

## Next Meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

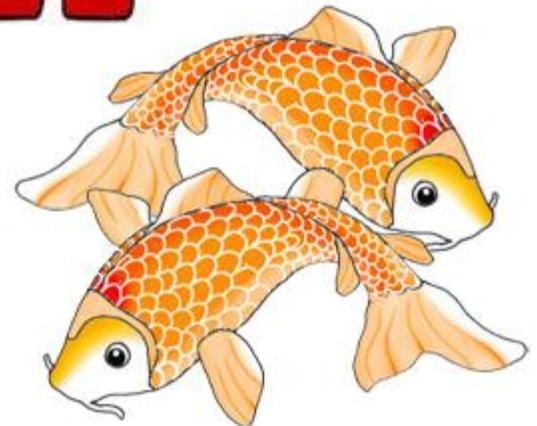
The September meeting will be held at the home of Chuck & Joy Basso.

- Telephone: 480-436-4590
- Address: 3118 W. Mako Rd, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

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



**Wishing  
Everyone a  
Safe and  
Happy Holiday!**



## Letter from the President

Thanks to Tim and Judy Restad for hosting the June meeting. Your backyard and pond are looking great. Also thanks for opening your house for the Butterfly Foundation presentation. It was nice to get out of the heat and enjoy the presentation in air conditioning.

Adriane Grimaldi from the Butterfly Wonderland Foundation gave a great presentation on butterflies and the Butterfly House. She also noted the Aquarium being built should be opening mid-August. They will be selling lifetime membership up until it opens. A special thanks to Adriane for coming out to speak.



A big welcome to the new members that joined the club. We had six new members at the meeting and a couple more that joined since the pond tour but were not able to come to the meeting. Don't forget our next meeting will not be until September 10th at the home of Chuck and Joy Basso. Enjoy your summer in the furnace we lovingly call home!

Rita gave a report on the pond tour and it sounded like everyone that opened their back yard had a good time meeting and talking to the visitors that stopped by on the tour. She said it looked like we will have about \$75 to donate to the Japanese Friendship Gardens. Rita, thanks for the great job you did with the pond tour.

I hope everyone gets a chance to get away from the heat sometime this summer. We are planning a trip to Branson, MO. I don't think it will get us away from the heat too much, but I will be able to check off another ballpark (Kansas City). That also means Fern gets a beach this year (Aruba in October).

Rest up for the summer and I look forward to seeing everybody in September.

Don Shaw  
GPPS-President

It's officially Summer!! Here are some great summer pond care tips from Hartz....

### Caring for Your Pond in the Summer

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy your living pond. Relaxing next to a sparkling, clean, and clear pond full of lively fish is a great way to spend your summer days and nights. With the right maintenance, keeping your pond this healthy should be relatively easy. Summer, however, poses a variety of threats to your pond's well-being, and these must be dealt with to keep it healthy and looking fresh.

Follow this guide, and enjoying your pond will be the highlight of your summer:

#### Oxygen is Essential:

-As the temperature rises during the warm summer months, water is able to hold less and less dissolved oxygen, which is essential to your fish's survival. If your fish are gasping at the surface of the water, this is a warning sign that your oxygen levels are too low. Try one or more of these ideas to increase the levels of oxygen in your pond.

-Add a waterfall or fountain to your pond: These decorative features also serve the essential purpose of oxygenating your pond. By churning up water, they allow more air to be mixed in and dissolve, helping the fish survive. A less glamorous way of doing this is by adding an aerator or skimmer to your pond.

-Use Plants: You can also help control your pond's oxygen levels with certain plants. Surface plants like lilies and water lettuce will provide coverage for your water, which will keep it cooler and more oxygenated. Be careful though, as too much coverage will reduce your water's ability to interact with the air, and lower oxygen levels. Try to keep at least a third of your pond's surface open. Another idea is to use submerged, oxygenating plants.

#### Feeding the Fish:

-Your fish will need to be fed more in the summer to accommodate increased activity, growth, and winter reserves. This comes with some guidelines:

-Try to feed your fish daily, with a high protein feed, but be careful not to overfeed. What they can eat in roughly five minutes is the correct amount of food. If overfed, your fish will produce too much waste, which can be harmful to the water. To take care of this, you can use both a regular filter and a biological filter.

-If the water temperature goes above 85 degrees Fahrenheit, try to cut back feeding.

#### Other Tips

-Water Quality: Check the quality of your water every week by testing for pH and ammonia and nitrites levels. You should also clean out your filters periodically; but when cleaning your biological filter, be sure to use pond water, as anything else will damage the filter. From time to time, you also may want to swap out 10-15% of the water in the pond with new, conditioned water.

