



January, 2013



UPCOMING:

DVWGS ANNUAL KICKOFF LUNCHEON January 27, 2013 * 12:30 PM * Springfield Country Club

Our annual luncheon will be held at the Springfield Country Club. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! This is a perfect time to get together with members to review the past season and prepare for the next one! It is always nice to compare notes with other members while the snowflakes come down to blanket our sleeping ponds and gardens. **Beside the usual great food and fun stuff, we will have a raffle with many donated items, a 50-50 drawing, and a world class lighting speaker. Discussion will include how to improve and accentuate your pond and garden with lighting features.**

Please send in the RSVP form, which can be found on the following page,
with your check and menu selection.

Deadline is January 21, 2013!

We hope to see you all there!! All you snowbirds..... we will miss you!

See inside Newsletter for RAFFLE Information. Your help is requested! Join in the fun!

Speakers: For our Luncheon speaker, we are happy to introduce Sandra Stashik. Sandra works for Acuity Brands Lighting, known globally as the leading lighting fixture producer. Acuity Brands Lighting have designed the lighting for the decorative color changing Benjamin Franklin Bridge, the Falls Bridge, Avenue of the Arts and Center City, Franklin Square Park and fountain, Penn State Alumni Center, University Park, Please Touch Museum, Vanguard Corporate Campus, US Custom House, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC, among others.



Sandra has also been involved in educational projects, both domestic and international, including the Princess Nora University for Women in Saudi Arabia. Topics for the luncheon may include: Lighting a garden, getting natural light into a room without power, lighting a garden without power, lighting the water within the pond.

Sandra's animated style will be both informative and exciting!

DVWGS ANNUAL KICKOFF LUNCHEON



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12:30 PM
Springfield Country Club**



Please send in this RSVP form, with your check and menu selection.
You can also go to our website at www.dvwgs.com and pay by credit card.

Deadline is January 21, 2012!

Check should be made payable to DVWGS and be received by 1/23/2012

Cost is \$30.00 per person.

**Tear off this section and mail your selections to:
Cindy Weiss * 60 Festival Drive * Voorhees * NJ * 08043
Questions? Call Cindy Weiss at 856-504-6666**

(PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL WITH THIS CHECK)

Names: _____

Phone #: _____

attending: _____

Choose from the following menu choices. Please signify # after your selection:

Chicken Marsala _____

Roasted Salmon _____

Penne and grilled Vegetables _____

Directions To Springfield Country Club
400 West Sproul Road * Springfield, PA * 19064

From Center City Philadelphia:

95 South to 476 North to Exit 3 (Swarthmore/Media). Turn right off exit on Baltimore Pike (Route 1). Proceed on Route 1 for approximately half a mile to Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Left on Route 320. Springfield Country Club is located half a mile on the left.

-or-

I-76 West to 476 South to Exit 5 (Springfield/Lima). Turn Left off exit. Follow signs for 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn right on Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Springfield Country Club is located three quarters of a mile on the right.

From Pennsylvania Turnpike, Bucks County, Montgomery County:

Exit 20-Mid County off Pennsylvania Turnpike to 476 South towards Chester to Exit 5 (Springfield/Lima). Turn left off exit onto Route 1 North. Stay in right lane, follow signs for route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Right on Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Springfield Country Club is located three quarters of a mile on the right.

From Delaware:

I-95 North to exit 7 marked I-476 North (Blue Route). From the Blue Route to Exit 3 Springfield- Media. Turn right off exit onto Baltimore Pike (Route 1).

Proceed on Route 1 for approximately half a mile to Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Left on Route 320. Springfield Country Club is located half a mile on the left.

From New York/ North Jersey:

Take New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 6/Pennsylvania Turnpike. Follow Turnpike to Exit 20 Mid County Exit. Follow sign for 476/ Chester (Blue Route) to Exit 5 (Springfield/Lima). Turn left off exit onto Route 1 North. Stay in right lane, follow signs for route 320 (West Sproul Road). Turn Right on Route 320 (West Sproul Road). Springfield Country Club is located three quarters of a mile on the right.

ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

Place your business ad in the newsletter to reach all of our pond members. Newsletters are also placed on our web site and are viewed by many others.

