



The Water Spout

Deep South Koi and Pond Society Newsletter July, 2006

Deep South Koi and Pond Society, Founded June 1993

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JULY MEETING

Come join us at our meeting at the home of Sonny & Kathy Hutton. Don't miss this chance to see the Hutton's "Fantasy Island". Also learn how to make inexpensive original stepping stones.

Who: Deep South Koi and Pond Society Members & Friends
Date: Sunday, July 23
Time: 2:30 PM
Place: Home of The Huttons
4012 Lake Limestone Ct
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
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Directions: From I-12 take S. Sherwood Forrest toward Airline. Turn left on S Lake Sherwood Ave (by McDonald's). At the third street turn left on Lake Limestone Ct to 4012 Lake Limestone Ct

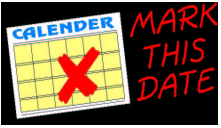
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Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

- **July 23 – Deep South Koi & Pond Society** meeting at 2:30
Demonstration on How to make stepping stones & rock. Home of Sonny & Kathy Hutton, 4012 Lake Limestone Ct, Baton Rouge, LA 70816
- **Aug 27 – Deep South Koi & Pond Society** meeting at 2:30 at LSU –
Speaker - Kevin Kleinow
Topic - Fish and tour of the facilities
- **Sept 24 – Deep South Koi & Pond Society** meeting at 2:30 at Harb's Oasis on Coursey Blvd - Slide presentation and discussion by Charbel Harb
- **Oct 22 – Deep South Koi & Pond Society** meeting at 2:30
At the home of C J and Renee Richard Speaker from CCR Pond
- **Dec 17 – Deep South Koi & Pond Society** (Date change) Christmas Party at the Dietrich's - no speaker - just fun and brief meeting



A number of people have expressed an interest in Water Hyacinths. If you have any of these or any other plants to share please bring them to the next meeting or contact me at betty@lakeshoregroup.com.

DEEP SOUTH KOI & POND SOCIETY

MINUTES FOR JUNE 2006 MEETING

Our Anniversary Meeting was held at the home of Janis and Gerald Bonds, 7335 Ruston Drive in Baker. Their pond was finished except for the placement of the stones. Gerald dug the pond himself and wore out several shovel handles and his back. He showed everyone the metal handled shovel that he devised after breaking several wooden handles. James Carter brought several koi from his pond and released them into the Bonds' pond.

The meeting was called to order by Kathie Dietrich. Kathie discussed the Board Meeting held at Jason's Deli on June 15th. The pond at Bluebonnet Swamp which was installed by the Deep South Koi & Pond Society was discussed at the meeting as our Society has been contacted about problems with the pond. A letter will be sent to BREC at Bluebonnet Swamp citing the fact that the Society did the installation as a community service and reminding BREC of its obligations to have a ground fault installed. The Society has several magazines and books (Library) at the Swamp.

Kathie also informed everyone of the Koi Show in San Antonio in September. There is a Koi show also in Houston next Spring.

It was suggested that a "Members Only" Pond Tour might be a fun meeting to have along with a Progressive Supper. Members are asked for suggestions for Pond Meetings - what would you as a member like to do? Kathie would like to see our Society become more involved in the annual Cancer Society Pond Tour as this is a worthy cause.

Our next meeting will be on July 23. Betty Klenke will give a demo on how to make stepping stones.

Margaret Mercier reported that the Society made \$720 on the glider raffle which puts our total money at \$2,229.00

Dana Spayde reported that she has the logo for the shirts.

Thanks were given to Betty Klenke for the Newsletter and all the "extra" things that she does for the Society.

Meeting was adjourned so all could enjoy the barbequed chicken (by Chef Gerald Bonds), beans, potato salad, green salad, and birthday cake!

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Gray
Secretary

Fish Health in Hot Summer Heat

by Brett Fogle

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Here a couple of things to do to keep your fish healthy and your pond clear during the heat of summer. First, remember to keep your pond well aerated. This is very important to your fish because the pond water actually holds less oxygen at higher pond temperatures. So if it's still hot in your part of the country, keep those waterfalls and fountains running! This will keep your pond water full of oxygen, and reduce stress on your fish.

If you see your goldfish or koi gasping at the surface, it's a good sign that you don't have enough dissolved oxygen in the water, and this can be dangerous. Especially if you have a lot of green water algae in the pond. This algae can absorb much of the oxygen in the pond water at night and cause very low dissolved oxygen levels during the day - which can be deadly to fish!

One thing we recommend this time of year, is to do a partial water change. Drain off 10 - 25% of your total pond volume, and replace it with fresh, new dechlorinated water. If possible, vacuum or drain decaying organic matter and debris off the bottom to reduce the ponds bio-load.

Your fish will usually be vibrant and playful after a water change. It's like giving them a 'breath of fresh air' and invigorates them. Again, we only recommend a 10 - 25% water change right now - but feel free to experiment with whatever works best for your pond.

Remember to re-add your pond salt whenever you drain and add new water. Having a salt water test kit is also helpful, or a digital salinity meter, to determine optimum salt levels.

***Brett Fogle** is the owner of MacArthur Water Gardens and several pond-related websites including macarthurwatergardens.com and pond-filters-online.com. He also publishes a free monthly newsletter called PondStuff! with a reader circulation of over 6,000 pond owners. To sign up for the free newsletter and receive a complimentary 'New Pond Owners Guide' for joining, just visit <http://www.macarthurwatergardens.com> Specializing in pond filtration and clear water solutions since 1995*

I have subscribed to receiving questions and answers from the following website. I thought some of these would be of interest to our members so I will occasionally include them.

Here is today's Pond Q&A, with a question about a leaky pond...

***** Pond Q&A Archives *****

You can view past Q&A questions on our new archive at:

<http://www.macarthurwatergardens.com/BLOG>

Question>

I live in Tennessee and have an approximate 300 gallon backyard pond. My water level will remain consistent for several days at a time and then overnight or during the day hours the water will rapidly evaporate. I was aware that naturally there would be some evaporation.

I have noticed this happens more during humid weather or when the air is very heavy with moisture. I know there are no leaks. I checked the pond on Monday evening of this week at which time the water level was unchanged. However, when I checked it early on Tuesday morning, the level was down about 10 inches.

Do you know why?

Vicki Qualls

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Answer>

Hi Vicki,

Well first off, I can tell you that you're definitely NOT losing 10 inches to 'evaporation' in 24 hours. 9 times out of 10, when a pond is losing water, it's somehow being pumped out of the pond by the pump on it's way to the waterfall, or fountain.

Here's what to do...

First, fill up the pond. Then shut off your pump for 24 hours, and see if you still lose water. If yes, then you have a leak. If no, then the problem is somewhere in your line - from the pump to the waterfall most likely.

Many times, these lines get disturbed or mis-aligned slightly - but just enough to send the water off it's intended path. And water will definatley find a way to go where you don't want it to, so also make sure that you have a liner behind any waterfall or water feature you may have..

Hope this helps,

Brett

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Here are a few of our members favorites...

- Pond keeper Magazine <http://www.pondkeeper.com>
- Water Gardening Magazine Info on disease topics for aquatic animals <http://www.koivet.com>
- National Pond Society <http://www.bandd.net/nps/index.htm>
- Austin Pond Society <http://www.austinpondsociety.org/>
- Stokes Tropicals in New Iberia <http://www.stokestropicals.com/>
- Rare and Exotic Seeds <http://www.seedman.com>
- Big Cat Sanctuary <http://www.yogieandfriends.org>
- 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/>
- www.gardenlink.com
- St. Joseph Water Garden Society: www.sjwatergarden.com

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