

Next Meeting: September 10, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.

The September meeting will be held at the home of Dan and Caryl Catlin.
120 S. Omaha Street, Mesa. Phone is 480-924-3879.

The speaker will be Dan Stough and the topic will be "Finding and Fixing Leaks in Ponds"

Please bring your own lawn chairs and bags/buckets for any plants/fish that may be available.

Hot Weather Pond Tips:

The warmer the water, the less oxygen it holds! If your pond holds near its capacity of fish, there is danger of a fish kill if the slightest thing goes wrong! If your fish are congregating around the waterfall, they are already looking for extra oxygen. How do you prevent it? Add a fountain for quick, extra oxygen or use an air pump (having an extra pump is always a good idea for emergencies). If that is not in the realm of possibility, at least make sure that all cracks are sealed in your waterfall to make sure all the water actually falls down the front and produces as much oxygen as possible.

Oxygen deprivation is the # 1 pond fish killer!

Stop feeding the pond fish if the water temperature goes above 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Feed early in the morning when the water is coolest.

Do not use chemical algacides - when algae die it temporarily reduces oxygen in the pond and that could be enough to push a stressed pond over the edge. Use biological products and preventative products instead and do so early in the morning when the water is coolest and not at all if the fish seem stressed.

Feed lower protein fish food which is easier to digest if water temperatures are above 80 degrees Fahrenheit. It provides all essential nutrients and reduces digestive stress during very hot weather.

Koi can actually get sunburned and need some shade or deep water to escape to.

Your Pond is an investment which increases your property value and is beneficial to the environment; these few precautions will go a long way toward protecting it.

Article courtesy of www.pondmarket.com

Pond Happenings



Hi GPPS members!

I am sure glad we do not have meetings in July and August due to the heat; we all know it is so much cooler in September! I hope everyone is finding ways to keep cool during some recent record setting high temperature days, whew! Between the high temps, high humidity and huge dust storms this year's monsoon season has been a real pain, especially on pond (and pool) owners. I hope you all have been able to keep your pond cleaned out and your fish happy!

It seems like it has been longer than two months since our last meeting and I am looking forward to all of us getting together on the 10th. I am hoping for a good turn out as we left quite a bit of unfinished business that needs to have the conversation continue and hopefully some decisions made on the topics. There were some excellent suggestions made and some ideas brought up that will definitely help define our organization and how we work together and help our club member with problems, planned and un-planned events. This is your club and your ideas, opinions and voice are so important for you to have the kind of club you want and the kind of club you can be proud to be a member of!

The next general meeting will be on September 10, 2011 at the home of Dan and Carol Catlin in Mesa. The hosts will not only be telling us about their pond, but about their solar energy system as well. Come on out and enjoy our host's yard, pond and hospitality!

I hope you all have a safe and fun Labor Day weekend and I hope to see you at the September meeting!

Dave Nelson - President



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GPPS Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings & Events			
Month	Location	Month	Location
Sept 10	Don & Caryl Catlin, Mesa	Dec 10	Tom & Katie Knight, Phoenix
Oct 8	Mike & Karen Valenzuela, Chandler	TBD	TBD
Nov 12	George & Diane Morris, Queen Creek	TBD	TBD

A request from GPPS Webmaster Dennis Beard

GPPS has "FAQs" that are listed on the <http://www.phoenixponds.com/archive/gppsfaq.htm> web page. This page is now a link on the left navigation bar titled -- guess? FAQs

I solicit your assistance in helping the club's website. Please write some questions with the answers and send them to the webmaster link on the FAQ page. If you know a good outside source to your answer -- copy the address at the bottom of the supplied answer.

Time To Rejoin GPPS for 2011!

Membership forms will be on the table at the monthly meetings or contact the treasurer,
Ed Tunstall, 5439 E. Dolphin Ave, Mesa, AZ 85206-2208.

The cost is \$25 to join or renew your membership. Dues should be received by December 31st.



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Have a Safe Holiday