



Genesee Valley Pond & Koi Club Newsletter

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IMPORTANT

GVPAKC has a new meeting place;

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of
Monroe County**

249 Highland Avenue

Rochester, NY 14620

The meetings will still be at 7:00 PM on the first Friday of every month for the remainder of 2012.

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"News From Norm"

Renewal Time

If we have not received your renewal yet, a renewal form is attached. We hope you've had a fun and educational time as members of the Club and will renew your membership for another year. If you received a complimentary membership for hosting a pond tour stop last year, we hope you will consider joining the Club. Also, to all who are receiving the free newsletter via email and have not yet joined the Club, we encourage you to come out to our meetings and join us on our pond tours this year. While the newsletter is free, your paid membership is what allows the Club to continue to exist and put on the presentations and tours. On your renewal forms, please make note of any areas of interest that you'd like the Club to cover in the future during our meetings or in this newsletter. This really helps us plan for presentations that meet your needs.

Meeting Location Change

After much thought we have decided to change our meeting location to the **Cornell Cooperative Extension building at 249 Highland Ave.** This building is still centrally located, not far from where we were meeting at the Rochester Civic Garden Center. The layout of the building and restrooms should address some of the issues that were mentioned in the past regarding our prior meeting space. We will be meeting in the Highland Room

at the CCE and look forward to seeing you at a meeting there on our normal first Friday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Officer's Planning Meeting

In January the officers of the Club met and laid out a plan of events for the year. This year, we intend to have presentation meetings in February, March and April. In May and June, we are planning offsite visits to some local water garden nurseries similar to last year's stop out to Willow Ponds. In July, August and September, we are planning on breaking our all-day Saturday pond tour into a series of one or two stops on the first Friday evening in place of our normal meetings. The August pond stop would also include a pot luck picnic at that evening's pond tour stop. In October, we will be back at the Cornell Cooperative Extension for another presentation. For the November meeting, we'd like to do another group participation discussion (see below) and then finish out the year with our pot luck Holiday Party in December. We hope you enjoy the events we've planned for this year. The change from an all-day tour on Saturday to shorter tours spread throughout the summer in place of inside meetings represents a big change for our tour and meeting schedule. Please let us know after this summer which type of structure you enjoyed the most.

November 2012 meeting - "How does my (water) garden grow"

We had such a good time doing an

ad-hoc roundtable discussion about each of our ponds during the November meeting last year that a suggestion was made to plan to do it again this coming November. This year we'd ask that each of you take some pictures and make some notes about your water garden and fish throughout the year, even starting now. Tell us about the struggles you encountered, the changes you made, things you tried that were new to you, new plants you grew, etc. Take pictures along the way and we can show them to the group when you recap how your year of water gardening went for you. If you'd look forward to hearing and seeing a presentation like this, remember, everyone else would like to see and hear about your pond, too. Don't be shy, give it a try!

Bylaws (we have Bylaws?)

Why yes we do have Bylaws for the Club, and the officers reviewed them at our January meeting. We are proposing a few changes, which according to the Bylaws must be voted on to be accepted. Most of the changes involve the elimination of the section relating to initiation fees (since we don't assess them anyway) and changes relating to references to our normal "January" meeting (which we skip and hold in February). Please look for a copy of the Bylaws to be distributed to all paid members for voting after the 2012 renewals have been received.

In the meantime, check out the website ["www.waterlilydatabase.com"](http://www.waterlilydatabase.com) for

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a new tool to use when you are looking for certain cultivars to meet your needs. It's not a site to buy the water lilies and lotus, but it's a good tool to help you become an educated consumer when you do go to your favorite retailer.

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Purpose of the Club

- To promote, create and enlarge the hobby of keeping, breeding, appreciating and exhibiting koi and goldfish.
- To promote and appreciate the hobby of water gardening.
- To disseminate information about koi, goldfish and water gardening.
- To socialize and have fun.

We meet in a very friendly atmosphere at 7:00 pm, the first Friday of every month, at the Cooperative Extension on Highland Ave. Parking is free. Anyone interested in water gardening and/or Koi is welcome to join us. We ask that you consider joining the club after your third visit. For more information call Bob Wheeler. (585) 461-5315 or e-mail BobWheeler58@gmail.com or visit the club website at <http://www.gvpakc.org>

Calendar of Events

February 3, 2012, Meeting: Friday 7:00PM,
GVPKAC meeting at **Cooperative Extension on Highland Ave.** A talk by Scott Hughes of Twin Oaks Lawn and Landscaping about “Designing and building a Gardenscape display”.

March 2, 2012, Meeting: Friday 7:00PM,
GVPKAC meeting at Cooperative Extension on Highland Ave. A talk by Larry Nau about his trip to china in 2011.

April 13, 2012, Meeting: Friday 7:00PM,
GVPKAC meeting at Cooperative Extension on Highland Ave.

“Naturally Green” - A live gardening show every Saturday from **9-10 am** on **WYSL 1040 AM**.