

January 2017

# Pond Happenings

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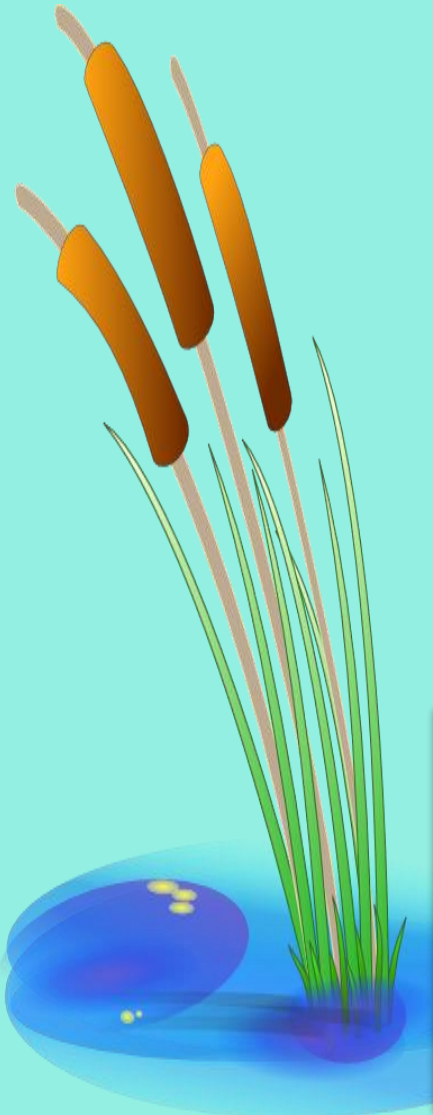
## The Next Meeting: January, 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Tammy Purtell.

- Telephone: 480-320-8890
- Address: 4824 E. Sleepy Ranch Road, Cave Creek, AZ 85331
- Special instructions: Gate Code 1227

Access the Ventana subdivision by going west on Ashler Hills from Cave Creek Rd.  
FYI...GPS will take you too far north to Ocupado Dr, the exit to the subdivision.

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



## 2017 DUES ARE NOW DUE!!!

Dues are \$25.00 per individual/family and can be paid at the monthly meetings or mailed to our treasurer.

Please send your payment to: Annie Foster  
3543 E. Rosemonte Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85050

## Letter from the President

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas! A huge thank you to Richard and Pet Smith for once again hosting the December meeting and pot luck party – special thanks to Richard for joining the fun... it's nice to see Pet's other half. The food was delicious and a great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone that brought the tasty food – super impressed with Chuck's handiwork! The white elephant gift exchange was fun and feisty as always -- but I am sure everyone went away with their dream gift. Thank you, Pet, for the gifts to our new members; you are the hostess with mostess! Tanya did an amazing job on creating the great looking GPPS ornaments... thanks and much appreciated! It is on our tree in a place of honor. We had a very good turnout this year for the event.



On a close vote, the club voted to have a booth at the Chinese Cultural Fair February 10th – 12th. Now that we have voted to do this, we need some volunteers. Volunteers are needed from 9 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday and 9 am to 3 pm on Sunday. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting, but please email me if you are willing to volunteer and will not be able to make it to the January meeting. The festival is fun and worth going to see. Spend a couple hours at the booth and then enjoy checking out the festival.

**Annual Dues are due:** It is that time of the year to pay your dues. The dues are only \$25 a year and well worth the price. Where else can you find a year of fun and information to help you get the most enjoyment from your pond? And what a great group of people! You can send your check in the mail to the address in the newsletter or bring them to the meeting.

**Facebook:** If you have not gone to our Facebook page please consider checking it out and liking the page so you get the updates. We have had some people that are not members posting that they had fish or plants to give away but if you are not checking our Facebook you will miss out on a chance to get some free stuff!

**GPPS Directory:** Updated directory will be sent out before the next meeting. Let's see if we can get some more pictures to get the directory update. This is a good way to get to know the members.

