



Utah  
Water Garden & Koi  
Club

# October Newsletter

And so we've come to the end of another season. We think it's been a great year, despite the drought, the heat and covid. 2020 taught us to value even more our friends, and we're grateful we could get together again this year. Thanks to all who hosted monthly meetings. Thanks to all who opened their yards and ponds for the tour. Thanks to all who've come to our meetings and the banquet. And most of all, thanks for your friendship.

Here's hoping you and your ponds continue to thrive over the winter. We'll see you all next year!





# The 2021 Banquet

The 2021 Banquet was wonderful. Thanks to Asian Star for great food and services. Thanks to all who came. And thanks to those who donated for the raffle, and to those who bid! Watch for the next newsletter in the spring of 2022!





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# The 2021 Great Quilt Contest

Sherrie Avellar and Lewis Wayman made delightful koi-themed quilts for our annual silent auction! Neither saw the other's quilt until the night of the banquet, but they bet dinner at a restaurant on whose quilt would sell for the most.

Sherrie's was quilted with a stunning koi pattern, while Lewis' bore an elegant lotus design.

The bidding was spirited and quickly reached hundreds of dollars each. In the end, the winner was – a tie!

Both pledged to make new quilts for a rematch next year.





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# Thank You Nancy Aoyagi

Our favorite board member, Nancy Aoyagi, is stepping down from the Utah Water Garden and Koi Club Board. She will continue to be a member and we are grateful for that. She has been one of the most dedicated board members having served for over five years in that capacity. She meticulously kept the membership roster and could provide an updated version whenever she was asked. Members have Nancy to thank for all the meals, snacks and supplies at each meeting as she volunteered to get food at Costco, pizzas, wraps, cookies, pies, sub sandwiches, and anything else the board decided on. She always was willing to help out at the check in desk and she always was calm and supportive through it all. She was invaluable - so next time you see her, please thank her and recognize her for all her years of support to the club. Thanks for all your help Nancy!





# Guinness World Record-breaking botany at Kew Botanical Gardens

The collections and gardens at the Kew Royal Botanical Gardens outside London have long been celebrated by the Guinness Book of World Records. Here are just a few of those records. Who's in for a trip?



## The biggest

The waterlilies that grace the wet tropical zone within the Princess of Wales Conservatory are beastly things. Grown from seed each year, the leaves can reach an incredible scale – once upon a time, their buoyant leaves could bear the weight of a child!







## The tallest and smelliest

You know when the titan arum (*Amorphophallus titanum*) has come into its own by the stench of rotting flesh that fills the glasshouse.

This plant can be huge – so huge that in 2018 it was reconfirmed by the Guinness World Records team that the species has the 'tallest bloom' in the world.







## The longest

Behind the scenes in Kew's Tropical Nursery are an expert team of horticulturalists working hard on the conservation and study of some of the world's rarest and most interesting plants.

*Nepenthes truncata* is endemic to the Philippines but they have been cultivating it at Kew. In 2020, a specimen in their nursery earned the award for the 'longest *Nepenthes* plant trap' measuring at 43cm (1.5 feet) from the base to the lid!

Pitcher plants like the *Nepenthes* get their nutrients from poo – shaped like a toilet bowl, they produce nectar to attract pollinators, which sneakily also acts as a laxative.

Whilst feeding, a pollinator poops into the pitcher giving the plant all the yummy nutrients it needs to survive.







## The oldest

Kew's tropical Palm House is home to a real OAP (Old Age Plant), the Eastern Cape giant cycad (*Encephalartos altensteinii*).

This cycad was brought to Kew from South Africa in 1775.

Now over 240 years on, it weighs more than a tonne and measures over four metres in height.

It took a team of nine horticulturalists to re-pot the Palm House's oldest resident back in 2019.

Did you know? Often dubbed 'living fossils', cycads have been around since before the dinosaurs.







## The smallest

Hiding in plain sight in the Princess of Wales Conservatory and Waterlily House at Kew is the world's smallest waterlily (*Nymphaea thermarum*).

Though extinct in the wild, we have over 50 of these tiny plants growing in our collection.

The Kew's horticulturists unlocked the secret to propagating this plant in 2009 so you can enjoy its dainty flowers and miniature leaves, each smaller than a 50p coin (a little over an inch).





