

Next Meeting: September 12th at 9:00 a.m.

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

- Telephone: 480-654-2107
- Address: 5439 E. Dolphin Ave., Mesa, AZ 85206

Please use MapQuest/Google Maps for directions and bring your own lawn chairs and bags/buckets for any plants/fish that may be available

The guest speaker will be Paul Crouch who will be speaking about pond design.



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



President's Letter

Happy Labor Day! Hope everyone had a great summer. We should start to see the temperature nosedive very soon. Our backyard is starting to grow again... am I the only person who has sprayed weed killer trying to get rid of that nasty crabgrass to kill the bottom leaves of all the plants? Oops!

You can imagine how happy Fern was with the results, but thankfully the evidence of my efforts is almost gone.

I believe there are still items from the pond tour that need to be turned in. If you have anything, please return it at the next meeting.

We have a speaker for our next meeting. Paul Crouch will be speaking on pond design and will be happy to answer all your questions. Paul has a business called **Designs by Paul Crouch** designing and building pools and ponds. You can find more about Paul at <https://www.facebook.com/DesignsByPaulCrouch>. Bring your questions!

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Don Shaw
GPPS – President



WANDA'S WORLD

I'm baaaack! Hope you all had a great summer vacation. I sure did. As I'm writing this, we have just gone through some record heat days! We are truly ready for some respite in my realm.

Sadly, I have to relate some bad news. One of Queenie's relatives, Cinderella, (the oldest tree in the yard) just suddenly failed. My c.o.'s checked around and were told she just died of "old age". The life span for her kind is usually only 20+ years and she was in her mid-twenties. They were going to remove her and have her cremated but a mourning dove and her young-uns are in a nest near the top. She still isn't done with her mission on earth.



On a happier note, the rest of us are doing great! Queenie and Robbie and their relatives have been providing much needed afternoon protection from the big old orb in the sky. I probably shouldn't boast (but I will) that I stay beautiful all year around. If you can be patient and wait for my relatives to grow, you will indeed get your money's worth. We make wonderful, low-maintenance, basically no litter, feature trees for by ponds. (Check out my vital statistics on line.) My c.o.'s will verify my truthfulness and grandness.

Be well y'all and I'll talk to you again next month.

If you want to send condolences or tributes re: Cindy's passing, please send them to us all at rj_kars10@yahoo.com.

In fond memory of Cinderella,

Wanda



KEY

Wanda = Weeping Juniper
Robby = Phoenix Robelinnii
Queenie = Queen Palm
Phil = Philodendron Giganteum
Tammy = Taro
Diablo = Spanish Dagger
Herbie = Yerba Mansa
Charlotte = White Spider Lily
C-O's = Co-Owners (Jeff & Rita)

EVENTS

30th Annual Faire on the Square – Prescott

September 5th – 7th

Sat & Sun: 9 am – 5 pm, Mon: 9 am – 3 pm

Location: Courthouse Plaza

100 West Gurley Street

Prescott, AZ 86301

30th Annual Faire on the Square (PRESCOTT) Arts & Crafts Show with over 180 vendors including fine art, jewelry, food and much more. Enjoy the show under the cool American elm trees around The Historic Courthouse Plaza.

<http://visit-prescott.com/events-in-prescott-arizona>

1st Annual Highlands Nature Festival

September 11th and 12th

Prescott College, Crossroads Center

220 Grove Avenue

Prescott, AZ 86301

Join the Highlands Center and local organizations for our first full weekend of inspirational speakers and interactive workshops. \$25 per participant. See <http://highlandscenter.org/events/highlands-nature-festival> for more information.

Butterfly Wonderland

September 24th: 6 pm – 8 pm

How to Build a Fall Butterfly Garden Workshop - build your own breathtaking butterfly garden for fall.

\$15 (members) and \$20 (general public)

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2015 – YEAR AT A GLANCE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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





****Sale, Trade, or Free****

If you would like to advertise an item or service in the newsletter, send your submission to: newsltr@phoenixponds.com

FREE Goldfish and Turtles, please contact Dave Nelson at (480) 357-7205

FREE: 19 Wood Pallets of various sizes.
If interested, contact Jeff at jl_kars10@yahoo.com

LOCAL POND PLANTS AND KOI VENDOR

Ailyn's Pond (located around the Dobson Road and Ray Road area in Chandler)
(602) 369-5522
<http://www.ailyns-pond.com/>
ailyn@ailyns-pond.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

