

Utah Water Garden & Koi Club

July 2017



The Utah Water Garden & Koi Club held our June meeting at the ever-popular Larsen home. This month's meeting wasn't really a meeting at all, it was our annual BBQ Social. Thanks to the wonderful cooking and decorating skills of Craig and Claudia Larsen, we had a delicious dinner. Our members provided a bevy of sides and desserts to round out the evening's meal. Our fickle Utah weather finally cooperated and it was truly a beautiful evening. Thanks to all for coming and providing the food.

Message from the President

This is my fourth and final year as president. Our bylaws state 2 terms, so be thinking about running for president or secretary/treasurer will also be open!

We can always use new ideas and energy!

I have loved every minute of serving you and our community. Hopefully you have learned along with me each month on Pond care, Koi health, benefits of trout, garden flowers, water

quality, butterflies, outdoor lighting, composting, vegetable gardening, bees, frogs, birds, biological filter's, exotic and hardy water lilies, container gardening, bogs, pond lining repair, tree trimming, gabion walls, marginal plants, how to grow big Koi and how to tell what kind of Koi you're looking at! And of course, monthly food, our yummy BBQs and banquets at The Aquarium eating in front of that huge aquarium wall watching all the fish swim by, and touring the aquarium after our meeting for two years! Mandarin Chinese last year...MMm, still dreaming about those egg rolls, and coming up, Rodizo Grill! Plan your appetite now!

So many great memories and great friends have been made! Thank you!!!!

We have had amazing sponsors that have supported us, spoken at our meetings and have our back! Thank you sponsors!

Thank you for making my term as your president lots of fun and it's been an honor to work with you and to get to know all of you!

Shirley Simmonds



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 Pond Tour~~

Don't miss the July meeting Tour Books will be available for paid members free of charge - come and get 'em while they're hot!



July

July 20, 2017, 7:00 pm

Wagstaff Home, 2414 Granite Hills Cir, Sandy

Topic: Bogs and Bog Gardens

Speaker: Jim Purcell – Oregon and California Aquatics

Bring your own chairs

Adult Beverage Friendly

If you don't pay your dues at this meeting, your fish will puff up and explode!



August 5-6, 2017

2017 Pond Tour

Various Locations, see Pond Tour book for locations

August

August 17, 2017

Marvin Potter–Walla Walla Nursery

Topic: “What's with your water?”

Cole Home, 8445 South 1205 East, Sandy

Wheelchair Accessible

Adult Beverage Friendly

IHOP The Ponder Frog...



Ponders why there are unwelcome strangers living in his pond

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, holds a large goldfish found in the Tahoe Keys of Lake Tahoe. (Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife)



2013 – Hundreds of goldfish were dumped in Parley's Creek in Sugarhouse. A city official said: "All we can think is maybe someone had these pets at home and they decided they are done with these pets but they don't want to kill little Nemo, so let's go put it in the nearest pond thinking that might be better-well it's not."

2014 - San Francisco established an "amnesty pond" for people to dispose of unwanted pet fish. The Presidio Trust - a federal agency established to conserve SF Bay - decided to create this pond because too many pet fish were being dumped into local natural lakes.

2015 - Colorado wildlife officials say they believe someone dumped four to five pet goldfish in a Boulder lake about two years ago, and they have now multiplied to over 3,000 to 4,000 fish. Because the goldfish are a non-native species, they threaten Teller Lake's entire aquatic ecosystem. The fish were electroshocked and used to feed raptors at a rehabilitation center.

These incidents are awful. People really need to consider what they're doing when taking on a pet fish. Unwanted animals are a dismal enough problem, but ones that have the potential to take down whole ecosystems are devastating.

Koi, originally from Asia... have been accidentally introduced into native waters on all continents except Antarctica.

Just about every pond or waterway that is available to the public has had koi put in it for one reason or another, and if the pond is being drained (like when golf courses go defunct) it is a shame to let the koi die. Those types of rescues don't come up that often, the majority of koi that need new homes come from regular backyard hobbyist ponds.

