

March 2017

Pond Happenings

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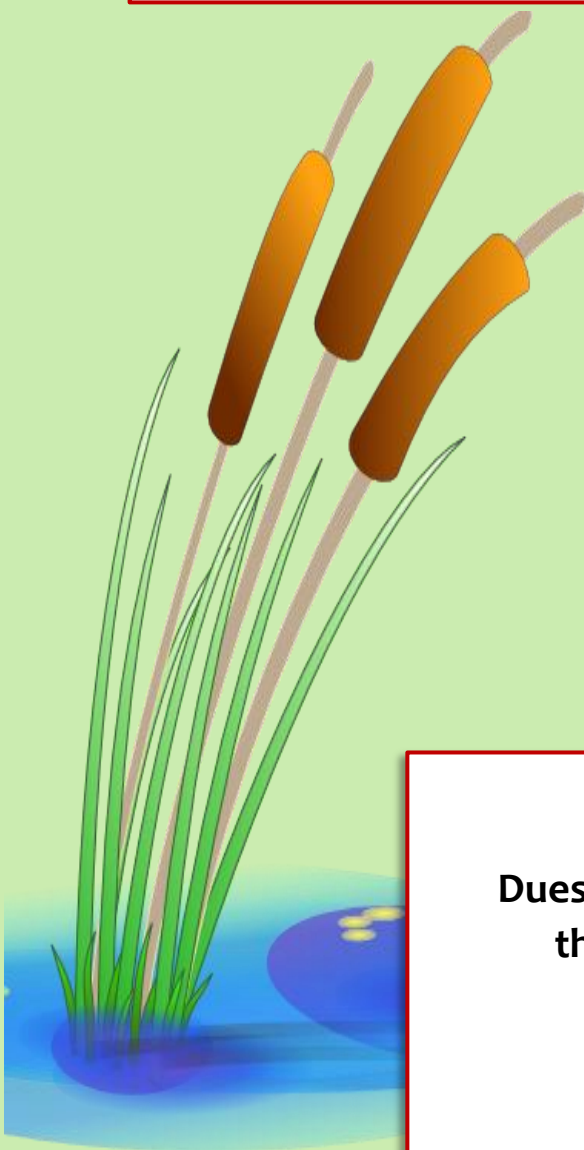
The Next Meeting: March 11th at 9:00am.

The March meeting will be held at the Japanese Friendship Garden.

- Telephone: 602-274-8700 Or www.japanesefriendshipgarden.org
- Address: 1125 N 3rd Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85003

Please Note: Chairs will be provided. **Outside chairs are not permitted in JFG.**

Meeting Speaker: Della Killeen, JFG Curator & GPPS member will be giving us a tour of the beautiful garden after the meeting!



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

Thanks to Don and Dawn Jarratt for hosting the February meeting. Your pond looks great. Not sure if we will have meetings at a pond with a bridge anymore. LOL! We had a great time at your place. Also had a very informative presentation by the Maricopa County Vector Control Division. Some mosquitos can live three months? That's bad news for all pond lovers.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be March 11th at the Japanese Friendship Gardens. Della Killeen will be the host at this meeting. Della is the Curator for the Japanese Friendship Gardens and a member of the GPPS. She will give a tour of the gardens after the meeting.

Pond Tour: Thanks to Judy for doing an outstanding job with the 21st Annual GPPS Pond Tour. She still has openings for anyone that would like to show off their labor of love. Her email is jrest50@cox.net. Fern and I have always had a great time showing our pond on the tour.

Home and Garden Show: We will have a booth at the Home and Garden show again this year on April 28th, 29th, and 30th. The location will be the AZ State Fairgrounds This is two weeks before our pond tour and a great opportunity to promote the tour. I will have a signup sheet at the March meeting. If you cannot attend the next meeting and would like to volunteer to work the booth just email me and let me know. The hours will be 10am - 6pm on Friday and Saturday and 10am - 5pm on Sunday. You will get to talk to a lot of interesting people while working the booth and check out the Home and Garden show while you are there. I would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Facebook: Yes, we do have a Facebook page. Thanks to Penny Christensen for posting several pictures of club member ponds.

GPPS Directory: The GPPS directory gets updated when the membership list changes or members send descriptions of their ponds with picture(s). Please try to send updated items for your section of the directory to Fern at fdg1953@cox.net.

Chinese Culture & Cuisine Festival: Thanks to everyone that worked at the GPPS booth. Special thanks to Ian and Tanya Brown for setting the booth up on Friday. Tanya also made a table fountain and a couple of great looking banners. I have a lot of emails to send to individuals that showed some interest and left their email address. The booth was very helpful to get information out about GPPS and our tour in May. The good news is Fern left without buying the \$150 koi she was eye-balling!

Hope to see you all at the March meeting.

Don Shaw – GPPS President



FREE! 21st Annual Pond Tour FREE!

May 13, 2017 – 9:00AM – 4:00PM



**Greater Phoenix
Pond Society**

Founded in January 1996, the Greater Phoenix Pond Society (GPPS) is a group of pond enthusiasts dedicated to the promotion of water gardening and fish keeping in the Arizona desert.

