

Utah Water Garden & Koi Club

August 2017



Our July meeting had an excellent attendance over 55 people and our speaker Jim Purcell from Oregon and California Aquatics was amazing! He spoke on plant water filters which is the new term for bogs. No one really wanted him to stop speaking, but it was getting dark and we had to wind things up. LaRene Bautner surprised us with many new plants she had just received and then shared with us by raffling them all away to us! Jim brought 5 amazing and hard to find lilies to auction off for the club and we had 5 happy winners! We had a great dinner, Brats cooked by Scott Wagstaff and fries by Jon Simmonds. Robert Bautner made some delicious sauerkraut, a special German recipe! We had a great turnout of sponsors to support us too! Glover Nursery, Pendleton Design, Utah Lighting, Utah Water Gardens, and Millcreek Gardens! We love our sponsors!

In addition, we had some new members join!

Thanks to the Wagstaff's for hosting us, it was a perfect evening! See the pictures of the meeting below.

First Annual Utah Water Garden & Koi Club

“Go for the Gold” Contest

We all love to brag about our ponds, fish, plants, amphibians, bugs and bogs. But wouldn't it be nice to have legitimate bragging rights? The best way is to enter the First Annual Utah Water Garden & Koi Club Photo Contest.

Categories

Non Koi Category:

- Goldfish
- Trout
- Shubunkin
- Turtles
- Frogs

Koi Category:

- Biggest
- Smallest
- Mutts
- Show Quality

Flower Category:

- Lilly
- Other

Submit your photos by September 1 to Brett Reynolds at brett@reynoldsgraphics.com



August

August 17, 2017, 7:00 pm
Marvin Potter–Walla Walla Nursery
Topic: “What’s with your water?”
Cole Home, 8445 South 1205 East,
Sandy
Wheelchair Accessible
Adult Beverage Friendly

September

September 21, 2017, 7:00 pm
Josh Pendleton of Pendleton Design
Topic: Trimming maple trees
Gallenti home, 26 Ivy Oaks Ln, Sandy
Adult Beverage Friendly

October

October 19, 2017
Meeting and Banquet at Rodizio Grill
600 South 700 East

**We have a new Facebook Page.
Please go out and like it!**



https://www.facebook.com/pg/UtahWatergardenandKoiClub/posts/?ref=page_internal

IHOP The Ponder Frog...



Ponders why there are leopards living in his pond

Description: The backs of adult northern leopard frogs and juveniles are a green or brown base color - covered with large, oval dark spots, regular in outline, and surrounded by a lighter border. The ventral color is white to cream, with some pinkish patches on the feet. These medium-sized frogs have large



hind legs with dark bars, pale underparts, and prominent dorsolateral ridges. A white stripe runs along the upper jaw and back to the shoulder. The skin is smooth.

Adult Northern Leopard Frogs range from 5.5 to 10 centimeters from nose to rump. Females are somewhat larger than males.

Tadpoles are dark brown or grey, with light blotches on the underside. The tail is pale tan.

Range/Habitat: The northern leopard frog must live in areas that have fresh water to enable them to complete their life cycle. For more information on this, venture to the [Reproduction/Life Cycle](#) page. Some fresh water environments include lakes, ponds, beaver ponds, reservoirs, marshes, springs, bogs, flood plains, canals, and slow streams such as creeks. The frog lives in the southern part of Canada and the northern area of the United States. In the United States the frog habitat consists of 19 states, which are Arizona,

California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Diet: Carnivore. Their prey consists of insects, such as damselflies, but they have been found to eat worms, snails, slugs, and smaller frogs. Their predators may include bullfrogs, heron, large salamanders, fish, minks, raccoons, skunks, and hawks.

Reproduction: The Northern Leopard Frog breeds between late April and early June in a wide array of habitats including marshes, ponds, lakes, ditches, and slow-moving streams. Each female mates once, lays a single egg mass containing between 1000 and 5000 eggs - then leaves the pond.

Behavior: In summer, adults and juveniles commonly feed in open or semi-open wet meadows and fields with short vegetation. The meadows are usually near the margins of waterbodies where they seek cover underwater. Sometimes they are called "meadow frogs".

Did you know? The northern leopard frog lives 2 to 4 years in the wild.

They are collected for the food industry (frog legs).

A group of frogs is called an army.

Down in the Garden with Rosie



Colorful Cannas! Submitted by Sherry Avellar for Rosie

Canna Lilies are lovely in the garden because of their bold accent. Their tropical appearance makes a spectacular show in any flower garden. They grow three to five feet high. They look beautiful displayed in a large container or urn. The colors of the flowers are usually vibrant shades of red, yellow, or orange. The broad, flat, alternative leaves are typically green, purple, or variegated. They grow out of the stem in a long, narrow roll and then unfurl. Although gardeners enjoy these interesting flowers, nature really intended them to attract pollinators, such as bees, hummingbirds, and bats, so that they could collect the nectar and pollen. The pollination mechanism is conspicuously specialized. Pollen is shed on the style while still in the bud, and in the early hybrids some is also found on the stigma because of the high position of the anther, which means that they are self-pollinating.

