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"Some of nature's most exquisite handiwork is on a miniature scale, as anyone knows who has applied a magnifying glass to a snowflake"

- Rachel Carson

Greetings and Salutations fellow ponders:

Unfortunately our weather did not agree with us for our February meeting but we must remember in nature every snowflake is unique. Hoping March will be better. We were able to reschedule Laurel Schreiner to be our guest speaker for March. We will reschedule the Photo Contest that was to take place for a later date.

The club participated in the WILD Expo that was held February 24th. Thank you to the members that volunteered their time: Arlene, Nancy, Angie, Jerry, Paul, Carol, Bev, Nate, Audrey, Jerry, Chris and Dennis. We had a nice time. Many different types of animals to see and learn about were shown by various organizations.



Spring is right around the corner, I actually have my Voodoo Lilly starting to grow in my basement. A sure sign it is getting warmer and the sun is staying out longer. It's time to think about our Koi Show and Pond Tour (north towns). If anyone has ideas or would like to Chair either event please let a Board member or an officer know. The Board and officers are willing to help out so don't think you would be doing this alone. We are looking for people to show fish for the Koi Show and members to show their ponds for the Pond Tour.

If you have not done so yet please renew your membership. February was renewal month. With the canceled meeting you may have forgotten to renew your membership. See Carol Krajewski, our membership chair, for forms.

Remember let's bring in new ideas to have this club reach new heights and great depths.

Your in Pondering,

Chris





Phil Grefrath

Koi Person of the Year 2013

Phil first joined the NFKPC back in 1995.

Believe it or not, when he first joined "Mr. Koi" had no Koi! His late brother Bruce encouraged Phil to take the plunge and get into keeping Koi.

At the time he joined there were only 3 club members that kept Koi – Tom Tower, Jim Jacobs, and Ray Lucas.

Phil's first pond was built in 1996. Although an adequate home for Koi, he was not satisfied in its design. The more he read, and talked with other Koi keepers, the more he knew it needed to be redesigned.

This led to a total redesign of the pond, with removal of all water plants from the pond itself, increasing its depth to 6 feet, installing bottom drains that feed sumps which are housed in a concrete bricked based building, adding bead filters, etc. The building was constructed to represent a Japanese tea house, and his garden was landscaped according to Japanese principles.

Phil has been active in the NFKPC, having served on its board of directors, and having held office as the club's vice president.

He has actively participated in the annual Koi show for a number of years, many of which he served as chairperson for the event.

Phil worked with 2 other club members to create the pond in the Creative Gardens at Riverview Elementary School in Tonawanda.

He has helped maintain the ponds at the Erie county fairgrounds, Reinstein Woods, and the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens.

Phil has always been willing to share his knowledge with others, to help them advance their Koi keeping skills.

This year's award is long overdue to this behind the scenes leader, who has contributed much over the years to our club, and Koi keeping in general.

By Greg Young

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

7:30 PM

March 28th

At the home of
Arlene Leising

71 Monarch Dr.

Amherst, NY

All members are welcome to
attend RSVP to 837-4014

If meetings need to be cancelled due to bad weather
they will be listed on channel 2 and 4.

Refreshments for 2013

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.: Potluck—everyone bring a small snack

Feb.: Diane & Sandy

Mar.: Mary O'Connor

Apr.: Angie Cyrek

May: Rose & Elaine

June: Ann Marshall & Rob Smith

July: Evert & Gordon

Aug.: The Behlau's

Sep.: The Porter's

Oct.: Mark Rivard

Nov.: Bev Jarmuz

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TO:

THE NIAGARA FRONTIER KOI & POND CLUB MEETS THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7pm

THE ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 15 KOENIG CIRCLE, TONANANDA, NY 14150

ALSO VISIT US ONLINE AT www.nfkpc.org

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

April 19	Black Friday bulb sale at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens \$7 a bag
May 18-19	Bonsai show at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens \$9
	Great Plant Sale at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens
July	Pond Tour
August	Fair pond