

Piedmont Koi and Watergarden Society



JULY 2008



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi, Everyone. It's hard to believe its already July and half the year has already gone by. Some exciting things have been happening all around us and I hope you all have been out there being part of what we call living.

The Pond Tour last month was a total success. We had many people out to view gardens and talk to members inspite of the gas price crunch. This is what it's all about for us. Just like the show, the tour is to give others a chance to see what our members are doing and possibly get a few new members to come into our group and add to the craziness of our hobby. Tracey and Tanya McCorkle and his family, Darlene Schotts, and Carol Mathis did a fantastic job of putting it all together and finding some new "strings" to attach and pull to make this a great tour. The program/ticket was the best publication we've ever put out. It was beautiful and very informative. Tracey deserves a huge "WOW" for his efforts. (I think we've got a possible fulltime promoter on our hands!, Tracey!)

I appreciate all the patience, love and sincerity so many of you have shown my family and I, over the past few months while I worked with my family in Ohio, getting through the illnesses of my Mother and Father and ultimately the passing of my Dad in May. It's been very hard for me and your kind words and support has helped to keep me going and to get past the grieving.

I had graduation for my school during the last social and could not attend it either. I did receive your wonderful gift of the Japanese Maple at Tracey McCorkle's house during the tour. It was such a surprise and gave me such a great feeling that you all care so much for me that I better stop writting before I start

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crying again and get my keyboard soaking wet! Thank you so much. Your expressions show how much of a family we really are.

Come out to Oakdale Greenhouses for our July meeting. It will be a great opportunity to see the nursery, hear some great gardening tips. The actual social will be at Bubba's Barbecue, right around the corner. It will be a good chance to see how everyone's "Grow Out" fish are doing. Now don't bring the actual fish, (Bubba might cook them up and serve them!). Just take a picture, measure the little buggers, and bring the photos and measurements with you to Bubba's. We'll do some comparisons and talk some trash about whose fish is doing the best right now. I saw several during the tour and, well, my fishy has some training to do.

We'll also spend some time planning and talking about next year's Charlotte Koi Show. So plan to come out and relax with us. It will be a grand afternoon. See you there.

Koi Blessings,

Geoffrey

JULY SOCIAL

OUR JULY 12TH SOCIAL BEGINS WITH A ROAD TRIP TO OAKDALE GREENHOUSES (5626 Statesville Road) AT 1:00 PM AND THE JULY MEETING STARTS AT 3:00 PM AT BUBBA'S BARBECUE, (located at 4400 Sunset Road), FOLLOWED BY AN EARLY DINNER AT BUBBA'S. NO NEED TO BRING FOOD.

OAKDALE OFFERS A VAST ARRAY OF POND PLANTS INCLUDING MARGINAL VARIETIES, WATER LILLIES AND LOTUS. THEY ALSO SELL KOI.

NOT LIMITED TO JUST POND PLANTS, OAKDALE ALSO HAS A HUGE INVENTORY OF PLANTS. THEY CARRY THE FAMOUS WINDMILL PALM WHICH IS A POPULAR TREE FOR OUR AREA SINCE IT WILL SURVIVE OUR WINTERS, (IF WE HAVE ONE)!! THEY ALSO CARRY ANOTHER PALM VARIETY THAT SURVIVES THE WINTER ALONG WITH THE BANANA TREE VARIETY THAT CAN STAY OUT YEAR ROUND. SOMETIMES DRIFTWOOD IS AVAILABLE THERE TOO.

JOIN US FOR OUR SOCIAL AND BROWSE AND SHOP FOR NEW VARIETIES OF THE PLANTS YOU LOVE OR BETTER YET TRY SOMETHING NEW!!

INTERESTING WEB SITES

Www.oakdalegreenhouses.com

Www.plantingforyou.com

Www.peacefulpondsonline.com

Www.pondersonline.com

Treasurer's Report for June 2008

6/1/08	Beginning Bal	\$17,981.33
	Membership dues	\$193.00
	AKCA dues	(\$100.00)
	Pond tour ads	(\$381.00)
	Newsletter , Printing, Supplies	(\$159.07)
	Memorial tree	(\$95.00)
		(\$946.04)

6/27/08	Ending Balance	<u>\$17,288.29</u>

2008 Calendar of Events

. **June 14** - POND TOUR. Social follows at Peaceful Ponds – Brian and Denise Kuckinski

. **July 12** – Visit to Oakdale Greenhouses–

. **August 9**– Allen Lee – KHV quarantine/bring microscopes

. **September 13** – Rebecca Trull (new member)

. **October 11**– Heather & Mike Long

. **November 8** – to be announced

. **December 13** – Christmas Party - Tracy & Tanya McCorkle

. Trip to Blue Ridge Fish Hatchery

. Neuse River Fish Farm has agreed to bring a load of koi for sale at one of our meetings (to be announced) in 2008.

