



May 2014 email edition



Upcoming

Save the date!



Drum Roll

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, June 1, 2014 Plant and Garden Exchange

Time: 11 AM - 3 PM
Where: Connie and Craig's house
1255 Buck Lane * West Chester Pa * 19382

This is an opportunity to give away, trade, or sell anything mostly related to gardens or ponds (*or some things maybe not related to gardens or ponds*). You need not bring something in order to take something home! Please bring plants in ready to take home containers or bags labeled with plant name and description if possible.

Lunch:

Please bring some type of lunch food or dessert to share.

This is a rain or shine event.
Phone: 610-399-1654



Sunday, June 29, 2014 The 22nd Annual DVWGS Pond Tour

Time: 10 AM - 4:15 PM
Where: Montgomery County

The pond tour will be in Montgomery County this year, with registration starting at 10 am in Schwenksville, PA. The tour begins at 10:30 am, and will end by approximately 4:15 pm, followed by dinner and socializing at the Haverford Community Recreation & Environmental Center (CREC), beginning at 4:30pm.

Volunteers are requested as follows:

- Two persons to assist in preparing the directions hand-out.
- Three persons to assist at registration from 9:30 – 11:30am
- Three persons to assist at CREC from 4:00 -5:00pm.

Volunteers can contact Marshall Hatfield mhatfield01@comcast.net or 609.502.2653. or Chas Pierro chashma@comcast.net or 610.932.0364.

For those who want to save some time: pre-registration, new or renewing membership payments and DVWGS shirt orders can be placed on-line at www.dvwgs.com, beginning Saturday, JUNE 14 through Wednesday, JUNE 25." All pre-registrants will be emailed with the pond addresses and directional guidelines no later than WED, JUNE 25.

Members Bulletin Board Page



As suggested by a club member, we now have an official **DVWGS Pond Help Line!** Bill Fogel has volunteered to be on-hand for any questions that members might have about fish and pond health. You can contact Bill at his home phone 610-687-3105. Bill has also volunteered to submit articles to our newsletter and web site regarding our ponds and fish for the newsletter at various times during the year. Thank You Bill!

(Other club questions will still be answered by Vic Barsky at 215-840-0811)

Question: How do I get rid of Algae??

First you have to know how you get Algae then you can get rid of it.

Algae needs three things to grow, an abundant supply of nutrients, principally phosphates and nitrates. Sunlight in great amounts ties it all together. Knowing this should make it easy to control Algae.

The fastest and easiest way is to do water changes. This washes out most of the nutrients. Plants can be added to the pond to compete with the Algae for nutrients. (This can also be done in a bog filter) Also some kind of a sun shield will help. Sun Sails are easy to install temporarily blocking the sun.

A UV light will help on a continuing basis, but it must have a slow rate of water flow to kill the Algae. Then the dead Algae will be filtered out in the system. Get someone at the store where you buy it to figure out how big a unit you need.

There are also chemicals to add to the pond to kill Algae, but it is not a good idea if you have plants in the pond. If you do use chemicals, don't let the wash from the filter get on the lawn, garden or trees.

Don't forget you are the one that doesn't like Algae, the fish love it.

Bill Fogle

Annual Kickoff Luncheon

January 26, 2014

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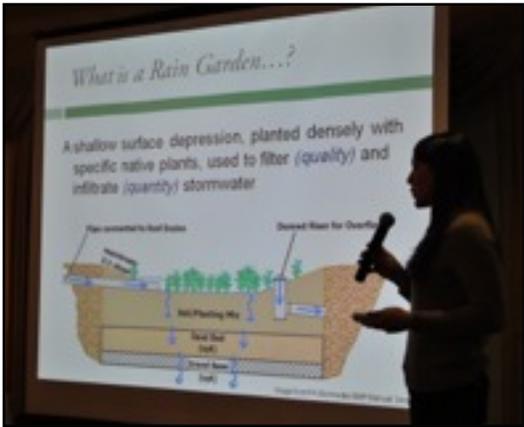
We arrived at our kickoff luncheon on January 26, 2014, once again at the Springfield Country Club. As in past years the snowflakes again fell outside while we enjoyed a very good lunch, entertaining and educational speaker, and good friends. This is a much anticipated annual social event which marks the end of the season and the anticipation of the next years Pond and Garden experiences.



A really fun time was had by some of us.. I mean all of us.

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Annual Kickoff Luncheon
January 26, 2014



Our Speaker, Lee Armillei from Green Weaver Landscapes presented a slideshow about rain gardens



Our Raffle was a popular end to the afternoons festivities.