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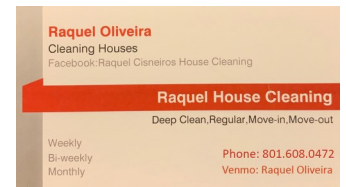
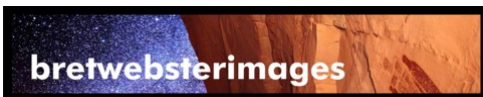


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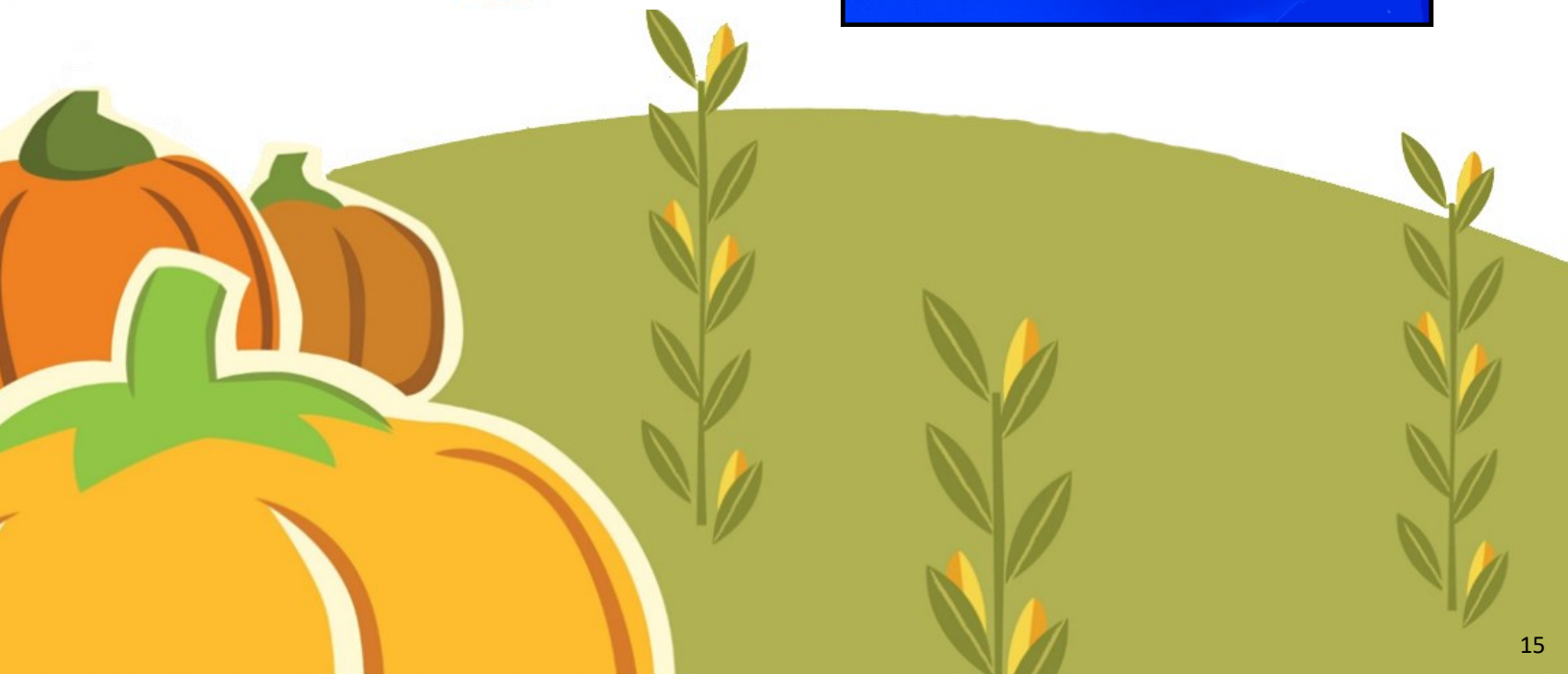
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# Know your koi: Showa

Showa are one of the Gosanke or "Big 3" koi fish along with Taisho Sanke and Kohaku koi. Showa are beautiful koi, with colors of white, red, and black painted across their bodies the same way that a Japanese brush drawing suggests artistic interpretation without every stroke being complete. The beauty of these fish stir our emotions with it's exquisite combination of colors.





## Who we are

The Utah Water Garden Club is a non-profit organization serving the greater Wasatch Front. We strive to foster an appreciation for and interest in the use of water in the landscape, through monthly meetings, educational programs, an annual pond tour, and sharing our water gardening experiences. We are a group of volunteers dedicated to water gardening, pond keeping, and koi. Our members range from novices to commercial professionals.

Our annual Water Garden Tour is a self-guided tour of outstanding local gardens. We were excited to be able to hold our tour this year and are looking forward to next year. Watch for details on the Club's website at [UtahWaterGardenClub.org](http://UtahWaterGardenClub.org)

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