PKWS 2008 OFFICERS

President -

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Tracy McCorkle

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Newsletter – Carol Mathis 704-455-8587

Property Manager – Darrell Mauldin 704-573-3663

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Oakdale Greenhouses LLC is located at 5626 Statesville Road Charlotte, NC 28269

Directions:

From I-85 NORTH– take Exit 39, at the top of ramp, turn left onto Statesville Road, go 1.6 miles, Oakdale Greenhouses on the right.

From I-85 SOUTH– take Exit 39, at the top of ramp, turn right onto Statesville Road, go 1.6 miles, Oakdale Greenhouses on the right.

From I-77– take Exit 16 A, merge onto Sunset Road, turn right on Statesville Road, go 1 mile, Oakdale Greenhouses on the left.

Having troubles finding them? Call! (704)-596-4052

PLEASE CATCH UP YOUR GROWOUT FISH AND TAKE A PICTURE OF IT NEXT TO A RULE OR MEASURING DEVICE AND LET’S SEE WHO’S BEEN FEEDING THE MOST!! THERE MAY BE A SURPRISE FOR THE PERSON WHOSE FISH HAS GROWN THE MOST, YOU’LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.

WE WILL HEAD OVER TO BUBBA’S AT 3:00 PM FOR SOME COOLING OFF TIME, GREAT BARBECUE, COMPARING OUR GROWOUT FISH AND OUR MEETING.

THIS SHOULD BE A FUN AFTENOON FOR ALL OF US, LIGHTHEARTED AND SURE TO PLEASE THE SENSES. SO COME ONE, COME ALL!!!

PKWS

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Piedmont Koi and Watergarden Society (PKWS) is a not for profit organization. The membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Annual Membership Dues for a family for the first year are \$49.00 AND INCLUDES A NAME BADGE. For renewing members the dues are \$24.00 Additional nametags may be purchased at a cost of \$7.00 each. Please complete the following form and return it with your membership dues to:

**Dawn Mize
6918 Carriageway Lane
Charlotte NC 28227**

Please print clearly (this information will only be used for club records). Please print your names) as you would like them to appear on your name tag(s).

Last Name: _____ First Name(s): _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership Dues(New member) \$49.00
Membership Dues(Renewing) \$24.00 (Circle One)

Again, special thanks to Tracy and Tanya McCorkle for a great job putting our pond tour together. Kudos to all the folks who worked so hard on their ponds and landscapes to impress our attendees!! And they did impress.

We sold 33 tickets, and gained a new member, with two more prospective members.

We had hoped for more people, but with the state of the economy and soaring gas prices, it was not really a bad turnout. Tracy learned a lot

during the process and already has ideas for the next tour.

Several attendees donated extra \$\$\$ for the Concord/Cabarrus Humane Society, totalling \$46.00.

New signs were purchased to help direct people to our tour ponds and these signs can be reused in the years to come.

If Tracy will agree, let's plan for another tour next year with more ponds, hopefully a better economy, earlier posting of tour dates and improved advertising.

Financial Statement

INCOME

Ticket Sales	\$495
8 Ads in Program	160
Raffle	32
Donations	<u>46</u>

Total

\$733

EXPENSES

Signs (to be reused)	\$483
Programs	162
Posters	28
Advertising	381
Proceeds for Concord Humane Society	<u>211</u>

Total \$1265

As you can see, we went into the hole, because of the signs purchased for the tour, which can be reused for years to come, and the money donated to the Humane Society which was very much needed to care for homeless animals until a "forever home" can be found for them..



Ramen Noodle Salad

- 1 pkg prepared slaw mix
- 1 pkg beef flavored Ramen Noodles
- 2 tbsp. Sugar
- 3 tbsp. Vinegar
- 1/2 cup salad oil
- 1/2 tsp. Pepper
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds

Mix together the vinegar, sugar, oil and pkg of beef seasoning from noodles. Chill for 1 hour and just before serving pour over the slaw and add the Ramen Noodles and sunflower seeds. May substitute chopped pecans, almonds

NEXT YEAR ---
IF TRACY WILL
AGREE ???



Donation Cost to the club -
\$211
Gift of Love - PRICELESS!!!