Rates per issue are as follows:

Full Page	\$100.00	Half Page	\$60.00
Quarter Page	\$35.00	Business Card	\$20.00

Send your ad as a PDF file to ccsnyder123@verizon.net Mail a check made out to DVWGS to Connie Snyder, Newsletter Editor, 1255 Buck Lane, West Chester, Pa. 19382.

NOTE: Members may place a non-business notice (such as free plants or fish, etc) in the newsletter or by email at no charge. Contact Victor at petfoodboy@aol.com to send out email notices to all members. PS. Non Members may also place a business advertisement at above rates.

50/50 AND RAFFLE

Donated Items
needed for
January kickoff
Luncheon

WHEN: January 27th, 2013

WHERE: LUNCHEON AT SPRINGFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

DVWGS is requesting your donated items to be offered as raffle items at our luncheon

These items will be raffled off at the January 27th Luncheon as a club fundraiser.

PLEASE DONATE

NEW OR GENTLY USED
ITEMS

DVWGS MEMBERS:

We are requesting new and or gently used donated items, including but not limited to, garden and pond related things, books, jewelry, handmade items, pottery, baked goods, etc. Bring them to the luncheon on January 27, 2013. These items will be donated to the club for a fundraiser where all participating members will have a chance of winning the item at the final drawing.

COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

In past years we have had commercial business members donate some wonderful items such as fountains, garden ornaments, etc. Please feel free to donate similar items this year, or your services.

We appreciate all your help and contributions!

Notify Connie Snyder of items you will be bringing to the banquet, or any items you would like to deliver early if you are not attending the luncheon.

ccsnyder123@verizon.net

610-399-1654



Hint: Save time and bring return address labels to affix to your raffle tickets!

We will also have 50/50 tickets for sale. Winning ticket, drawn at the luncheon, splits the pot with DVWGS. You need not be present to win. If you are not attending and want to participate, you can mail a check to DVWGS *1255 Buck Lane * West Chester Pa *19382.



Both the 50/50 tickets and the Raffle tickets are 6/\$5 or \$1 each.

LOOKING BACK
Spirit of Philadelphia Cruise Ship
Saturday, August 18, 2012



Delaware Valley Water Garden Club
128-131
Phone: 484-855-1122
Event Date: 8/18/12
Event Type: Sailing Lunch
Club: E
Board Time: 11:00 am
Depart Time: 11:30 am
www.SpiritOfPhila.com

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Members Bulletin Board

Pond Netting.

What is it ?

And what do I do with it?

article from www.watergarden.org

It's actually pretty simple. The primary reason for using netting over the pond is to keep leaves out of the water. (Netting can also be used to protect fish from predators. While that is another issue altogether, the anchoring section of this article is still relevant for this need.) But, the question may still linger, "Why do we need to keep the leaves out of our ponds?"

Obviously leaves covering the bottom of the pond look bad, but that is far from the main issue. As these leaves begin to decompose they release many compounds that put the lives of your fish at risk and promote algae growth. Pond keepers that have fish die in the winter often attribute it to the cold, but in actuality this fish loss is usually due to the leaf buildup in the pond. It may be possible to remove some of the leaves after they are in the pond and before they decay, but you can't get all of them and keeping them out is far easier.

You will find several options when choosing your leaf netting. The most obvious difference will be in the overall length and width. But, you also want to choose a netting with the proper mesh size. Simply put, what size are the holes? When using the pond netting for predator control a large mesh will suffice. For leaf prevention, you will want to look at what size the leaves that may reach the pond will be. Consider not only what size the leaf is when it has freshly fallen but what size it will be when it dries and shrivels.



Once the mesh size has been selected and the overall netting size determined, it becomes time to install the netting over the pond. There are more ways to do this than one might think. The simplest and most common installation method is to just stretch the netting across the pond and secure with rocks or tent stakes. By using Poly Clips you can relieve stress on the netting when using stakes. You can also use the clips to tie fishing line from the clip to a stake, tree, etc. Ensure that the net is above the water surface and ideally would stay above even with the weight of a few leaves. This also helps prevent leaf decay in the water and keeps fish from possibly becoming entangled in the net. Placing a length of rigid PVC across the middle or floating a beach ball can help keep the netting off the water surface. The leaf netting can also be attached to frames made of PVC pipe with cable ties and lay these across the pond for easier leaf removal.