**Pond Tour:** Judy Restad will be asking for volunteers to show their pond on the Annual GPPS Pond tour - Saturday, May 13, 2017. I think we should try to set a record with the number of ponds on the tour this year. If you are wondering if your pond is nice enough, big enough or finished enough to be on the tour – the answer is YES! If you cannot be at the meeting to let Judy know, you can email her at [Jrest50@gmail.com](mailto:Jrest50@gmail.com).

Thanks to the 2016 outgoing board members for their service and welcome aboard and thanks for stepping up to the 2017 board members.

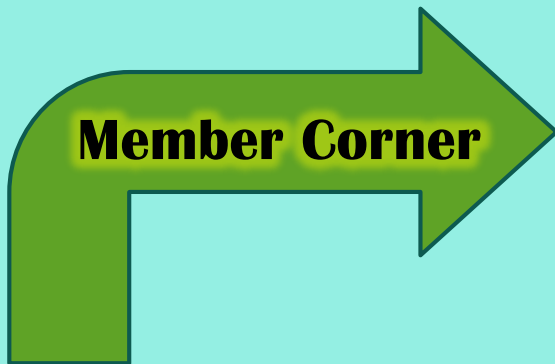
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Happy New Year,

Don Shaw – GPPS President

# 2017 GPPS Meetings & Events

<b>January</b> 14th: Meeting - 9am Host: Tammy Purtell	<b>February</b> 11th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Don & Dawn Jarratt 10th-12th: Chinese Cultural Fair	<b>March</b> 11th: Meeting - 9am Japanese Friendship Garden
<b>April</b> 8th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Annie Foster & Mike Galeski	<b>May</b> NO MEETING 13th GPPS Pond Tour 9am-4pm	<b>June</b> 10th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Jeff & Rita Karsten
<b>July</b> NO MEETING	<b>August</b> NO MEETING	<b>September</b> 9th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Chuck & Joy Basso
<b>October</b> 14th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Tanya & Ian Brown	<b>November</b> 11th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Ron & Penny Christensen BOD Election	<b>December</b> 9th: Meeting - 11am Hosts: Richard & Pet Smith Holiday Potluck White Elephant Gift Exchange Fantastic Food & Fun



A new addition to the GPPS Newsletter for 2017 is the Member Corner. This will give us the opportunity to get to know each other better and have a little fun. It only seems fair to answer the questions myself before I ask others to do the same...

**Tanya Brown**  
**GPPS Newsletter Editor**

**Location:** North Phoenix.

**Family:** Recently married Ian, together we have 5 cats, 6 koi, 4 goldfish & a herd of gambusia.

**Profession:** Construction support admin for Cox Communications.

**Hobbies:** My pond (of course), sewing, crafting, motorcycle riding & home improvement projects.

**What got you involved with water gardening:** A desire to listen to running water & watch my fish swimming as a form of meditation & relaxation. I started with a 20-gallon barrel patio water feature, moved to 125-gallon preformed pond, then to a free-form pond (?? gallons), on to a 500 gallon in-ground pond and finally ended up with my current pond. It's an addiction!

**What is your favorite part of water gardening:** Feeding my fish... they are always so happy to see me (or at least my handful of food).

**Favorite fish:** How do you pick just one? If I must, Butterfly koi.

**Future water gardening plans:** We are in the process of building a catio (outdoor enclosure for our cats) that will include a small pond.

Are you interested in being interviewed for the Member Corner? Please let me know!



# Your 2016 Board

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## \*\*\*Sale, Trade, or Free\*\*\*

FREE Turtles! Please contact Dave Nelson (480) 357-7205

Need mosquito fish? Call Tanya Brown (623) 451-3432

If you would like to advertise an item or service in the newsletter, send your submission to:

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

Have a tip, trick, recommendation or idea? Send it [newsltr@phoenixponds.com](mailto:newsltr@phoenixponds.com)

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