

January 2014

**Next Meeting: January 11, 2014 9:am**

The January meeting will be held at the home of Richard & Pet Smith.

Telephone: 480-821-9412

Address: 3096 W. Ironwood Circle, Chandler, AZ 85226

Please MapQuest for directions.

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



**2014 Dues are \$25.00 per individual/family and are payable by December 31st. Please send your payment to:**

Ed Tunstall  
5439 E. Dolphin Ave.  
Mesa, AZ 85206-2208



### President's Letter

Happy New Year GPPS members!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas/Holiday Season and you were able to spend time with family and friends. I know it is hard to believe but it is already 2014. I hope 2014 is a great year for you, your family and friends. I am looking forward to our upcoming season and working together with our 2014 officers and 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. The meeting was scheduled for 11:00AM and the potluck luncheon was wonderful. I would like to thank our gracious hosts Richard and Pet Smith for opening up their beautiful home sharing it with all of the members. Pet told us about her two ponds and shared some humorous stories with everyone. We took care of some club business and then got down to the “real” business of enjoying all of the great food!

I had three forms at the December meeting and they will be at all future meetings:

1. 2014 Meeting host sign-up sheet – we want everyone to have the opportunity to host a meeting and want to encourage those who have never hosted a meeting or those who have not hosted for a while to sign-up. When you host you are able to share experiences with other GPPS members, which is why you joined in the first place. No matter what “stage” you are at with your pond please share and remember, if you wait for it to be “perfect” you will never share.
2. Guest speaker/presenter volunteer sign-up sheet
3. Suggestion sheet (meeting locations, guest speaker/topics, etc.)

Every year we look back at what we accomplished the year prior and try to come with ways to improve in the upcoming year. Some of our members have been with the club for many years while other 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. Please submit any/all suggestions you can think of for the topics below. They are all important topics and they require your input.

1. Ideas for meeting topics – include seasonal ideas such as pond maintenance and plant/fish care
2. Ideas for special meeting locations
3. Ideas for July/August field trips
4. Ideas for club activities
5. Ideas for club growth and improvement

The next and first general meeting for 2014 will be on January 11, 2014. The January meeting will be held the home of Richard and Pet Smith in Chandler. Please come out and enjoy our host's pond, yard and hospitality!

I hope to see you at the January meeting! Dave Nelson - President

**Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area | 9802 North 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue |  
Glendale, Arizona 85302 | 623-930-4200**



### **It's Coming Up Roses at Sahuaro Ranch Park Annual Rose Pruning Event**

The Rose Society of Glendale, along with Glendale Parks and Recreation, will offer the free annual rose pruning event "It's Coming Up Roses" from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Ave., to the public.

Event attendees will be able to help prune existing rose bushes and help plant and transplant additional rose bushes beginning at 8 a.m. Two seminars available at 9 and 11 a.m., will cover pruning, planting, transplanting, choosing roses, watering and more. Each seminar will follow with a question and answer session and demonstrations.

Booths from the Glendale Historical Society, Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, Rose Society of Glendale, Glendale Water Conservation Department and West Valley Master Gardeners will have information and brochures, along with volunteers and staff from the organizations to answer questions.

Tyler Francis, the owner of Francis Roses, will speak about easy-care roses from 8:15 to 8:40 a.m. Michael Francis founded Francis Roses in 1989 on a 10-acre plot in the West Valley that yielded 200,000 plants in the first crop. Today, the Francis Roses farm has grown to 2,000 acres, producing more than 4.5 million bare-root rose bushes annually. With a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Applied Economics, Tyler Francis has utilized his business background to imprint significant changes to the Arizona rose industry, including designing the first ever underground drip irrigation system for roses in Arizona and implementing more sustainable precision farming techniques to make his farm "green." During the last two years, Francis's has been working toward the goal of bringing the rose back to American gardens and has sought out breeders, curators and rose enthusiasts to find rose varieties that are pest and disease resistant, beautiful and easy to care for.

At 8:40 a.m. Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers and city dignitaries will make remarks, Also, the volunteers and partners will be acknowledge and Glendale Civic Pride, Berridge Nursery and the Glendale Historical Society will be recognized as donors.

For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/srpha](http://www.glendaleaz.com/srpha).



## Pond Happenings

A huge thank you to Pet and Richard Smith for hosting the Annual GPPS Luncheon. Thank you also for everyone who brought the wonderful food. A great time was had by all.

Thank you to Don and Fern Shaw for the photos.



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Monthly Submission Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. Newsletters will be sent out the 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gskylstad@gmail.com)

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

***Have a tip, trick, recommendation or idea? Send it to***  
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## Pond Happenings

Upcoming Meetings & Events			
Month	Location	Month	Location
Jan 11, 2014	Richard & Pet Smith, Phoenix	April 12, 2014	TBD
Feb 8, 2014	TBD	May 10, 2014	Pond Tour
Mar 8, 2014	TBD	June 14, 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 2014!

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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