



# wetwork News

A Publication of the Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club

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“Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn't start a conversation.” Kim Hubbard

## **Greetings and Salutations fellow ponders:**

Wow, can you believe this weather? See, it really is a conversation piece. I am watching as my water plants start to reach the surface. The mouths of my fish are wide open asking to “feed us”. Remember to wait till water temperature is 55 or better. Start feeding with cold weather food or cheerios.

Check out the pictures from last month's Photo Contest on our webpage. We had some really great shots. Thank you for all the participation. Keep next years contest in mind as you take pictures this summer.

Our guest speaker for April will be Larry Nau. Some of you may know Larry, he owns Bergen's Water Gardens near Rochester. He will be sharing a PowerPoint on his most recent trips. Many will remember the beautiful photos of his water lilies and Lotus. Mark your calendars for Lilly Fest taking place the first weekend in June at his garden center in Bergen, NY.

We will be looking for volunteers to help the Pond Squad this year. We will be cleaning the Fair Pond in April. Reinstein Woods will be having a volunteer cleaning day Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will clean out that pond and do a little gardening around it.

Our Koi Show is not that far away; consider helping out and showing your fish. Set up tanks or help with tear down. Many hands make light work.

Yours in ponding,

Chris

# Koi People of the Year

## Art & Barb Weber

Start planning for the Mega Auction in June

Save the date July 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

NFKPC Pond Tour 2012 in the South towns.

It's time to plan the 2012 Tour. Buffalo and the south towns is our destination this year. If any one would like to show their pond please talk to Chris Wilkolaski (662-9429).

This is one of the club's most attended events. It is a great chance to see what other members have done with their ponds and yards. Gardening ideas are shared by all.

We will start the day with light refreshments at the first pond and end the day with dinner and stories at the final pond.

Don't forget the camera!!!!!!!!!!

### PONDTABS

The club has purchased fertilizer Pond Tabs in bulk. We have packages of 25 tablets for a donation of \$5.00. Please see an officer if you are interested.

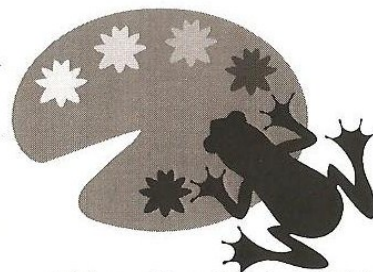
It is never too early to think about opening our ponds and getting ready for spring/summer. Remember water lilies need to be fertilized about every two weeks. Lotuses require heavier feeding. Be prepared and have your fertilizer tablets ready for the start of the pond season.



## Sunshine

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 Lorri Porter at 694-6652

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**Next Board of Directors Meeting— at 7:30 PM on April 26th**

**At the home of Chris Wilkolaski**

**6147 Webster Rd. Orchard Park, NY**

**All members are welcome to attend**

**RSVP to 662-9429**

## Refreshments for 2012

If you would like to bring refreshments to a meeting, you will be reimbursed for expenses for up to \$45.00 (receipts must be turned into Nancy)

General info:

8-9 bottles of pop, some diet

Any refreshments or snacks of your choice: Cheese & Crackers, veggies, fruit, chips, dip, pepperoni, salad, jello, cookies, cake, brownies, etc.

We do not have use of any kitchen supplies, so you may need to bring serving utensils, trays, bowls, baskets, knives, or whatever is needed to serve your type of refreshments

The club will provide:

Coffee, hot cups, creamer, sugar, small plates, paper cups, plastic silverware, napkins

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer:

please contact Barbara Weber 688-7924

**Jan.:** Meeting cancelled

**Feb.:** Diane Young & Sandy Crawford

**Mar.:** Nancy Wojnowski & Renae Johnson

**Apr.:**

**May:**

**June:** Louise Metlock & Bill Daniels

**July:**

**Aug.:** Elaine, Carol, Rose & Annette

**Sep.:** Porters

**Oct.:** Audry & Chris

**Nov.:** Sandy Crawford & Denise Moller

**Dec.:** Christmas Party

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TO:

**THE NIAGARA FRONTIER KOI & POND CLUB MEETS THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT  
THE ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 15 KOENIG CIRCLE, TONANANDA, NY 14150  
ALSO VISIT US ONLINE AT [www.nfkpc.org](http://www.nfkpc.org)**

## NIAGARA FRONTIER KOI & POND CLUB UP-COMING EVENTS IN WESTERN NEW YORK

May : Buffalo Bonsai Society Show at the Botanical Gardens

May 19: Garden Fest at Windy Acres in Springville.

June 2-3: Lily Fest at Bergen Water Gardens

June 8: NFKPC Mega Auction

June 23-24: NFKPC Koi Show at Masterson's Garden Center & Aquatic Nursery in East Aurora. Saturday 10am—5pm.  
Sunday 10am-3pm. Mega auction Sunday at 2pm. Cash only. We still have three show tanks left so  
Please show your Koi call Phil Grefrath to reserve a tank

July 21st: NFKPC Pond Tour in the south towns

August 8-19: Erie County Fair Pond