

Utah Water Garden & Koi Club

May, 2019 Newsletter

April Meeting at the beautiful Red Butte Gardens

What can we say about Red Butte except it is so beautiful! Our members had an opportunity to wander Red Butte Gardens (free of charge!) before we got our meeting underway. Sarah and Ty gave a fascinating presentation of their traditional Korean wedding ceremony and a tour of their trip to Korea and Japan. Congratulations to both of them!

We had some delicious pie and at the end, we were able to give away quite a few wonderful raffle items. Thanks to Jan and Lyle Wilde, Josh Pendleton of Pendleton Design Management, Shane Thorstrom of Glover Nursery, and Daniel Peel of Choice Hardware and Home Center in Nephi for their wonderful donations to our raffle.





We want to thank everyone who donated food and cash for our ongoing food drive. So far our members and sponsors have donated 92 pounds of food and \$230 in cash. **THAT IS FANTASTIC!!!**



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We need volunteers for the Light Up the Night Evening Pond Tour



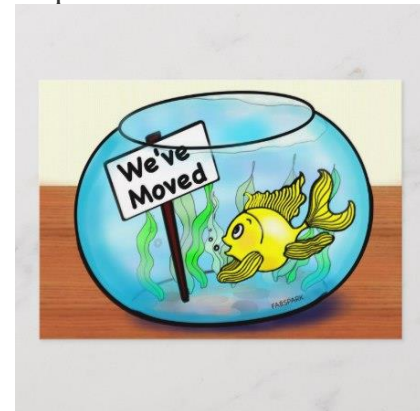
Please let Sherry Avellar (trout42@hotmail.com) or 801-664-9528 know that you are interested. She will be happy to answer any questions you have.

BIG NEWS! Our Good Friends at Utah Water Gardens have moved to a new location. They will be opening this month (April) and are located at **5911 South 1300 East, right next door to Cottonwood High School**. Please go visit them and check out their new shop. Call them at 801-590-8516.



Volunteers Needed to Support our Club

We are always looking for volunteers for the pond club! We use volunteers throughout the year, and for all different types of tasks. We guarantee a lot of fun and you will gain skills that you can put on your resume!! The amount of time you spend it totally up to you and we are flexible and understanding. Because our "Light Up the Night" tour is gaining a tremendous amount of interest, we really need folks to help plan this event. Come on, you'll enjoy the fun!



EVEN MORE BIG NEWS! Please congratulate our very own **Rosie Cobbley for becoming a U.S. Citizen!** We are so happy for her. Way to go Rosie!





May Meeting

May 16, 2019 7:00 pm
Millcreek Gardens
3500 South 900 East, Salt Lake City
Topic: Planting your pots using the “Thriller, Filler and Spiller” technique
Bring chairs

Can we Can-Can? You bet we Can!



Our members Can-Can stop hunger!
Bring in any can of chili, pasta or stew for the food bank and get 1 extra raffle ticket!

June Meeting

June 20, 2019 7:00 pm
Utah Water Gardens (**new location!**)
5911 South 1300 East, Murray
(right next door to Cottonwood High School)
Topic: TBD
Adult beverage friendly
Bring chairs

Everyone Loves Soup! Bring in any can of soup for the food bank and get 1 extra raffle ticket!

July Annual Club BBQ

July 18, 2019 7:00 pm
Aniel Peel and Lewis Wayman Residence
1707 S. Thornberry Drive, Draper
Adult Beverage Friendly
Bring chairs

August Pond Tour

August 10-11, 2019
(**Second** Weekend in August)
Annual Pond Tour

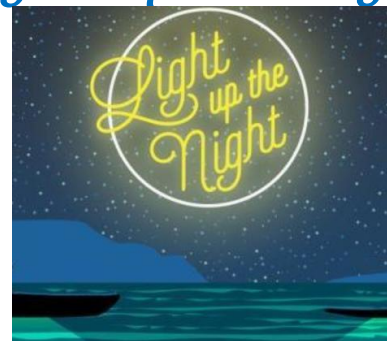
August Meeting

August 15, 2019 7:00 pm
The Cobbley Residence
1268 E. Lori Circle, Sandy
Adult Beverage Friendly
Bring chairs

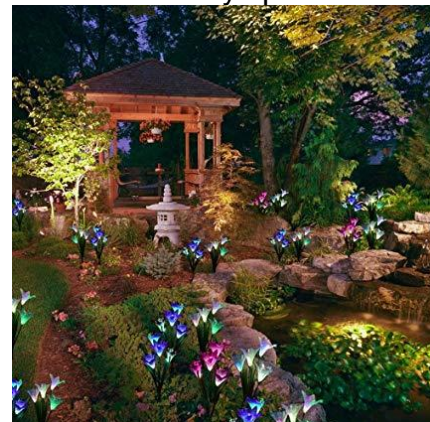
September Special Event

September 7, 2019
Evening Pond Tour!

