

**There will be no meeting in August**



**It's that time of the year... dues are due!**

2015 Dues are \$25.00 per individual/family and are payable by December 31st.

Please send your payment to:  
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5439 E. Dolphin Ave.  
Mesa, AZ 85206-2208



## President's Letter

Hope everyone is enjoying the heat. We have been having some home remodeling going on here so the backyard and pond have been getting put on the back burner. With this heat we have a lot of algae to get rid of... a Plecostomus' dream! Not sure ours are still alive because our pond looks like the terrifying green lagoon in a horror show and the bottom is nowhere in sight... Fern said she saw it gurgling! Have to get out there soon if the heat does not drive us back in the house. The good news is it's a dry heat, right?

We could still use some suggestions for speakers at the meetings. If you have any suggestions, please let Linda Vega know at [events@phoenixponds.com](mailto:events@phoenixponds.com). Also, EJ could use some input for the Newsletter at [newsltr@phoenixponds.com](mailto:newsltr@phoenixponds.com).

During our leisurely summer, while we're basking inside our air conditioned houses, I've got a membership project I need your help with. In an attempt to try to update the member information, I am including an attachment of our new membership form. Please fill it out and either email (to [dshaw50@cox.net](mailto:dshaw50@cox.net) or hit reply) or bring it to the next meeting in September. We want to make sure your contact information is updated and current.

The September meeting will be held at the home of Ed and Susan Tunstall. See you there.

Don Shaw  
GPPS – President



## WANDA'S WORLD



Wanda and the gang will be on summer vacation for July and August. They'll be back in September!!

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## EVENTS

### Riparian Preserve, Gilbert, AZ

August 16<sup>th</sup>: Butterflies and Dragonflies. This area is outstanding for stunningly beautiful butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies. Learn to identify local butterflies including the Painted Lady, Queen, and Fiery Skipper as well as common Dragonflies. Bring Binoculars, water, and a hat. The tour is free however there is a suggested \$5 donation to support the Riparian Preserve. Butterflies will be for sale for \$10 as well. No reservations necessary. The third Sunday of each month from May - Sept. In October tours will start at 7:30 a.m. Meet at the Dragonfly Ramada inside of the Preserve.

## Your 2015 Board...

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## 2015 – YEAR AT A GLANCE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<p><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – 9:am Host: Julie Riley Topic: Sand Dollar HOA Pond</li> </ul>	<p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 9am Margaret T. Hance Park Agenda: GPPS Business and Koi Show</li> </ul>	<p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 9am Host: Lucy Ross Speaker: TBD</li> </ul>
<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 9am Host: Arturo &amp; Linda Vega Speaker: Kenny Zelov – <i>Horticulturist DBG: desert landscaping and design</i></li> <li>24-26 - Home and Garden Show</li> </ul>	<p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO MEETING</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup>: Annual GPPS Pond Tour - 9:00 am-4:00 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – Don &amp; Fern Shaw</li> </ul>
<p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO MEETING</li> <li>Road Trip?</li> </ul>	<p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO MEETING</li> <li>Road Trip?</li> </ul>	<p><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – 9am Host: Ed &amp; Susan Tunstall Speaker: Paul Crouch – Pond Design</li> </ul>
<p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 9am Host: Jon &amp; Kristy Jolly Topic: Pond Construction</li> </ul>	<p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – 9am Host: Jeff &amp; Rita Karsten Topic: BOD Election</li> </ul>	<p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 11am Host: Richard &amp; Pet Smith Topic: P.A.R.T.Y.</li> <li>Pot Luck Extravaganza</li> <li>White Elephant Gift Exchange</li> <li>Fantastic Food &amp; Fun</li> </ul>





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FREE Goldfish and Turtles, please contact Dave Nelson at

### LOCAL POND PLANTS AND KOI VENDOR

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(602) 369-5522

<http://www.ailyns-pond.com/>

[ailyn@ailyns-pond.com](mailto:ailyn@ailyns-pond.com)

### WATER LILIES VENDOR

We received a marketing email from Turtle Island Waterlilies.

[www.turtleislandwaterlilies.com](http://www.turtleislandwaterlilies.com)

### 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 [newsltr@phoenixponds.com](mailto:newsltr@phoenixponds.com)



Don't fish in my pond!