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I'm sure we're all looking forward to March 20th and what might be the start of the spring season, at least on paper. After the coldest February on record and WAY too much snow, we get to look forward to possible flooding and leaky roofs. For those of us who have been unable to even see our ponds let alone get out to them, the uncertainty of what we'll find is not a pleasant thought.

So, with that in mind, this month is our annual photo contest. Dig out those pics and remember what green grass and healthy fish look like. The categories will be Fauna, Flora and Ponds with 1st and 2nd place prizes for each (\$25 and \$15 respectively). There will also be a \$25 peoples choice award. As in the past, only one winner across all categories with the exception of the peoples choice will be given. This gives everyone an equal opportunity. Our judge this year will once again be Mary Lou Frost, who will also be doing a presentation on National sites (tentatively).

We also have tentative dates for the pond tour (northtowns) on August 1st, and June 27th for the Koi show, venue to be decided soon. If you have suggestions or a favorite nursery that deals with ponds let us know so the board can start lining up the location.

This month is also membership renewal time. Please see Carol K. at the meeting to update your information, including correct e-mail addresses. This will be the last month for snail mail deliveries of newsletters for anyone with an e-mail address. Costs for paper, ink and other supplies are becoming prohibitive, so the board has decided to stop mailing to those with computers.

Barb Weber has also decided to "retire" from coordinating supplies for the snack table. Her's will be hard shoes to fill, but if anyone can it's our new volunteer Bev Jarmuz. We all say a big THANK YOU to Barb for her many years and gratefully look forward to Bev taking over the reins.

No one signed up for munchies this month, so we're asking everyone to please bring a dish to pass.

Next BOD will be at Chris and Dennis' home on Thursday March 26th at 7:30pm. All members are welcome but please RSVP if you plan to attend 662-9429

LORRI

2015 Annual Photo Contest

1st & 2nd place prizes will be awarded in Fauna, Flora, & Ponds. See letter above for more details.

Koi of the Month

Doitsu

Doitsu (Doh-Eet-Sue)

This koi has a German ancestry . These fish were imported to Japan during the late 1800's as a food source. They were developed from a scaleless carp. This koi can range from no scales at all sometimes called a "leather carp" (Kawas-gou), or may be called a "mirror carp" (Kagami-goi), if they have one line of scales following their lateral and dorsal lines. But like with anything there are exceptions. Some may appear to be wearing a suit of armor or large scales on their shoulder region. The fact that they do not have scales covering their whole body means their markings need to be sharp. Some even say they appear to glow from a light within.

Three doitsu that can be seen at Koi Shows include:

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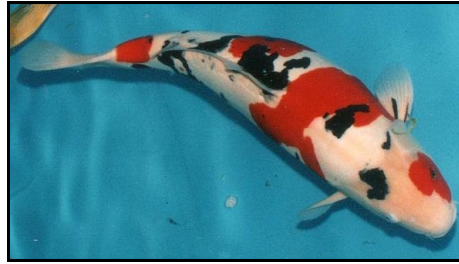
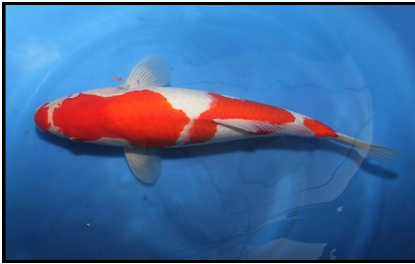
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Doitsu Kohaku (Doh-Eet-Sue - Cohaku) - This white koi is scaleless and it has a red pattern like a Kohaku

Doitsu Sanke (Doh-Eet-Sue San-Kay) - This white koi is scaleless and has a red and black pattern on it like a Sanke

Doitsu Showa (Doh-Eet-Sue Sho-Wa) - This black koi is scaleless and has a red and white pattern on it like a Showa



New York State Invasive Species

Effective March 10, 2015 New York State DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) will implement the new Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species – 6 NYCRR Part 575. For more information check out the page at Bergen Water Gardens <http://bergenwatergardens.com/new-york-state-invasive-species/>

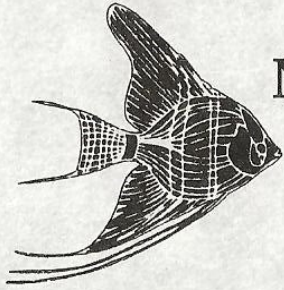
February presenter

Becky Watts on Fairy Gardens



HOURS: Mon.- Fri. 11-8
Sat. 10-8 pm, Sun. 12-5

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Sunshine

Nate Jarmuz recuperating from knee surgery

Jerry Behlau suffered injuries during a fireworks show near Syracuse on Feb 14th

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 Greffrath & Diane Young

Mar.: Potluck

Apr.: Nancy Wojnowski

May:

June: Nancy Jackson

July: Ann Marshall & Rob Smith

Aug.:

Sep.:

Oct.:

Nov.:

Dec.: Christmas Party

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

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| March 15th | Rescheduled Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Auction in West Seneca
http://tropical-fish-club-of-erie-county.com |
| March 19th-22nd | Plantasia Garden and Landscape show @ Fairgrounds Event Center
Hamburg. Go online for \$1 off admission
http://www.plantasiany.com/Plantasia_Coupon.html |
| April 10th | Larry Nau will be the guest speaker talking about the changes to invasive species and how koi have been added to the list |