

September 2013

Next Meeting: September 14 - 9:00 a.m.

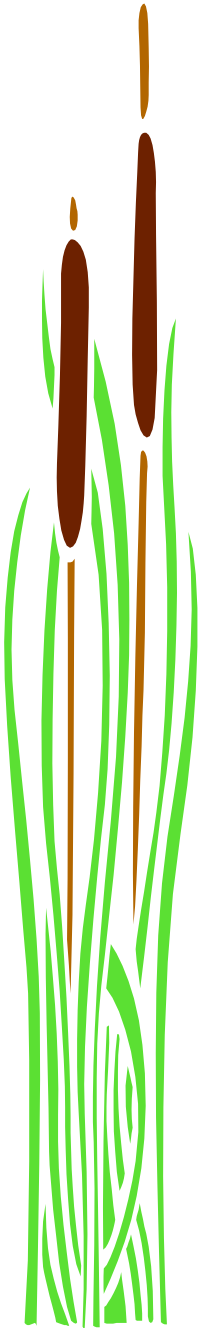
The September meeting will be held at the home of Jon and Kristy Jolly.

Their address is: 3544 E. Hopkins Road, Gilbert AZ 85295. Please MapQuest for directions.

Telephone: 480-390-5761

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

Jeff and Rita Karsten will have the Pond Tour video at the September meeting.





President's Letter

Dave and Mae are on vacation this month. He will return with his letter to the members in the October 2013 issue.

The following is an announcement from the Japanese Friendship Garden:

Japanese Friendship Garden

1125 N. 3rd Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003

602-256-3204
602-274-8700

info@jfgphx.org

Hours of Operation:
Closed Monday
Tuesday through Sunday
Weekdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Weekends: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed June through October 1st

Otsukimi Moon viewing 2013

Join us for our annual Moon viewing event on October 19th, 2013. Bring your friends and family down to the Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix for an evening of relaxation and entertainment as we enjoy this traditional festival! More information coming soon.

Events of Interest:

September 7 - Boyce Thompson Arboretum

<http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu/events.html>

Annual Butterfly Census

8 am. Central Arizona Butterfly Association's Dave Powell (<http://www.vireos.com/AZ>) invites you to help with this annual butterfly census; the Arboretum opens at 8:00 a.m. from September-through-April, and this annual tally begins at 8:30 am sharp, so please arrive as soon after Eight O'Clock as possible so we can organize and divide into teams. Our total count circle has a 15 mile diameter, covering the same approximate region as the Christmas Bird Count: a one-day census of all butterflies sighted within that circle. For lunch we will get together in a local restaurant in Superior (or you can bring your own), and we will exchange findings & information. 79 species of butterflies appear on the Arboretum's checklist, while the record for most species observed in a single day is 44 by Marceline VandeWater during the same count 3 years ago! Xami Hairstreak is one of specialties that has been found in the past at the BTA.

Read more <http://www.cazba.org>

Dragonfly Walk with Roger Racut

8:30 am. Dragonfly Walk with Roger Racut. Colorful dragonflies such as Flame Skimmer, Blue-eyed Darner and Mexican Amberwing patrol and hunt above Ayer Lake and artificial water features around the gardens – learn to ID the colorful insects on a walk guided by Roger Racut and his family.

September 28 - Gilbert Riparian Preserve

2757 E. Guadalupe, Gilbert, AZ

<http://www.gilbertaz.gov/calendar/ripariancalendar.cfm>

7 a.m. Dragonfly & Butterfly Walk

Preserve Dragonfly Ramada

For all ages, bring binoculars, hat, water. It's flier season, and a great time to learn some basic identification and appreciation of these beautiful creatures.



Late Summer Pond Tips:

- Now is a good time to divide Water Lilies and most marginal pond plants! There is still time for the new starts to grow healthy roots.
- Now is also a good time to test the pond water for ammonia and nitrite because it is much easier to change the pond water now, if necessary, than later when it is much colder
- Feed high quality, high protein pond fish food to enable the pond fish to fatten up before the long period without food in the winter.
- Observe the pond fish closely during feeding to detect any parasites, ulcers or other problems. Treatments work better in warm water than very cold water later.

Check out the GPPS website for new changes. If you have additions that you would like to see on the webpage, please contact Webmaster Dennis Beard.

We have had a request from GPPS member Myra Baum. Gary Uris is helping her to build a new pond and she needs new plants. All of her floating plants have died. If there are any members who might have pond plants to share, she would appreciate whatever you have. You can contact her at mybaum72@gmail.com

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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
Sept 13	Jon & Kristy Jolly, Gilbert	Dec 14	Richard & Pet Smith, Phoenix
Oct 12	George & Diane Morris, Queen Creek	Jan 2014	TBD
Nov 9	Gloria Skylstad, Sun City Election of Officers	Feb 2014	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 2013!

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Have A Safe Labor Day!