Light Up the Night!



Your club officers are making arrangements for a tour of approximately four beautifully lit ponds. We will end at one of the ponds where a catered dinner will be served. More details coming soon on this very special event!



September Meeting

September 12, 2019 7:00 pm
Urban Garden Company
365 W 800 North, Salt Lake City
Topic: TBD
Bring chairs

October

October 17, 2019 7:00 pm
Annual Banquet



Details Pending

Fill the pond food drive

This year, our club is planning a year-long food drive in support of the Utah Food Bank. We encourage all members to bring items to our meetings and we will deliver them to the Food Bank. Cash donations are also most welcome. We feel it is critical to help our community feed hungry citizens, especially children.

Let's see how much we can collect by our October Banquet!



Volunteer Opportunities in our Community

Murray Senior Center has advised us that they need help maintaining their small patio garden area this summer, 1-2 hours per week to weed and clean up spent flowers. One person doesn't have to do it all, we can tag team this effort. Some planting may be required with help from Murray City Parks Department. If you are interested, contact Sherry Avellar at trout42@hotmail.com. They are so grateful for help, please consider this opportunity!



Most needed food items:

Peanut Butter
Mac & Cheese
Canned Meats (tuna, chicken or beef)
Chili
SpaghettiOs/Ravioli
Canned Fruits and Veggies
Rice, Pasta, Oatmeal
Other Boxed Meals

Current tally:

92 pounds of food!!

\$230.00



The Koi Spot

What On Earth Is A Ghost Koi?



If you came here expecting to read about something supernatural, then I hate to break this to you – the ghost koi is just another variant of koi. But although the ghost koi will not magically appear in your koi pond in the dead of night and give the rest of your koi fishes a heart attack, this breed is actually pretty interesting. Here is all about ghost koi fish that you need to know. Hopefully, this will help explain all about ghost koi fish's sudden rise in popularity recently, if not motivate you to go get one.



All About Ghost Koi Fish Origins

Unlike other koi breeds, the ghost koi is actually of British origins. The breed came about in 1980s when a farmer allowed a mirror carp to breed with a metallic Ogon Koi.

For this reason, many koi enthusiasts do not recognize the ghost koi as a true koi, considering that it is less domesticated than other breeds.

Its origins notwithstanding, there are still a lot of people who are fascinated by the ghost koi's appearance and, as such, this koi variant is still being bred until now.



All About Ghost Koi Fish

Appearance



The ghost koi earned its name because of its seemingly ghostly appearance when swimming to the depths of a pond.

The first ghost koi fishes had dark metallic scales, making them seemingly disappear underwater, with only the glistening of their scales giving up their location. Over time, however, the ghost koi has been bred to have silver, cream, and golden coloring, all while maintaining its metallic sheen. The typical ghost koi will usually have a metallic head and fins, as well as a metallic edge to all of its scales. Its body, meanwhile, will appear dark grey.

The lighter coloring of ghost koi at present have made this breed less ghostly in appearance, but the contrast between its metallic scales and dark grey body still lend this variant an almost ethereal appearance.

All About Ghost Koi Fish Attitude

A common fear among koi enthusiasts who have never owned a ghost koi before is that the breed might be too aggressive compared to other koi breeds.

To be fair, this is a valid concern considering that the ghost koi has a wilder heritage as opposed to the Japanese koi variants. But if you're already planning to introduce a ghost koi into your koi pond, there's no need to worry. The ghost koi is just as friendly as any other koi breeds and will certainly get along with the other koi in your pond.

In fact, the ghost koi is so friendly and food-driven that it will easily learn how to swim to your hand for some treats. The ghost koi may have a relatively wilder heritage, but it's actually the best koi for beginners.

Compared to other koi breeds, the ghost koi is hardier and less susceptible to diseases.

