

Greater Phoenix Pond Society

Technical committee report

2/14/2012

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I was called out to a residence in north Scottsdale because the pond was in very bad condition. The caller stated that the water was filthy and all the fish had died.

When I arrived I found a fully functioning pond with clear water. The next day I returned and took water samples with the new onsite pond maintenance person.

PH, NH<sub>3</sub> & NH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub> & NO<sub>2</sub> all tested normal.

The following day the home owner called the pond maintenance person and stated that the pump had stopped working. Upon inspection it was found that the pre filter was clogged from leaves falling into the pond from an overhead tree (windy day.) The pre filter was cleaned out and the 3 waterfalls in the pond started falling water again.

Three days later 5 rescued Koi were released into this 2500 gal. pond. The next day the home owner called and said that one of the Koi had committed suicide by jumping out of the pond. The home owner stated that the Koi in question probably did not like its new home. The home owner was crying during this discourse.

Since this event the home owner has requested that plants be planted in the pond. I plan on slathering this pond with Yerba Mansa, Taro and Dwarf Papyrus.

The pond is very shady (leaves keep falling into it.)

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I was called to a pond in Gilbert. The owners requested that the 3000 Gal. pond be decommissioned. Removed 18 large Koi and pumped the pond down to 2 quarts. This was a 6 hour project with 3 persons helping.

Update on Kim Wiggins pond.

This pond is now functional save for a bio filter which will be added within a week.

Kim's pond still requires some remedial work.