

## **Request for Member Input for the GPPS Newsletter**

We are looking for input from GPPS members. Remember, this is **your** club, and all information shared, contributed and exchanged, will continue to enrich the club. The following is a list of topics that can be used for future newsletter content, as well as additions to the website. **This list is not exhaustive; please feel free to submit any other ideas you may have.**

Additionally, all questions are welcome and can be answered in future meetings, shared in the newsletter, and/or placed on the GPPS site for future reference.

Please submit any/all ideas to [gppsnews@blue-fish.biz](mailto:gppsnews@blue-fish.biz). Pictures are helpful as well.

1. Tips/Tricks - What are some creative things that you've done that have improved your pond?

Example - Using the rectangular "window box" plastic planters, rather than round. Makes it easy to pond vac around, can "stake" my pond lights in them, makes it easier for the lily rhizomes to grow/spread out.

Example – Use nylon stockings to put loose barley straw in for algae control. You can often find loose barley straw at feed or garden supply stores, sometimes even for free.

2. Fish Care - What are things that you like to feed your fish? Organic lettuces, peas with skin removed, just goldfish flakes, etc. What do you do for medical treatments and how do you identify issues before they become too drastic? What kind of fish do you have and how many? How old are they, etc?

3. Basic pond terminology - What's the difference between a gravity filter vs. a pressurized filter? Why used submersible pump vs. external pump? Why are there so many different kinds of filter media, and what do they do?

4. Plant Care - What kind of planting media do you use? What is your fertilizing routine? Do you use just fertilizer tabs, or do you supplement with liquid fertilizer? How do you divide plants and when?

5. What products would you recommend/not recommend and why? This can include things like water filters, pumps, pond maintenance products (algae control, flocculants, etc).

6. URL Links to Internet sites that you've found helpful.

7. Featured Member's Pond – Submit photos and a write-up of your pond. The following is an example of an existing Member's pond:

Construction Materials: 45 mil EPDM liner, cinder block, flagstone

Dimension: 5' x 10' x 2'

Gallonage: Approx 350

Pump: FishMate 1500 gps

Filter: FishMate 2000 Pressurized w/ UV

Lighting: 4x10 watt in-pond lights, 60 watt transformer

Plant types: Hardy Lilies, Yorba Mensa, Canna Lilly, Mini Cattails, Parrots Feather

Fish types: 3rd generation feeder goldfish, approx 25 to 30, each 1.5" to 3", 2 years old.