

Next Meeting: January 14, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.

The meeting January 14, 2012 is at Paul "Dief" Diefenderfer's Desert Rat Forge. The address is officially listed as 40218 N. 78th St. Cave Creek, AZ 85331. Both MapQuest and Yahoo Maps cannot find the exact address (Yahoo changes the address to 40400) but the directions are correct right up to the actual destination (The directions tell you to turn left on to 78th St. which really does not exist). His driveway is on the right. The driveway is paved and goes downhill turning into gravel at bottom with a large (20+ cars) gravel parking area.

From the East:

Take AZ-101-N/101-W; Take the Cave Creek Rd exit, EXIT 28. Turn right onto N Cave Creek Road go approximately 12.8 mi. Turn left onto N School House Road (4-way stop) go approximately 1.2 mi. Turn right onto E Highland Rd (portions unpaved, see note below) go approximately 1.8 mi. Note: pavement ends at approximately 1.2 miles, it is a well maintained dirt road for approximately 0.5 miles then pavement resumes just prior to destination on the right.

From the West:

Take AZ-101-LOOP N/101-E; Take the Cave Creek Rd exit, EXIT 28. Turn left onto N Cave Creek Road go approximately 12.8 mi. Turn left onto N School House Road (4-way stop) go approximately 1.2 mi. Turn right onto E Highland Rd (portions unpaved, see note below) go approximately 1.8 mi. Note: pavement ends at approximately 1.2 miles, it is a well maintained dirt road for approximately 0.5 miles then pavement resumes just prior to destination on the right.

I called Paul and he said a glass blower friend has a shop there as well and will have some glass work on display. Additionally, he said that the Thunderbird Artists Fine Art & Wine Festival in Carefree is the same weekend, January 13, 14 & 15, 2012 for anyone who is interested in seeing after the meeting.

Website: <http://www.thunderbirdartists.com/carefree-fine-art-wine-festival-january/>

Thanks,
Dave

2011 dues are \$25.00 per individual/family and are payable by December 31st. Please send your payment to:

Ed Tunstall
5439 E. Dolphin Ave.
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President's Letter

Happy New Year GPPS members!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season and you were able to spend time with family and friends. It is 2012 and I hope it is a great year for you, your family and friends. I am looking forward to our upcoming season and working together with all of our members to ensure that GPPS continues to be the best it can be.

There was a great turnout at the December meeting. I would like to thank our gracious hosts, Tom and Katie Knight, for opening up their yard, sharing their pond and hospitality. Tom talked about their pond, fish and plants. We did not have a scheduled guest speaker so we had continuing discussion on topics from past meetings and added a few new ones; they were all great topics that really brought out some great discussion from the members. Some of the topics are addressed below.

Please submit any/all suggestions you can think of for the topics below. They are all important topics and they require your input. Some of our members have been with the club for many years while others are brand new but you all have great ideas so please submit them now. If you are an older member, think back to years past and submit suggestions on any/all of these topics based on your past experiences. If you are a newer member please submit ideas based on what you want out of your club. The key here is that this is **YOUR** club and it is **YOUR** responsibility to submit suggestions to help not only you, but your club, be the best club experience it can be. The best experience is what you all were after when you became a member so participate

1. Ideas for meeting topics
2. Ideas for special meeting locations
3. Ideas for July/August field trips
4. Ideas for fund raising activities and/or products
5. Ideas for club activities
6. Ideas for club growth and improvement

The next and first general meeting for 2012 will be on January 14, 2012. This meeting will not be at the home of one of our members. The January meeting will be held at the shop of Paul "Dief" Diefenderfer at Desert Rat Forge in Cave Creek. Paul was a guest speaker earlier in 2011. He makes custom metal gates, doors, fences, signs, sculpture, art, etc. You can check out what he does at his website: <http://desertratforge.com/> Please come on out and enjoy our host's presentation and hospitality!

I hope to see you at the January meeting!

Dave Nelson - President

Pond Happenings



Thank you to Tom and Katie Knight for hosting the January Meeting.

Thank you to Don Shaw for submitting the photos for the newsletter.

Welcome to new Executive Committee members:

Gene Goerke, Vice President
Kristy Jolly, Events Coordinator

Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc. will be selling and/or auctioning rescue Koi at the Chinese New Year Festival, **Jan 28-29** at the Chinese Cultural Center

COFCO Center
668 North 44th Street,
Phoenix, Arizona

General Information
602-273-7268

If you see a Koi you want to have without an auction, just buy it on Saturday, 28th -- unsold fish will be auctioned on Sunday noon.

For further information, please contact GPPS Webmaster, Dennis Beard dbeard_html@hotmail.com

Pond Happenings

Pond Maintenance Tasks for January

Net Leaves and Debris out of the Pond - add Beneficial Bacteria

Remove Growth on Rocks and Waterfall with Rock Cleaner

Add Barley Product to prevent stringy Growth

Observe Pond Fish for Sores & Parasite - add Medication if needed

Test and adjust pH and other Pond Water Values if necessary

Upcoming Dates

The Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc. 2012 Annual Koi Show will be April 13-15th at The Style Nursery.

They have aquatic and bog plants and GPPS Webmaster, Dennis Beard has provided the link to their website where the Aquatic plants are.

<http://www.thestylenursery.com/#!aquatic>

FAQs

Q. I need to purchase a pump. What size do I need?

A: The pump is one of the most important equipment purchases you will make for your water garden. It is the heart of the pond circulating water to the filter and keeping the ecosystem healthy. Because it runs constantly, it must be both dependable and energy efficient. The pump you choose is based on the size of your pond and the pumping capacity in gallon per hour (gph). The pump should circulate the entire volume of the pond at least every hour. So, if you have a 1000-gallon pond, you need a pump that handles at least 1000gph. When in doubt, you should purchase a slightly more powerful pump. You can always slow or divert the flow of a pump, but you can't increase it.

For more information regarding pumps visit http://www.pondbiz.com/home/pb1/smartlist_344

Welcome to New Member:

Kim Wiggins, Glendale

Pond Happenings

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GPPS Newsletter

Monthly Submission Deadline: 18th of each month. Newsletters will be sent out the 28th of each month. All submissions are subject to review and all materials become the property of GPPS. Due to space and timing, it is not guaranteed that all submissions will be printed. Submissions can be emailed to gskylstad@gmail.com

Did you know? Receiving an electronic version will save GPPS Members money every month. Contact gskylstad@gmail.com if you'd like to change your newsletter option to "paperless".

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The GPPS website FAQs now hold Technical Committee Reports.



Have a tip, trick, recommendation or idea? Send it to gskylstad@gmail.com

Pond Happenings

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Month	Location	Month	Location
Jan 14, 2012	Paul Diefenderfer, Cave Creek AZ	Apr 14, 2012	Japanese Friendship Garden,
Feb 11, 2012	Tom & Carla Briggs, Phoenix	May 2012	2012 Pond Tour
Mar 10, 2012	Doneen Rogers, Mesa	June 9, 2012	Bob & Charlene Gilliam. Chandler

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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