Many members have been known to say, "Once you join, you'll never need to buy a fish or plant again!"



<http://www.phoenixponds.com>

Map available May 8, 2017

Are you looking for a great way to encourage others with the love of water gardening?
Are your friends tired of listening to you talk about your pond/filtration/fish/plants/etc?
Are you looking for GREAT motivation to do your spring pond cleaning?

If you said yes to ANY of these questions... **YOU NEED TO BE ON THE POND TOUR!!!**

This is an AMAZING opportunity to spread the word about GPPS, our love of water gardening AND meet some great people!

WHAT: Our 21st Annual Pond Tour

WHEN: May 13, 2017 - 9:00am to 4:00pm

WHERE: Tour map will be available on the web site: wwwPhoenixponds.com

Visitors will use the tour map from the website (available on or before Monday, May 8)

PRE-TOUR: Saturday before for those on the tour (for those who wish to participate). This is still in the planning stages.....We did this last year and it was a success.

The tour is fun, educational, and family friendly! Many stories are swapped and shared regarding pond keeping, fish keeping and more. Check it out to get ideas and suggestions.

Members, if you have not signed up yet to join in, please consider supporting the club's effort and do so ASAP. Send your intent to Judy at Jrest50@gmail.com

Judy Restad – GPPS Vice President

From the Editor:

The poll question last month was: Where do you purchase your pond supplies?

There were only a few responses to the question this month but the chart below gives a list of websites and local resources for plants, fish and other pond supplies. If you think of other resources, please feel free to share! This is part of the reason we joined this group...right??

Websites	
Ailyns-Pond.com	HomeDepot.com
Amazon.com	Tricker.com
DragonflyAquatics.com	WaterGarden.org
DrsFosterSmith.com	WebbsOnline.com
HalfOffPonds.com	

Local Resources	
The Backyard Pond	Lowes
Home Depot	Ocean Floor
Lily Pond aka Lily Lady	Pondscapes AZ

*These resources are offered at the suggestion of our members.
GPPS takes no responsibility for individual experiences with the companies listed.*

Tanya Brown - GPPS Editor



Do you have your embroidered GPPS shirt yet? You can have your shirt embroidered with the society logo for \$10 or \$20 including a polo shirt. Contact Tanya at tanyam6@cox.net for more information or to place an order.

Treasurers Report

Starting Balance	\$3383.46
Income	
Dues	\$125.00
Expenses	
Storage fee	\$39.67
Ending Balance	\$3468.79

2017 GPPS Meetings & Events

January 14th: Meeting – 9am Host: Tammy Purtell	February 11th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Don & Dawn Jarratt 10th-12th: Chinese Cultural Fair	March 11th: Meeting - 9am Japanese Friendship Garden
April 8th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Annie Foster & Mike Galeski 28th-30 th : Home Show	May NO MEETING 13th GPPS Pond Tour 9am-4pm	June 10th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Jeff & Rita Karsten
July NO MEETING	August NO MEETING	September 9th: Meeting – 9am Hosts: Chuck & Joy Basso
October 14th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Tanya & Ian Brown	November 11th: Meeting - 9am Hosts: Ron & Penny Christensen BOD Election	December 9th: Meeting - 11am Hosts: Richard & Pet Smith Holiday Potluck White Elephant Gift Exchange Fantastic Food & Fun



Member Corner

Nick & Peggy Johnson

Area of town: Central Phoenix/20th & Camelback

Family: no kids

Profession(s): retired

Hobbies: reading, hiking, rving with our travel trailer, birding, going to plays & events

What got you involved with water gardening: have always been into natural world and like to recreate it around us

What is your favorite part of water gardening: we love keeping a balanced little water environment with plants & fish on our enclosed townhome patio

Favorite fish: shibunken, and appreciate those hard working little gambusia we all rely on to control mosquitoes!

Your 2017 Board

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WEB 101:

If a member wishes to view archived Club Newsletters they must use the URL below. That URL is not a link from any of our pages. There is no need for a password.

You can make it a bookmarked or favorite in your browser. I suggest that you highlight and copy the below URL. If you wish to type it in your browser's address window NOTE: there is an Underscore (_) between the gppsarchive and the .htm

-- Failure to type the underscore will result in an error message.

http://www.phoenixponds.com/News/gppsarchive_.htm

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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

GPPS member Suzanne Siders is moving to Colorado in early April and would like to offer the

pavers pictured here to anyone in the pond club who will come & pick them up. She is located near Ocotillo Rd & McQueen Rd in Chandler. If interested, ACT FAST & call her at 602-882-7564.

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

newsltr@phoenixponds.com

Have a tip, trick, recommendation or idea? Send it

newsltr@phoenixponds.com



IN SEARCH OF A CHAGOI!!!!

Please call Tanya (623) 451-3432. Preferably a 5"-8" Gin Rin Chagoi but willing to entertain all other "applicants". Looking for the friendly Chagoi disposition.



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