



# The Water Spout

## Capital Area Pond & Water Gardening Society Newsletter November, 2004

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### Annual Christmas Party



Saturday, December 4, 2004

C.J. & Renee' Richard's home  
1134 Chariot Drive  
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Potluck Dinner (Meat provided, compliments of the Pond Society)

Directions: Take O'Neal Lane to Centurion Place Subdivision. Enter the subdivision on Centurion Boulevard and go to the end and take a right on Chariot. Their house (1134 Chariot Drive, Baton Rouge) is the third house from the corner and has a fountain out front and will have balloons on the house.

Merry Christmas and we hope to see you there!

**Note from the Editor** – It is my pleasure to serve another year as your Newsletter Editor. Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. I look forward to another fun-filled year and would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve. **-Happy reading! Bridget Hayes, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster** Contact me at [lilypads@capwgs.org](mailto:lilypads@capwgs.org) or 275-4698 (h) 937-7808 (cell)

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# CAPITAL AREA POND & WATER GARDENING SOCIETY

## Minutes for October, 2004 Meeting

The Capital Area Pond & Water Gardening Society held their October meeting Sunday, October 24. This month's meeting was held at Renee' and C.J. Richard's family's camp on Lake Verret.

The meeting was a wonderful day of relaxation, friendship, food and touring the lake. C.J. was kind enough to take all of us on a boat tour. We saw egrets, cormorants, herons, an alligator, turtles and bald eagle. The landscape was beautiful with Cypress trees, cat tails and other water plants. Renee' and her Mom fixed a delicious lunch with brownies and homemade cookies for dessert.

Our thanks go to Renee and C.J. and also, Renee's parents, Sam and Anne Bergeron, for being such grand hosts. Members in attendance were Pat and Rodney Adams, Keith and Shirley Baker, Sandi Bordelon, Madison and Donavon Cashio (Danna's grandchildren), Betty Klenke, Margaret and Larry Mercier, Renee and C. J. Richard, Danna Spayde, Alice and Buzz Werline, and guest Edith Ossowski. We all had a great time!

There will not be a meeting in November. The Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 4 at the home of Renee' & C.J. Richard, 1134 Chariot Dr. in Baton Rouge. Please check the newsletter for the exact time. This will be a potluck so bring your favorite holiday dish. The club will furnish the meat.

Danna announced that our old friend and former member Emmet "Sonny" Rodriguez died this past Tuesday. She and Margaret went to the funeral home for visitation. There will be a private funeral later. The Society will make a donation to a cancer association in his memory.

Danna is continuing to work on the additional information to submit to the IRS for our 501(c)(3).

Danna explained that three amendments are needed to be added to our Articles of Incorporation, as required by IRS to get the 501(c)(3). She explained them briefly, and then made a motion to adopt them. Betty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Danna will file the amendments with the Secretary of State. The adopted amendments are attached.

Dues are being accepted for the year 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Klenke



## **Amendments to Articles of Incorporation of Capital Area Pond and Water Gardening Society**

Approved by vote of membership on October 24 , 2004

1. The Capital Area Pond & Water Gardening Society is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
3. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# *Koi Toys* *for Christmas*

Compliments of The Pond Doc, Happy Holidays!

*Stockings were hung by the chimney with care...* There's a stocking for Mama and Papa and Little Joe. There's one for Felix, the family cat, and Ralph, the dog. There's even one for Tweety Bird. Everyone's taken care of except the pets most often passed over by Santa, our pet fish!

Anyone who has never had a pond filled with goldfish and/or koi would never understand the closeness we feel to our little finny friends. They aren't like tropical fish in an aquarium. The more attention you show them the more they show you their individual personalities. Koi, especially, are very playful. Many times plants are destroyed — not because the koi are eating them — because the koi are playing in them. We're hearing more and more about people constructing toys so that they can interact with their koi. One person in particular, Babette Smith (you may remember her husband, Donovan, winning the "Name Our Mascot" contest), gave me some great ideas for homemade toys that her koi go bonkers over.

**The Ol' Ball & Chain** — (She stole one of her bird's toys to make this one.) Secure a plastic bird chain toy to a hard, plastic floating object. The koi love to pull the chain around the pond.

**Large PVC Elbows & Connectors** — These serve double duty. Koi have a blast swimming from one to other, playing peek-a-boo and, if predators come around, the PVC pieces offer shelter to the koi. I would use no less than 3" PVC. Larger koi may need the 6" pieces. These can be painted black to camouflage them. Be sure to sand down any sharp edges.

**A few other suggestions that we've heard are:**

**Rubber Ducks** — Koi push them around the pond.

**Ping-Pong Balls** — Make sure the balls cannot be swallowed.

**Plastic Hoops** — Train the koi to go through the rings. I've heard it can be done!

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- National Pond Society <http://www.bandd.net/nps/index.htm>
- Austin Pond Society <http://www.austinpondsociety.org/>
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- Rare and Exotic Seeds <http://www.seedman.com>
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- Miami Valley Water Garden Society Web Page <http://www.mvwgs.org>
- Pond Pals Tour <http://members.aol.com/marylady/pondpals/pindex.htm>
- Water Gardening Magazine <http://www.watergardening.com>
- Master Garden Products <http://www.mastergardenproducts.com/watergar.htm>
- <http://www.ponddoc.com/>
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- St. Joseph Water Garden Society: [www.sjwatergarden.com](http://www.sjwatergarden.com)

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