

Next Meeting: June 9, 2012 9:00 a.m.

The June meeting will be held at the home of Gloria Skylstad. Address 11058 W. Oraibi Drive, Sun City, 85373. Telephone 623-498-6078. Please MapQuest or call for directions.

Ed LaBonte from the Valley of The Sun Koi Club has donated two beautiful fish for raffle at this meeting and will be making a presentation about them.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Judith & Donald Hilt, Litchfield Park
Elizabeth & Robert Mantsch, Chandler
Tammy Purtell, Cave Creek
Edward Rockwell, Fountain Hills**

Please note that **Jamie Coffey's** name was spelled incorrectly in the last newsletter, my apologies.

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President's Letter

Hey GPPS members!

I hope most of you came out to enjoy and support our 16th annual pond tour!

If you did you saw some great ponds! If you did not make it then you sure missed out! One of things I love about our club and our pond tour is the wide range of diversity; there are no “cookie cutter” ponds here!

My wife May and I made it to all of the ponds on the tour and enjoyed each and every pond. Although all of the ponds were great there were two ponds that stuck out due to their uniqueness. Rod & Pam’s pond started off life as a swimming pool but unless someone told you, Rod told me, you would not know it. The other one was Michael’s pond. What made this pond unique was its design. It is a square pond that has a square “island” in the middle with a bridge to connect it to the “mainland”; that is what I call thinking outside of the box (pun intended)!

I would like to thank all of the hosts who volunteered to put their pond on this year’s tour. It is a lot of hard work to get ready and even more to stand there all day telling everyone about your pond and answering all of their questions. Thank you for volunteering and sharing your ponds. All of your hard work paid off and your pride showed through! Without you there is no pond tour!

I would like to thank Gene Goerke and his committee for all of their hard work and for putting on an excellent tour this year! It takes a lot of planning, organization and logistics to pull it all together and make our 16th annual pond tour the success that it was. Remember it is a very tough job and it takes special people with dedication to be this good!

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped at the Children’s Kite Festival at Margret T. Hance Park and the Maricopa Home and Landscape Show at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. These two events are crucial venues to get the “word” out to the general public about who we are, what we are about and our annual pond tour.

And finally thanks to all GPPS members who came out to support your club! All of these add up to a great pond tour and every GPPS member needs to thank all involved!

The next general meeting will be on June 09, 2012. The meeting will be at the home of Gloria Skylstad in Sun City. Please come out and enjoy Gloria’s beautiful pond and yard and support your Greater Phoenix Pond Society!

I hope to see you all at the June meeting!

Dave Nelson - President

Pond Happenings

Thank you to the following GPPS Volunteers at the Children's Kite Festival:

Don Shaw, Roger Michael, Pam and Rod Larkin, Gene Goerke, Sue and Dennis Beard. The Phonix Bonsai Society was also present at the event.

Thank you to the following GPPS Volunteers at the Maricopa County Home Show:

Dave and Maryann Nelson, Tom & Katie Knight, Edlyn Soderman, Gary Ures, Fern Shaw, Jack Hayes.



Dr. Brook has shared this photo of aquaponics grown Basil. See the information below if you would like to attend one of his classes.

What: Aquaponics Basics
Where: Desert Botanical Garden (DBG)
When: June 20, 2012
Wednesday -- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Who: Dr. George B Banks, Jr.

Class enrollment limit: 25,
you must register with DBG
COST and other information:

<http://bitly.com/KOlV1V>

Pond Happenings



This year the members of our pond society and the tour committee members in particular came together and collectively produced a pond tour that saw an attendance of 656 visitors.

The experience of having club members come up to me on their own accord and volunteer to help with this year's tour really touched my heart.

Thank you Tom & Katie Knight, Jeffrey & Rita Karsten, Tom & Carla Briggs, Jon & Kristy Jolly and Roger Michael.

Rod & Pam Larkin made a major contribution to our attendance numbers with their focused marketing efforts in Awatukee.

Our club president, Dave Nelson, Our News Letter Editor, Gloria Skystad and Our Web Master Dennis Beard also helped co ordinate the event and contribute to our success.

Don & Fern Shaw, Richard & Pet Smith, Michael E. Walls, Tom & Carla Briggs, Daniel & Carol Catlin (backed up by an unmanned club member), Jeffrey & Rita Karsten, Tom & Katie Knight, Rod & Pam Larkin and Rodger Michael opened up their homes to our visitors.

What a great time we had.

To date the current count of Pond Tour visitors using the free pass to the JFG is 12.

If you were a Pond Tour Host, please return your signage and turn in your monies at the next meeting.

Thank you everyone.

Gene Goerke

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

Pond Happenings

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Month	Location	Month	Location
June 9	Gloria Skylstad, Sun City	Sept. 8	Jon & Kristy Jolly, Gilbert
July	No Meeting	Oct. 13	Roger Michael, Phoenix
Aug.	No Meeting	Nov. 10	Richard & Pet Smith, 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 2012!

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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Happy Father's Day!