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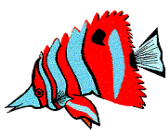
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POND PARTY!!

Next Pond party will be 11 Jun at 6:00 p.m. at the Baggett's. Sharon and Jeff live on Mossland Ave- proceed on 41-A towards the Walgreens. Past the Walgreen's turn left onto Concord Drive. At Stop sign at the end of Concord. Turn left. Proceed approx. 1/4 mile. turning Right on Ivy. At the end of Ivy. you will be looking directly at their house. Bring a dish and a chair!! We will supply the papergoods and main dishes. Look forward to seeing you all there!!

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

June 2011

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Memorial Day Weekend! We had a terrific Pond Party Kick-Off at the Vaden's.

Thank you Jim and Nancy for such gracious hospitality, food and fellowship! Their Koi Ponds and gardens were absolutely beautiful!!!! We had 23 Clarksville Members in attendance and a dozen or so from the Middle Tennessee

Koi Club. A great time was had by all! Saturday, June 11th, 6 pm at the Baggett's. Chef Jeff has promised us LOTS of Burgers and Dogs, grilled to perfection with his "secret" recipe of beer steam marinade and other magic stuff!

The Board is working diligently on the Pond Tour and has 7 Beautiful Ponds and Gardens lined up. Our Announcement made. the latest issue of Tennessee Gardener and if you check <<http://www.tnvacation.com/events/7438/>

August Calendar of Events, we are listed in the Farm Bureau Magazine. Hopefully, we will make it in their hard copy of the next issue. Please mark your calendar now for Saturday, August 27th! Posters and Tickets will be ready soon, just let us know how many you need.

Sharon Baggett

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White Foam in Your Pond?

Stubborn bubbles are commonly due to an excess of dissolved organics and/or proteins collecting in a slick along the water's surface, creating the same effect as suds in your bubble bath. If you're scratching your head over pond foam, consider these possibilities and recommended solutions:

Is your pond out of balance?

Use a Test Kit to check for ammonia, nitrite, and nitrate. Trace amounts of nitrate are acceptable, but if any ammonia or nitrite are present, your pond may not be cycled correctly and you'll need to add more filtration or additives to bring conditions back into balance.

Are you keeping too many fish?

High nitrate can mean that you have more fish in your pond than your filter can handle. Short of reducing your fish population, you can pack your filter with activated carbon to lower the amount of organics your filter must process.

Is your filter too small?

If your filter isn't adequately sized for your pond's volume, residual organics from fish waste and plant decay may be collecting on the water surface. One solution is to get a larger filter; remember, it's always safer to use a larger filter than recommended by the manufacturer. **Have you recently used a dechlorinator?**

The same solutions you may use during water changes to make your tap water safe for koi can also cause foam buildup. If this is bothersome, try a water purifier system especially made for ponds instead, like the PondFil Float, which connects to your outdoor faucet/garden hose and automatically adds filtered water back into your pond when it drops below a certain level - from evaporation or normal water changes. In addition to getting to the root of the problem, there are some "quick fix" products which target nuisance foam directly.



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| Deposits..... | 45.00 |
| Expenditures..... | -135.81 |
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Cherry Cobbler-- June's Fruit! For cherry filling

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 6 cups fresh or frozen pitted tart cherries (about 3 1/2 pints fresh, picked over)
- 1 tablespoon Frangelico or Di Saronno Amaretto
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice

For biscuit topping

- 5 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons yellow cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preparation

Preheat oven to 375° F.

Make filling:

In a large heavy saucepan whisk together sugar and cornstarch. Add fresh or frozen cherries, liqueur, vanilla, and allspice and bring to a boil over moderate heat, stirring occasionally. Simmer mixture, stirring, 2 minutes and transfer to a shallow 2-quart baking dish.

Make topping:

Cut butter into pieces. In a bowl with a pastry blender or in a food processor blend or pulse together flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt, and butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. If using a food processor transfer mixture to a bowl. Add milk and vanilla and stir until mixture forms a dough.

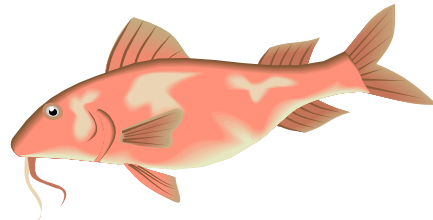
Drop topping by rounded tablespoons onto cherry filling (do not completely cover it) and bake in middle of oven 40 minutes, or until topping is golden and cooked through. Transfer cobbler to a rack to cool slightly.

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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Swap Board

Dale Davis 931-648-8245 has 5 10 - 12 inch Koi for sale. \$30 each. Most are white and orange and 1 gray w/black spots and silver fins. 619 Rocky Hill Road, Clarksville TN 37042. Give him a call if interested.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