Koi fish can live 60+ years if kept in good water, the oldest known koi lived to be over 200 years of age. With such a long life span, it is understandable that a single human is going to have a tough time caring for a koi it's entire life. Think about what you might plan for your fish when you outgrow your pond keeping life. What provisions will you make for your koi at that time?

Here are some reasons Koi and goldfish from backyard ponds need new homes.

House Being Sold - When a home is being sold, the new owners might not be interested in taking care of the koi.

Overstocked Backyard Pond - Koi grow quickly, they continually reproduce, so your pond can fill up pretty quickly. If you don't do something about the overcrowding, your pond can crash from being overloaded and kill most

or all of your koi. So when your pond starts to look like a sardine can, think about adopting some of them out.

Aquariums - The tag at the pet store does indicate that koi will grow to 24" or larger, but that writing is usually pretty small and unsuspecting people will buy koi and stick them in an aquarium. If you put a goldfish in a small aquarium, they won't grow very big. Koi aren't like this, if the water is good and they are fed, they will continue to grow. Soon the koi ends up being a big fish in a tiny tank, and it becomes obvious they need a new home.

The Maintenance Is Too Much - Nobody ever tells the truth about how much maintenance is involved with a koi pond. Goldfish ponds are a lot less demanding because goldfish eat less and can survive in much worse water conditions.

Have small kids - Either people buy a house with a pond, or they have their first child. A pond or pool is a serious drowning hazard. Upgrading a pond to make it safer can be expensive, so often the choice is to take a break from having a pond for a few years while the kids grow up, and then start another pond again later.



Gigantic mutated goldfish/koi carp caught in Australia in 2015.

Please don't release any of your excess pond critters into our waterways. It can be devastating to the environment as well as a very expensive (our tax dollars) problem to clean up. Please advertise your extra pond

critters in our "Pond Trading Post" for rehoming and we will do whatever we can to find good homes for them.

Down in the Garden with Rosie



No folks- this is not my garden! (Rosie is the lovely lady in the blue jacket with the jaunty matching hat!). We escaped over the 'Pond' recently, and took in a visit to Kew Gardens in West London, specifically to see their year-long exhibit called 'THE HIVE'. 'Inspired by scientific research, this is an interactive sculpture, designed by artist Wolfgang Buttress, built in the grounds of Kew Gardens. It stands 30 ft high and wide, surrounded by a fantastic, colorful flower meadow that's absolutely humming with bees. You walk up to the top, and enter the sculpture itself, and that's when the fun begins!

This is a multi- sensory experience- both sound and vision. The lights and sounds inside the Hive sculpture are triggered by the bee activity in a real bee hive on the grounds of Kew Gardens.

THE HIVE AT KEW ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS WEST LONDON, ENGLAND



**Random
Thoughts**



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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.

Thanks to Craig and Claudia Larsen for adopting Molly, the Avellar's Red Eared Slider turtle. Molly is swimming happily with really big fish in a really nice pond!

**Molly is so happy in her new home!
(Or maybe it's gas...)**



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

Linguine with Shrimp Scampi

- vegetable oil
- kosher salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ lb linguine
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons olive oil
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons minced garlic (6 cloves)
- 1 lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined (about 16 shrimp)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup chopped fresh parsley leaves
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon, zest of, grated
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lemons)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ lemon, thinly sliced in half-rounds
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon hot red pepper flakes

Directions

1. Drizzle some oil in a large pot of boiling salted water, add the linguine, and cook for 7 to 10 minutes, or according to the directions on the package.
2. Meanwhile, in another large (12-inch), heavy-bottomed pan, melt the butter and olive oil over medium-low heat.
3. Add the garlic, saute for 1 minute. Be careful, the garlic burns easily!
4. Add the shrimp, 1 teaspoon of salt, and the pepper and saute until the shrimp have just turned pink, about 5 minutes, stirring often.
5. Remove from the heat, add the parsley, lemon zest, lemon juice, lemon slices, and red pepper flakes.
6. Toss to combine.
7. When the pasta is done, drain the cooked linguine and then put it back in the pot.
8. Immediately add the shrimp and sauce, toss well, and serve.

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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