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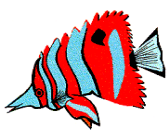
POND TOUR!!

This is it guys! The tour is almost upon us and we have great ponds to view, as well as the fun picnic with Roy and Linda's feeding us well as always....really great door prizes this year also per the usual. The fountain will be back as the star giveaway, as well as another fountain to raffle..t-shirts will be available for purchase, a new color should be available with the cool new logo from last year so make sure to bring your money!

If you don't want to wait, and want to reserve your shirt now, call Ms. Pam Ross to make sure you get the size and color you want at 368-1583. Let's carry on our tradition and make this tour better than the ones before and show your support!

WELCOME to renewing member, Trina DeSoto and Ken Ballard! They are now in a home with an existing pond and are in process of rebuilding, so please share your expertise and knowledge should they call you with questions. We are so glad to have you back.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

August 2011

Happy August Everyone,
Dog Days are definitely here and we have LOT'S to howl and bark about!!!

Special Thanks to Charles and Lilo O'Bryant for hosting the July Pond Party. Your pond, waterfalls and gardens are beautiful, food was delicious and fellowship...fantastic. The O'Bryant's are also on the Tour and is one you will not want to miss! And Members, you too, outdid yourselves. The multitude of side dishes were delectable and the perfect compliment to a great evening. 36 were in attendance and a great time was had by all.

Speaking of membership, we now have 90 Family Memberships on our Roster and also proud to announce a new Sponsor, Dr. Joshua M. Price of Hillcrest Chiropractic Clinic of 1734 Haynes Street in Clarksville (behind the new Publix). He has graciously donated a Gift Card of \$200 value that will be given away at the After Tour Picnic. Thank you Dr, Josh for your support and contributions! Jeff has been a long term patient of his and can certainly attest to his expertise. Although, if he could only perform attitude adjustments as successfully as spine, joints and muscles...I would be a much happier camper, tee hee! Oh well..even Dr. Josh is not a miracle worker.

POND TOUR: Saturday, August 27th, 2011 Mark your calendar's now! Sharon Baggett, President

Visit us on the web at www.mcwgs.org

Upcoming Calendar Events: Board meeting 04 August at Herman Albright's House. All members are welcome,. Pond tour 27 August! Get your tickets soon! Next pond party 17 Sept at 6:30 at the Lister's

The easiest way to improve the oxygen content in a pond is to increase water movement or to add an aeration device. When water tumbles vigorously over rocky streams and waterfalls, it comes into greater contact with air. Harmful gasses are released and oxygen is incorporated into the water. Pond aeration devices such as water fountains, bubblers, and spitters break the water surface to encourage gas exchange. Air pumps inject air directly into the water to oxygenate ponds throughout the year.

Additional tips for maintaining proper oxygen levels -

Remove waste - Decaying matter uses up oxygen. Use a net or vacuum to remove leaves and settled debris from the bottom of your pond.

Provide shade - Floating water plants are a fast and easy way to provide shade. Water that is cool in temperature is able to hold onto more oxygen than warm water.

Plant the right plants - Add a mixture of plants, including marginal plants, floating plants, and submerged plants to help decrease algae growth. **Maintain proper filtration** - Clean pond filters regularly, especially before departing for vacation. A clean filter works more efficiently to provide vital water movement and waste-removing filtration.

Adjust oxygen levels to match fish population - Fish are a joy in the pond, but keep in mind, a heavily populated pond will require more oxygen. If your bio-load is high, then make sure you have enough aeration devices to maintain proper oxygen levels.

Fresh, clean water - A partial water change, no more than one-third at a time, can replenish oxygen and improve water quality. Remember to use a dechlorinator, , if you have municipal tap water that contains chlorine or chloramine.

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| Deposits..... | 57.00 |
| Expenditures..... | -198.95 |
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Aunt Fannie's Summer Squash Casserole

Ingredients

- 3 lbs summer squash
- 1/2 cup onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 cup saltine crumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- saltine crumbs

Directions

Wash squash, cut in half lengthwise, then in 1/4-inch slices. Combine with chopped onion and cook in water to barely cover until both are tender.

Drain thoroughly, pressing out excess water with back of spoon. Mash squash and onion with potato masher. Mix with half the butter, the cracker crumbs, eggs, sugar, to taste, salt and pepper. Pour into greased casserole dish. Pour remaining butter on top and sprinkle with additional cracker crumbs. Bake at 375F for 45-60 minutes, or until top is golden brown and bubbly.

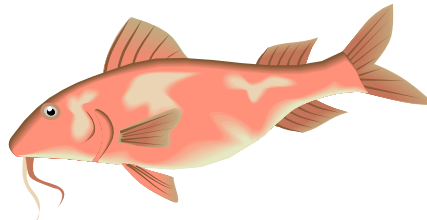
NOTE: This recipe is from a restaurant in Smyrna, Georgia called Aunt Fannie's Cabin. Aunt Fannie was a freed slave of an old Georgia family who remained with the family until her death. The menu at the Cabin represented many of the dishes that Aunt Fannie prepared for the family

Do you have some photos of your water garden, pond, plants or fish that you would like to share with other members? The Pond Society keeps a scrap book that is shown at pond days and other functions, but it needs updating. Please contact Pam Ross, 368-1583, if you would like to have your photos included.

Also, any info that you would like to have published in the newsletter, send to Terrie Young at terrieyoung200@lycos.com.

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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Pond Tour 27 August!!!!

Start off Point: Dave's Small Engine Repair. You can purchase tickets there also the day of. The seven ponds this year are well worth it, let alone the great doorprizes and the picnic at Billy Dunlop Park. The UPS store and Orgains will also be selling tickets in advance! Thanks to all!

We are live on Facebook now! Thanks to Kirsten Seay you can like us or save us to your page- there are many great photos of last year's tour and we will post the ones of this year's tour when available! Just search MCWGS and it'll pop right up!

The Master Gardener's Long Course is preparing to start up on the 23rd of August. You can still sign up if you wish by calling Karla Kean at the Montgomery County Extension Office. It's a wonderful class, really worth the time and the education you will receive there will be priceless!