www.gardenwalkbuffalo.com)
- Aug 25-26 Koi and Goldfish Show 2007 - Buffalo, NY

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