Note, however, that since the ghost koi is closer to the common carp, it is typically bigger than other koi breeds.

If you are looking for large koi for your pond though, this is perfect for you.

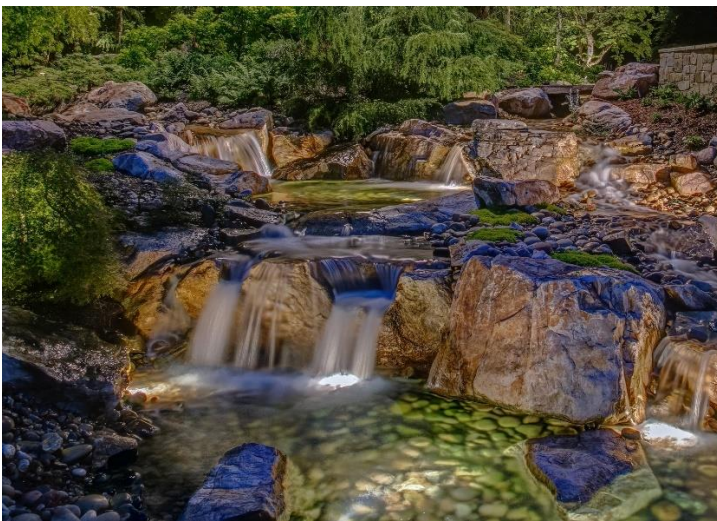


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Ponders: Let There Be Light!

Low Voltage Landscape Lighting for Your Pond and Water Feature
By Ty Rosser - Landscape Lighting Pro of Utah



Planning and keeping a water feature takes a lot of work. It takes a vision to create, lots of preparation to build, and time to maintain. But in the end, it's all worth it. The soothing sound of a babbling brook, the turning of water, the serene setting it creates amplifies the enjoyment we find in our landscapes. The big question I have is what happens to that water feature after sundown?

Most everyone finds their days filled with work and tasks that need to be accomplished before heading home. It usually isn't until later in the day when people have a chance to unwind and enjoy their water features. If the pond has become a ritualistic

part of your routine, a serene characteristic of your landscape, then why not extend that enjoyment into the evening?

You've already created a beautiful water feature that you get to enjoy during the day. Why not take the opportunity to create a dramatic sight for your evening enjoyment as well? Pond lighting is the way you can keep your water feature from having to go to bed when the sun does.



Things to Think About When Lighting Your Water Feature

When doing water feature lighting, whether it be a pond, water garden, waterfall, fountain or any combination, take into consideration what will work best for the immediate area surrounding your water. Water vegetation, pond life, and statuary forms are all a part of the overall water feature. In order to really capture your water feature in the best light (no pun intended) your low voltage lighting system needs to capture important aspects in the whole composition.

Types of lighting categories that can be used include down lights, submersible lights, underwater up lights, wash lights, and path lights. These lights are defined by their effect and usage:

Down Lights - As a light source, they originate from above the water feature creating a soft and diffused light. They simulate the light of a full moon.

Submersible Lights - To light the pond with a mystical aura both above and below the pond surface. They highlight the pond life and underwater statues with a warm glow.

Underwater Lights - Water proof lighting fixtures provide up-lighting to highlight pond lilies and water falls. They can be placed under a waterfall or stream to enhance the flowing waters.

Wash Lights - These fixtures can be used to cast a gentle light over tall grasses and other vegetation surrounding the water feature.

Path Lights/Area Lights - To illuminate flowerbeds and other ground cover surrounding the pond area, these fixtures help add depth and character.

Purposeful Fixture Placement

Light with Purpose - The big secret to lighting is to design with light, not fixtures. Before doing anything, you will want to recursively ask yourself a question: "Why light?" What do you want to capture with light? It's only after figuring this out that you will decide the appropriate fixture and placement. For example, if you have a beautiful ornamental Japanese Maple tree with branches spread out over the waterfall, how will you light it?



Ideally, you'd like to light it from below, but the water feature is in the exact spot the fixture should ideally go. Is it possible to down light that Japanese Maple, or use an underwater fixture?