Preventing leaf buildup in the pond will not only allow your fish to have a safer and healthier winter but enable the pond to be off to a better start the following spring.

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Thoughts on POND NETTING

submitted by Connie Snyder

I thought I would share this info for anyone who may be in the market next year for a new pond net.

Craig and I needed to purchase a new net to cover our new pond this past fall. After doing some searching online for the best prices for a nice sturdy pond net with a small mesh size, I found what I was looking for at www.pondandgardenwholesalers.com They have a nice selection and very good prices and free shipping.

The net we bought is a very nice quality and has a very small mesh with metal grommets along the edge. It was listed as a premium net for Aviary/Bird/Poultry/Pen-shade-mesh-tarp-screen so I guess it has many uses.

I have one question to fellow ponders. Does anyone know if partially blocking sunlight for the winter months is in any way detrimental to koi? Since we have very small leaves that blow into the pond, we chose this net that has a very small mesh. For this reason the net is very dense and I wonder how much sunlight is blocked out of the pond when we leave it on all winter. I wonder if this would affect the koi in any way. Please email me if you have any ideas regarding this question.

I am looking for members stories and or photos for the newsletter. Please share your ponding and garden adventures. We would all like to see your photos, (winter ones too!) hear about your trials, errors and success stories. Send in any newsletter stuff to ccsnyder123@verizon.net for publishing in the newsletters.



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If you haven't been to our web site in a while, you might not know that we have recently added the option to pay for membership, T-shirts and or events online by using Google Checkout Secure Credit Card Payment. Go visit us at www.dvwgs.com and take a look.



What do turtles do in the winter?

One of the oldest reptile groups on planet earth, cold-blooded turtles are distinguished by a bony shell that acts like a super-powerful shield to protect them from predators. Like birds and reptiles, turtles lay their eggs on land and breathe air—but they can spend long periods of time underwater, surfacing at regular intervals to fill their lungs with oxygen.

These terrapins do a great job taking care of themselves (and have been for the past 200 million years!), but if you have turtles in your pond or lake, you can be a gracious host by understanding some basic facts about them.



Wintertime Signs

They don't use a calendar, but turtles know when it's time to cozy down for the winter. They use the air and water temperature as a gauge, which triggers their instinctual behavioral and physiological hibernation. Typically, this happens when temperatures reach 50 degrees Fahrenheit or so.

Holing Up for the Season

Though they carry a home-sweet-home on their backs, certain types of turtles do hole up for the winter season—literally. Depending on the turtle type, some species, like box turtles, will burrow in the sediment in the bottom of your pond and hibernate for the winter, while others will swim to lower pond levels to escape ice cover. This innate behavior keeps them safe, in most cases, until temperatures warm again.

Slowed Metabolism, No Appetite

Like fishes and other cold-blooded critters, turtles' metabolisms slow when temperatures get cold. This physiological change means that they require very little oxygen and food. In fact, their hearts will slow to just a few beats every few minutes! They are also able to take in minuscule amounts of oxygen through specialized skin cells.

NOTE: Two Newsletters per year, one in December/January (Kickoff luncheon) and one in July (pond tour) will be delivered to members in hardcopy by US mail.

Additional newsletters throughout the year will be email only editions. If you would like a email address added, or changed please contact Connie Snyder at ccsnyder123@verizon.net

Connie Snyder
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1255 Buck Lane
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Thank You for paying your dues!

It is time to RENEW your DVWGS Membership for 2013. Membership is based on a calendar year beginning on Jan 1st. Mail in the membership form found in this newsletter or you may renew now on our website, using a credit card. You may also bring a check and renew your membership at the Luncheon.

Check your address label for your current status. Some members have paid ahead for the coming year. Some new members joined in Sept, Oct, Nov, or Dec of this past year and are also current for 2013.

Due to the increasing costs, membership dues have been raised this year. The additional \$5.00 will be applied toward club events.

Thank you!
Connie Snyder
DVWGS Membership