A single flower spike of a Canna Lily can last several weeks. The spent flowers should be deadheaded to preserve the plant's energy and also to keep the plant looking attractive. Canna Lilies bloom from about mid-summer until the first frost. Cannas need moisture to keep blooming. They should be planted in well drained, rich, organic soil. Because of their tropical characteristics, they love the hot, humid weather. Canna Lilies prefer full sun, but can survive in partial shade. Cannas are remarkably

disease free. The leaves may become the victim of slugs and snails.

Cannas are winter hardy in zones 7 to 10. Therefore, the rhizomes (roots that shoot) must be lifted and stored indoors for the winter. After the first frost, the leaves will turn black. The rhizomes will freeze and rot if left in the ground.

It takes a little extra work to winterize the Canna Lilies but it is worth the effort. Just after the first killing frost, dig a foot or so away from the stem of the Canna so that the rhizome is not damaged. When the soil is loosened around the crown, grab the stem and gently lift the clump out of the ground. Wash the roots off with a spray of water. Cut off the tops of the Canna Lilies and add them to your compost pile. They grow and spread fast so you will be pleasantly surprised by the surplus production of the rhizomes. The rhizomes can be stored in plastic grocery bags. Store the roots in a spot where the temperature stays between 45 to 60 degrees. An attic, basement, or crawl space is a possibility for storage. If the area is too warm, mold will grow. If the location is too cold, they may freeze.

In early spring after the tulips have bloomed, the Canna Lilies can be planted outside. Vegetative reproduction can be done at this point by dividing the roots. Make sure that each divided piece has at least one node, where new leaves will grow next year. They should be planted four to five inches deep and one to four feet apart. Once you get them in the ground, they will bloom in 10- 12 weeks. Canna Lilies are easy to grow and your surplus of Canna Lily rhizomes will be an appreciative and thoughtful gift to share with family and friends.



Random Thoughts



I want to grow my own food but I can't find any bacon seeds....



The Pond Trading Post



The Pond Trading Post is a forum to trade or adopt plants, fish, amphibians, single socks or small children. Please email Sherry and Gil Avellar at trout42@hotmail.com with a short description of what you would like to adopt out or what you might be seeking for your pond.

Koi needs a home

My neighbors are wanting to fine a new home for this koi, he might answer to Charlie, but didn't when I tried to converse with him. He's camera shy. If interested, call me at 801-969-5038, and leave a message, and I will pass it along. Richard Sawdey



Fish for Sale

We have a variety of Koi and a few Comet gold fish for sale, ranging in size at slightly less than 6" to maybe 18". Cost from \$20 to \$80 each. Please call 801-508-7238. They are available for pick up evenings after 6pm or weekend days.



Don Jackson and Carol Frey



Have a good fishy recipe? Submit it for our newsletter to trout42@hotmail.com

Fresh tomato and basil baked fish

3-4 white fish filets
¼-½ cup tomato sauce
¼ cup breadcrumbs
½ cup scallions, minced
Fresh basil, chopped
2 fresh summer tomatoes, thinly sliced
Fish seasoning, salt and pepper

Add tomato sauce to the bottom of a baking dish.

Rinse fish filets and pat dry.

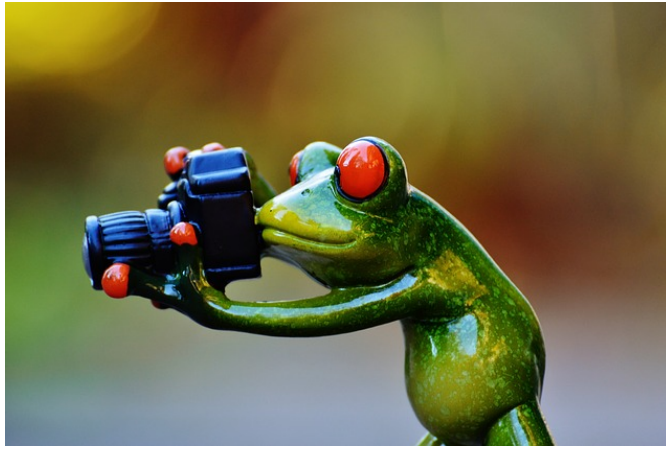
Sprinkle salt and pepper and fish seasoning to taste on both sides and the fish, and lay in baking dish.

On a cutting board, mince the scallions, and chop basil.

Add the breadcrumbs right to the pile of fresh herbs, and roughly chop.

Top the filets with the herb and bread crumb mixture, and then top with the slices of fresh tomato.

Bake in a 375-degree oven for 20 minutes, or until fish is cooked through.



Photos of our July meeting courtesy of the fabulous Daniel Peel our club historian





THIS YEAR'S POND TOUR SPONSORS

Please visit our merchants who have been so generous in sponsoring this pond tour. Without their help we would not be able to provide the quality tour books and and put on as great a tour as people in the community have come to appreciate. Keep this book for future reference. If you are planning on building a pond, the sponsors listed here will be glad to offer help and advice along with the best prices in town. The pond tour book is also a handy phone book to many of the pond suppliers in Utah, as well as an address guide of your future friends, should you join our club!

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Last but not least, thank-you to all of our members and pond tour homes. Without all of your help we would not be able to put on such nice tours.

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