If these options are exhausted, avoid the temptation to try and light that tree from behind. While lighting from behind might conceptually seem like a great idea, remember that lighting from behind will ensure that the lighting effect is often obscured, and very likely to blind the onlooker with glare. Always

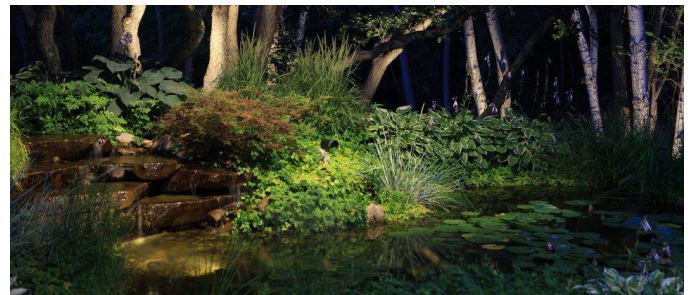
consider the viewing angles, where you will be observing.

These are all matters you will encounter when trying to create a balanced lighting effect. This is why it's important to continually ask yourself how things will play out with your fixture placement.

Have Fun

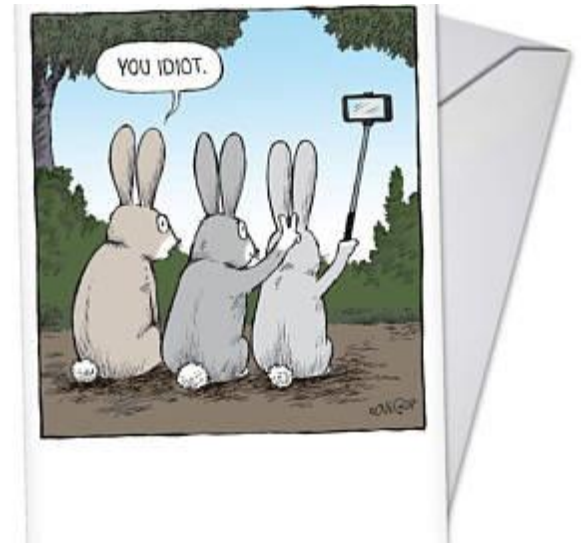
Having fun with your approach will help you to get in the right mind set. Get a flashlight and try different things at night; have fun seeing how things look when they are lit from different viewpoints. Imagine your flashlight is the fixture: see how you like the play of the angles and shadows when lit from different places. You can even use a piece of paper over the flashlight to get an idea of what a softer light would look like. In the excitement of it all, be careful that you don't get carried away and try sticking your flashlight in the water unless it's water proof. For those with no experience in lighting design this fun exercise may be useful.

People add water features for the benefit of tranquil sound and for the visual appeal moving water provides. Illuminating the serene setting a water feature creates will ensure that it can be enjoyed no matter if it's day or night.



To learn more about how to light your pond or water feature give us a call at (801) 440-7647 to schedule a free consultation, or feel free to simply fill out a contact form on our website, www.utahlights.com. Located in Midvale, **Landscape Lighting Pro of Utah** serves throughout Utah's residential areas, including Salt Lake City, Park City, Draper, Davis and Utah Counties. Our Outdoor lighting portfolio includes projects throughout Utah and beyond.

Random Thoughts



DON'T FORGET TO
DRINK WATER
AND GET SUN.
YOU'RE BASICALLY
A HOUSEPLANT WITH
COMPLICATED
EMOTIONS.



I tried to
give my dog
a cool mohawk,
but now he just
looks like a donkey.



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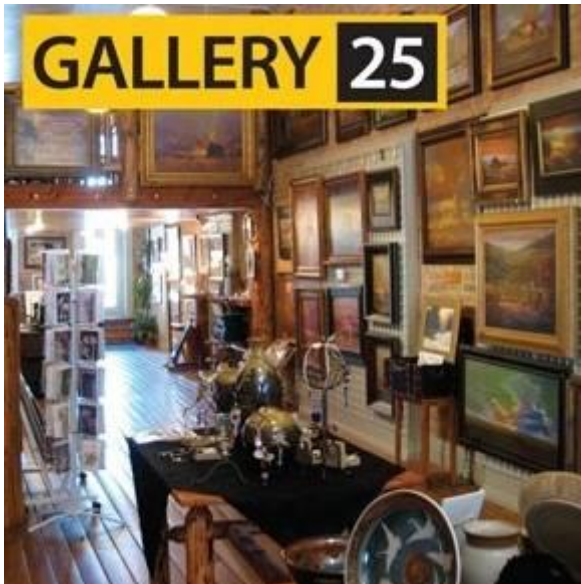
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