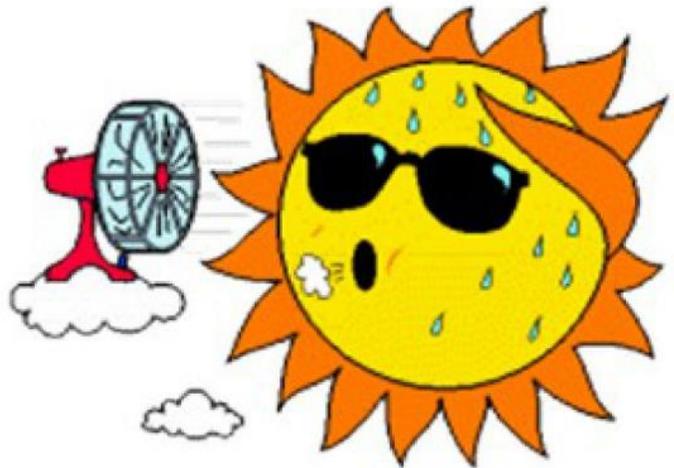
-Mosquitoes: Mosquitoes can plague ponds in the summer months. You can try to keep them out by letting as little water as possible remain stagnant and using pond insecticides.

-Plants: You can keep your plants healthy in the summer by using an aquatic plant fertilizer. This will help them grow and bloom easier, and make your pond more beautiful.

-Drought: If your water level gets too low, you should consider adding water to the pond, again, making sure it is conditioned first. If the drought lasts, you may want to look into a temporary tank to hold your fish.

-Runoff: Make sure not to use lawn or tree fertilizers where they could drain into your pond. This can affect water quality and cause algae to bloom.

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## 2016 – YEAR AT A GLANCE MEETINGS & EVENTS

<p><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9th: Meeting – 9am Host: Laurie Ramsbacher</li> </ul>	<p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 13<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Don &amp; Dawn Jarratt</li> </ul>	<p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 12<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 9am Host: Jamie Coffey Topic: TBD</li> </ul>
<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Jeff &amp; Rita Karsten Topic: TBD</li> </ul>	<p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NO MEETING Annual GPPS Pond Tour 9:00 am-4:00 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 11<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Tim &amp; Judy Restad Topic: TBD</li> </ul>
<p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NO MEETING</li> </ul>	<p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NO MEETING</li> </ul>	<p><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 10<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – TBD Hosts: Chuck &amp; Joy Basso Topic: TBD</li> </ul>
<p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 8<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 9am Tanya Mancino Topic: TBD</li> </ul>	<p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 12<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 9am Host: Annie Foster Topic: BOD Election</li> </ul>	<p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 10<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - 11am Richard &amp; Pet Smith Topic: P.A.R.T.Y.</li> <li>▪ Pot Luck Extravaganza</li> <li>▪ White Elephant Gift Exchange Fantastic Food &amp; Fun</li> </ul>

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

Linda has a large bucket of sea salt not being used. If anyone would like some or all of it (5 gal bucket) they can email us [vega7la@msn.com](mailto:vega7la@msn.com) to make arrangements.

**Free pond water lilies to society members!!**

From Ailyn & Dick Wilson...We are quickly reaching the end of our pond plant season here in Chandler. As usual, we have far too many water lilies to carry into 2017. If anyone in the society is interested, we are offering the following, FREE! All that is needed is a bucket to carry them in.

Magnolia Cream water lilies & Mexicana Yellow water lilies

Details can be seen on our website at <http://ailyns-pond.com>. Be sure to call first (602) 369-5522 then visit us at 1770 W Park Ave, Chandler, AZ 85224

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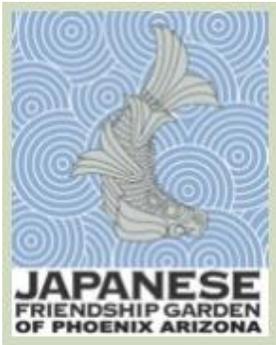
**Treasurer's Report**

Balance as of 5/24/2016	\$3574.13
Income	
Dues	\$100.00
Expenses	
Butterfly Wonderland	\$50.00
Foundation Donation (June Meeting Speaker)	
Storage (May & June)	\$73.24
Insurance	\$342.00
Balance as of 6/21/2016	\$3208.89

## From the Editor

We will be introducing a new segment to the newsletter this month! We will send out poll questions once or twice a month and print the results in the following newsletter. If you would like to opt out of getting these emails, just let me know. If you have suggestions for questions, you are welcome to send them to me at [newsltr@phoenixponds.com](mailto:newsltr@phoenixponds.com). Looking forward to hearing your two cents!

Tanya Mancino  
GPPS Editor



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