And Lilly Pad, our club mascot, masquerading as a door-prize, showed up gift-wrapped in a box, and went home with an unsuspecting Beverly Oehlert. That frog has a sense of humor as does Sandi Stouffer who I think did the wrapping.

Winterthur
March 30, 2014

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The outing at Winterthur on March 30th was dampened by rain, but about 15 of our members braved the weather and were treated to a tour of the gardens, the house, and a special viewing of the collection of Downton Abbey costumes.



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March 30, 2014

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Downton Abbey Costume display at Winterthur.



Millers Greenhouses
April 27, 2014



Our annual Spring visit to the Millers Greenhouses was enjoyable as always and we were met with sunshine and greenhouses full of color. Much thanks go to Chuck and Rosemary for providing great food, wholesale prices and a chance to come out and see a glimpse of springtime along with friends that have been cooped up over a harsh winter and cant wait to dig in the dirt again!

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Magazine Advertisement: Want to get a photo of your pond on the pages of Ponds USA & Water Gardens for all other water garden-lovers to see? Enter the Ponds USA & Water Gardens photo contest.

John and Sandi Stouffer did, look what happened. Congratulations Sandy and John!!



WINNERS 
ponds through the seasons

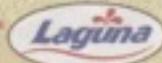
WINNER
1st PLACE
PONDS THROUGH THE SEASONS

JOHN & SANDRA STOUFFER
MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA

ENJOY THE AMAZING PONDSCAPES SHOWCASED WITH OUR 2014 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS.

Last year, we asked our readers to show us what their ponds looked like throughout the seasons, as well as a "Frog's Eye-View" of their water features. The entries we received gave us a unique view of your ponds.

Thank you to everyone who submitted to the contest! If you'd like to see your pond in next year's edition of *Ponds USA & Water Gardens*, turn to page 118 for rules and an entry form for our 2015 contest.

Sponsored by Ponds USA & Water Gardens and Laguna 

John and I recently received a copy of a magazine titled, "Ponds and Water Gardens USA" and while looking through it, John found that we were the first place winners of a contest sponsored by Laguna. We had even forgotten that we entered the contest last year! We were so glad that we decided to look through the magazine rather than relegating it to the "circular file", because we were not previously notified by Laguna regarding the award. Victor is quoted in the magazine, too! One of the featured articles is "10 reasons to build a pond or water garden" and the quote regarding Victor is, "The water feature in Victor Barsky's yard had a much simpler beginning. He built his current pond when a tree fell 21 years ago, leaving a hole. Friends said, "why not put in a pond?" "and we did," Barsky said.

We still have not been contacted by Laguna, but we're thrilled that our pond was recognized and feted by this magazine!

Sandi Stouffer

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This story was sent in, thanks to, Stephanie McGrory.

Rare Flower stolen from Botanical Water Garden in London. Jan 15, 2014

Police in London are searching for whoever stole one of the world's rarest plants from a botanical garden.

An unknown thief made off with an African water lily informally known as the pygmy Rwandan water lily from the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. Garden officials noticed it was missing Thursday and called authorities.

The small plant is almost extinct in the wild and Kew gardens is one of only two places that houses it. Authorities believe the thief dug it out or pulled it from the temperature-controlled mud that it needs to survive. It's small size might have made it easier to sneak out of the garden.

The water lily's flower barely grows bigger than a fingernail and it's lily pads can measure as little as one centimeter.

The plant was first discovered in the 1980s in Rwanda - the only known location in the wild. Although a few more have been found in that area, it's still considered to be on the brink of extinction. The Kew Gardens website explains there is no common name for the plant because of its rarity. An investigation is underway



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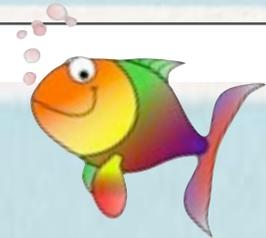
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I am looking for members stories and or photos for the newsletter. Please share your ponding and garden adventures. We would all like to see your photos, hear about your trials, errors and success stories. Send in any newsletter stuff to ccsnyder123@verizon.net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

NOTE: Two Newsletters per year, one in January and one in July, 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.



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.



Thank You for paying your dues!

DVWGS memberships are based on a calendar year beginning on Jan 1st.

We currently have 93 members and 49 are paid for this year.

Please renew your memberships by mail or;

You may now pay your annual dues online at www.dvwgs.com by using
the PayPal payment option.

Email me at ccsnyder123@verizon.net
if you need me to check your membership status.

Thanks! Connie Snyder