



March, 2014

By The Pond

Well, my favorite day of the year has come and gone. The first day that I feed my fish in the spring! It means I have a whole brand new season of sitting by the pond and feeding fish and that winter is not due again for months. Of course it's 28 degrees outside at the moment but that's just temporary. I have a lot to cover so in no particular order here it comes.

I hope that everybody remembers that the meeting in March is postponed until the 16th on account of the Central Florida Koi Show. Several members are attending and I am judging in the show so we changed the date. This month Chase has arranged for us to tour Sun Pets at 2:00. For those who are not familiar with them, they are a fish wholesaler, both tropical and pond fish. Their facility is truly unique in the area. We will get to see one of the widest varieties of ornamental fish outside of the Georgia Aquarium. We will also get to see some state of the art filtration, while not especially related to ponds; it is always interesting to see various types. Lucky for me there will be no sales as they are wholesale only.

Chase has asked if there is anyone who would like to sponsor the refreshments to this event. The club will provide \$150.00 for the refreshments and all we need is soft drinks (no alcohol at this event) and some finger foods and snacks. Please contact Chase about that. Directions will be sent out before the meeting.

In April we have one of our most fun and profitable events of the year, The Annual Koi/Goldfish Auction. We will set up at Coastal (thanks to Bill and Lynn once again) on Sunday the 6th and the auction will be Saturday the 12th. Diane has set up "Signup Genius" for this event, www.signupgenius.com then dianewg@aol.com will get you logged in. Same as we did for last year's show. You click on the link and signup for whichever job you want to do, first come first served, so if there is a particular job you want, then sign up fast! You can always e-mail Diane and she can plug you in where needed if that's your preference. Steve Castel is coming out of retirement to chair this event as he has chaired it for several years. (Yea)! The website will be updated and registration for tanks will start in the next week or two. A good portion of our funds are generated by this event so I hope everyone gets involved and we have a great turnout. There will be flyers at the March meeting that you can take and put in the venues near you so hopefully we can cover the whole area with them. Spread the word and let's get a crowd there.

Speaking of funds, please look over the enclosed budget for the year. The only major change from last year is no flower show and the addition of Koi bucks. Be prepared for a voice vote at the upcoming meeting.

Well that's it for the moment. Watch your water parameters as you start to feed, especially if your filters were off line during the winter. Plan to go to Orlando, March 8th-9th; it is a show you will really enjoy. This is probably the largest show on the East Coast. JoAnn and I are headed to San Diego tomorrow to their show, so I will get caught up on my "Koi Fix" in a hurry this year. See everyone at Sun Pets.

Gary

Financial Report

Please see attachment budget and financial documents.

Membership Information

Thanks to those members that have renewed for this year, just a reminder that membership dues are now due. A membership application is attached. Please consider remaining a club member.

We are still looking for a Newsletter Editor, if interested, please contact Gary Elmore and offer your services and ideas.

This and That

From the David's (David Pugh and David Boyd)

We have quite a few stalks of bamboo available for anyone that would like some. They are roughly 1 - 1 1/2 inch in diameter and up to 10 - 12 feet in length. They make great garden stakes.

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