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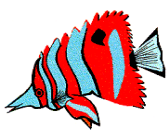
Banquet Time!

25 February at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at Grace Lutheran church, 2041 Madison Street Clarksville TN 37043. The parking area and entrance are in the rear. Door Prizes, a great speaker and lots of good food and fellowship are promised. Bring your favorite Asian inspired side dish or whatever dish you please...Hope to see you there!

Dues are Due! :)

Due by March 2012, the cost is 15.00 for a family and we will accept cash and checks. No credit cards please. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Jan/Feb 2012

Hello Everyone,

Holidays are over and time to get excited about the Banquet and ready for Spring!! The 60+ degree days are really confusing both ourselves and the Koi. Should be an interesting Spring and Summer.

Banquet is Feb. 25th- Club to furnish meats, drinks and paper-goods, with Members furnishing a large covered Side Dish. Linda Earp has GREAT things in store for us with an Asian/Koi theme. We also have a very special Guest Speaker, Don Richardson who is a Certified Koi Health Specialist and has promised to allow us LOTS of questions, so let's give him a huge turnout!

ALSO NOTE: The Board is making recommendation that we change the date of the Pond Tour to the 3rd Saturday in June of each year, in lieu of late August. This item of business will be voted on at the Banquet, so please try to attend.

Still need a couple ponds for the Tour and Pond Party Hosts. There will be a Sign Up sheet at the Guest Register Table. I look forward to seeing you on the 25th and please feel free to bring a guest!

Sharon Baggett

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What Koi Need

Lots of water - The ideal setup for koi is a pond of at least 1000 gallons with a smooth gravel substrate, rocks, and hearty plants. Koi are moderately cold tolerant, well suited for ponds in most climates.

One of the keys to their popularity is their rate of growth and size at maturity. Koi can grow to eight inches in length in their first year, and twelve to sixteen inches by the end of their second year. Under ideal conditions - perfect pond size, temperature, water quality, and food availability - they will grow as long as thirty-six inches and weigh over forty-five pounds. Due to the size limitations of most household or corporate ponds, however, koi seldom achieve this size. An average mature length of twenty-one inches is more common.

In addition to adequate surface size, a good pond for koi will be at least three to four feet deep. Here koi will find the cooler water they need during the warm summer months.

Cold protection - Koi have been bred to survive the brief, cold winters of Japan. Like most fish, they need time to adjust to variations in temperature, so care needs to be taken in their handling.

Koi can remain outdoors so long as the pond does not freeze too deep. A 6-8 inch thick ice cover over a 3-4 foot pond is acceptable so long as a substantial area of surface water is open at all times to allow for gas exchange. A bubbler will help circulate the water and may prevent freezing in cool climates, but for colder regions a de-icer will be needed to maintain an open area.

Care and companionship - Unlike the goldfish won at the carnival or fair, koi live a long time...possibly a very long time...an average of somewhere between twenty-five and thirty-five years. Exceptional koi have been known to live up to 200 years. To say that this requires a long-term commitment is an understatement. Few dispute that the effort is worthwhile. In fact, once attached to your fish, you may find yourself moving them with you should you ever need to relocate.

Trained to hand-feed, koi will come to recognize you personally. Also, because koi are gregarious, they interact well together. They actually prefer company and will swim together in formation. Although they are peaceful fish, they do feed aggressively. Watching the boil of koi at feeding time is fun and exhilarating



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Expenditures.....	-485.07
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Sopapilla Cheese Cake

- 2 Tubes of Croissant Roll Sheets
- 2 8oz Package Cream Cheese
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Tsp Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 Cup Butter Melted
- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 2Tsp Ground Cinnamon

Pre-heat oven to 350

Mix cream cheese, 1 cup sugar and vanilla extract in bowl and set aside.

Place one croissant sheet in 9x13 baking dish. Cover with cream cheese mixture.

Place the other croissant sheet over mixture.

Pour butter over top just enough to cover (normally use about 2/3 of butter).

Mix last of sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the top.

Bake for approximately 20 minutes until golden brown. Let rest for four hours before serving, and then enjoy!

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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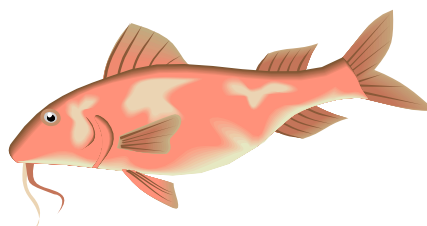
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2 END TABLES AND A COFFEE TABLE- for sale. Traditional style, light walnut wood trim, glass top tables. End tables also have lower glass shelves for extra storage. Asking 50.00 for all three. Sharon Baggett 931-249-2355 or 931-552-2510.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

10 March is the Master Gardener Short Course from 0900 to 300 if anyone is interested in attending. It is a day long affair with multiple speakers and lunch furnished. Linda Earp has more details if you want to attend.

We still need members who are interested in volunteering for the pond tour and also for hosting pond parties. Please help us and open your ponds for us to enjoy. We love the diversity that exists in our membership, and love sharing your water gardens. Sign up sheets will be circulating at the Banquet.

ALTRUSA of Clarksville is hosting Dancing with the Stars. Saturday, February 18th at 7:00 P.M. at the Mass Communications Building on APSU campus. Tickets are \$30.00 each with all profit going to local scholarships. Tickets going fast. Call Sharon Baggett at 931-249-2355 if interested. A great evening of entertainment!