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Happy New Year to everyone. Here's to a better, healthier and more prosperous 2015.

Hope everyone who came to our Christmas Party had a good time. The food was good and the members seemed to enjoy themselves. Next year it's the Northtowns, so start thinking of someplace you might want to go.

There are still a few vacant months for the food /munchies table, so avoid the rush and sign up ASAP. Donations are also appreciated for the dollar & a dream and the raffle table.

We are starting a few new ideas this year. There will be a "plant competition" starting in May and running thru Sept. The proposed plant is the Cardinal Flower which can be purchased in spring and brought back in the fall. The member with the largest, showiest plant will receive a prize. We are also going back to project plants, which will be hostas this year. The board is currently considering small and "mini" varieties. We will also be starting a series "Koi of the Month" in our newsletter. Each month a different variety will be featured along with pictures and a pronunciation key.

Don't forget elections are being held at this month's meeting. Anyone who's a member can run, most officers can hold a three year limit, but have to be re-elected each year. Board members serve for a 2-3 year term and we currently have one opening. Please think about running.

The next Board Of Directors meeting will be at Lorri Porters house on Jan 29th at 7:30.

LORRI

Christmas Party

The club had a few honored guests at the Christmas Party. Tom Towers and his wife, if you have been in the club long enough you would know that name as one of our founding members. Next we had Mike Masterson and his wife. Mike has been very gracious to our club hosting our koi shows. Last but not least, Ray "Kingfish" Lucas and his wife. Ray has finically decided to retire from the aquatic business. We honored him for all his help to the club and hobby by presenting him with an engraved granite rock for his yard. The rock has our club logo and a small metal plate expressing our thanks to this dear friend. I believe Ray was surprised and speechless. And that does not happen often!



All new POND Trade magazine website

This fall, POND magazine undertook a complete redesign of www.pondtrademag.com. You can now navigate the web site via the top navigation row and find your favorite POND topics under the article category menu, such as pond life, technology and business trends. The site was redesigned to automatically adjust to any device you may have, such as smartphone, desktop computer or an iPad.



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This website has a little of everything, pictures and history of koi varieties, ideas if you need them to build or improve your pond, and new equipment available to help test your pond. Some of the meters offered are smartphone friendly. Imagine placing a meter in your pond and receive results on your smartphone. Technology is great!

So as we sit back and wait for winter to end, take a look at this site for ideas to start your pond off right in 2015.

Next Board of
Directors Meeting

7:30 PM

Thursday, January 29th

At the home of

Lorri Porter

1312 Tanglewood

N. Tonawanda

All members are welcome
to attend RSVP to 694-6652

Koi of the Month

Asagi

Asagi (AH-SAH-GEE)

The Asagi is considered the oldest of the koi breeds. They are sometimes referred to as blue koi. These fish are gray to blue in color. Their scales are blue-nonmetallic. In fact, in Japanese, Asagi means pale or light blue. Some of these have red spots, more of a rusty red than a bright red. Hi is the term used to describe the red patches. The red can start on the gills and stomach and run to their lateral lines and can even add color to their cheeks. They are also noted for their red eyes.

The perfect Asagi will have a white head with well defined red patches. If there is red on the head of the Asagi then it can be considered a Menkaburi Asagi. If the scales are well outlined on its back then it can be considered a Shusui Asagi.

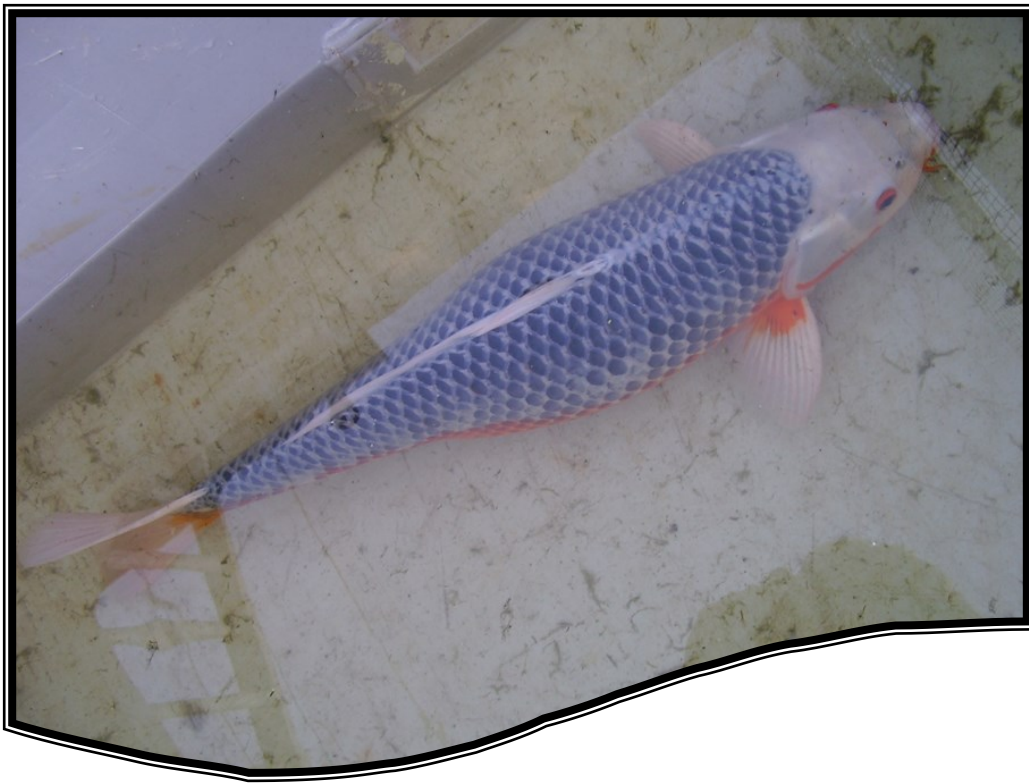
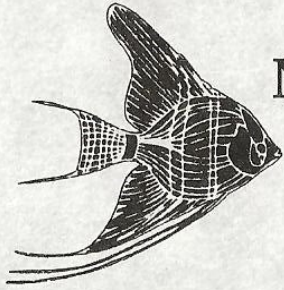


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Sunshine

John Bracket of North Tonawanda passed away in December.

As you all probably know, Audrey Behlau's mother passed away in October. She would like to extend her deepest appreciation to everyone for their expressions of sympathy.

Refreshments for 2015

If you would like to bring refreshments to a meeting, you will be reimbursed for expenses for up to \$25.00 (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.:

Feb.: Sandy Grefrath & Diane Young

Mar.:

Apr.: Nancy Wojnowski

May:

June: Nancy Jackson

July: Ann Marshall & Rob Smith

Aug.:

Sep.:

Oct.:

Nov.:

Dec.: Christmas Party

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