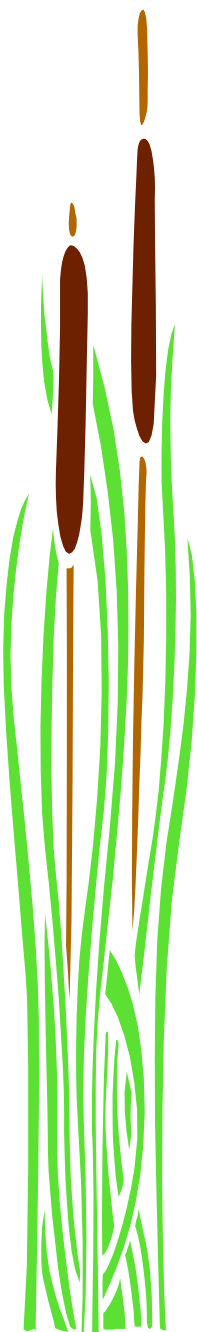


May 2013

**Next Meeting: June 8, 2013 9:00 a.m.**

The June Meeting will be hosted by Gene Goerke at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The address is 1125 N. 3rd. Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003.

There will be a Docent available to talk with us about the Gardens. If you haven't been there yet, this is a perfect opportunity for you to see the work that the GPPS volunteers have done in the water flower beds.



## **GPPS Annual Pond Tour Saturday May 11th 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.**

There will a limited number of free tickets to the Japanese Friendship Garden available at a Pond Tour Location. You will be able to use the tickets until the end of May.

# **GO ON THE POND TOUR!**

## **Support your members, support your club!**

President's Letter

Normally this space is reserved for GPPS President Dave Nelson to address the members. This month however, he went missing. I had heard that he was at the Maricopa Home Show taking a vacation of sorts so I decided i would track him down so that he could meet the newsletter deadline.



I set my GPS and arrived at the Maricopa County Home Show. I didn't find him standing in line!



He wasn't having a massage!



He wasn't taking a nap or drinking wine!



So we asked Search and Rescue for help!

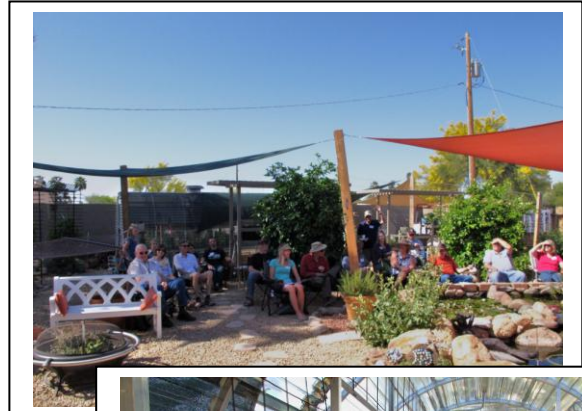
Dave will be back next month and we will have more photos and information on the Home Show.



He was found at the GPPS Booth with a few of his friends!

## Pond Happenings

Thank you to Bob and Diane Malone for hosting the April meeting. Bob talked about their green house and aquaponics system and Diane shared her vast knowledge of plants and herbs. We also got to meet and enjoy their very talkative Parrot, Precious and their three beautiful rescue Chi pups.



**Here's a tip from [www.pondmarket.com](http://www.pondmarket.com):**

Put some barley pellets in the pond filter! They are small enough to put into any kind of pond filter, submersible, pressurized or waterfall filters. It works like a charm and also helps to gradually reduce frequency of filter cleaning. Do not wait for all of them to decompose, add a handful of new barley pellets every week or so to keep effective beneficial enzyme production at a constant level

**May – June Tasks**

Add barley product to prevent stringy growth - boost beneficial bacteria

Provide areas for spawning using plants.

Step up pond fish feeding schedule

Test and adjust pond water

Observe pond fish for sores and parasite – medicate if necessary

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Having trouble with your pump clogging this time of year? Put it in a **Pump Sock**.

It increases the intake area exponentially (and as an extra bonus keeps out baby fish, frogs and other critters whose bodies we do not like to peel off the clogged intake of the Pump)

Courtesy: [www.pondmarket.com](http://www.pondmarket.com)

Submersible Pond Pump Socks are available at

<http://www.webbsonline.com/catalog/acc/>

and [www.pondmarket.com](http://www.pondmarket.com), to name a couple sources. For other sources, check [www.phoenixponds.com](http://www.phoenixponds.com) resources page.

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Save the Date:

Check out [www.maricopa.gov/parks/events](http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/events) for things to do and places to go for the entire family

May 8 8:00 a.m., Exploring the Dragonfly Trail, Spur Cross

May 21, 7:00 p.m., Sunset Photography Hike, San Tan

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## Pond Happenings

Upcoming Meetings & Events			
Month	Location	Month	Location
May 11	Pond Tour	Aug	No Meeting
June 8	Japanese Friendship Garden	Sept 13	Jon & Kristy Jolly, Gilbert
July	No Meeting	Oct 12	George & Diane Morris, Queen Creek

### 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 2013!

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 Mother's Day!