



North American Water Garden Society South Central PA

An organization of pond lovers dedicated to the enjoyment, education, promotion, and protection of the water garden hobby

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About N.A.W.G.S.

Our Mission...

To be an organization that will unite clubs across the country in the common pursuit of the water gardening hobby.

Who Makes Up the NAWGS Membership?

NAWGS is made up primarily of individual pond owners who love their ponds. It matters not if the pond is big or small, shallow or deep, inside or outside. In fact, the NAWGS mission statement says that it's "An organization of pond lovers dedicated to the enjoyment, education, promotion, and protection of the water gardening hobby." In other words, it's not about commerciality, it's all about individuals ... people who simply want

to enjoy the hobby of water gardening.

NAWGS will aim to enroll existing local clubs, or start new chapters in conjunction with the overall organization. It will not detract from the local flavor of the regional organizations at all, but will give pond lovers a forum where we can share information and concerns that may be affecting us all.

By Ellen Beaulieu

NAWGS Administrative Director

Did You Know? The Finny on Koi...

The common carp is the forerunner of our present day Koi. Most people associate goldfish with Koi but goldfish are actually a distant cousin.

Koi have been a part of Asian and Far Eastern culture for thousands of years. Developed by Japanese rice farmers, carp were originally kept as food. In the 1820s as farmers began to breed and develop different color patterns, the interest in Koi spread throughout Japan.

Emperor Hirchito was presented Koi for the Imperial Palace moat in 1914. After that, wild carp were called Koi in Japan. The Japanese gave them the name Nishikiogoi during World War II, just as their popularity began to grow around the world.



N.A.W.G.S. Events Held at the Pond Shop

Our **Pond Builder's School** is an exciting opportunity to learn from the experts while actually working on a pond. You'll build a complete pond in just one day! An affordable, comprehensive, training event designed to give you the first hand knowledge you need to get started. Perfect for the homeowner or contractor! Join our expert installers as they show you how to transform an ordinary lawn into an aquatic work of art! There's no better way to learn some-

thing than by doing it yourself, with your own two hands! You'll build a beautiful, natural, ecosystem pond in less than ONE day! Bring a shovel and your work gloves! Come prepared to get dirty! That means, you'll take a green grass lawn and excavate it, build berms, place skimmers and BIOFALLS® filters, fill in with rocks & gravel, install the pump, Hot lunch provided while the pond fills! Witness the birth of a new waterfall, in just one day at Pond School!

Upcoming Class Dates -

April 16th - *Build a Pond Day*

May 14th - *Build a Pond Day*

June 11th - *Build a Pondless Waterfall Day*

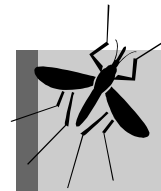
Registration is required, class size is limited.

Phone: 717-246-4710

Don't delay! Pond School fills up quickly!
Cost: \$34 per person or \$49 per family

NAWGS Members Discount: \$29/\$39

These three ponds will be on the
Parade of Ponds Tour on July 9 & 10th
so you can show off your work to all your friends!



Pond Myth of the Month

A Pond will attract mosquitoes!

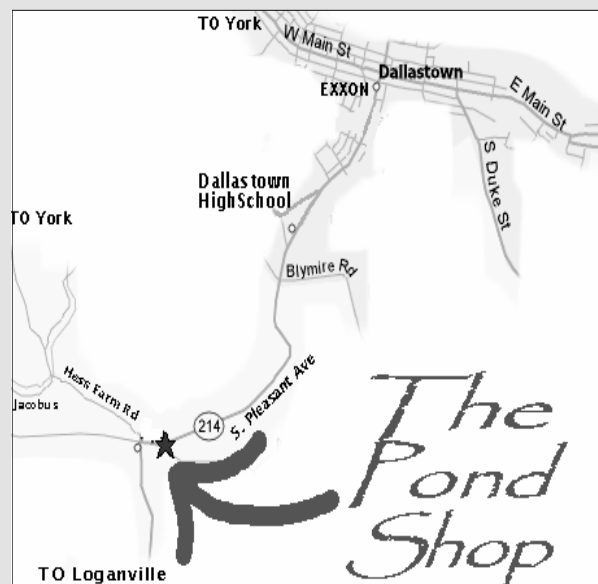
With the up rise of West Nile Virus, this has been a great concern. Here is the bite on mosquitoes... Mosquitoes lay their eggs on still, stagnant water. In these areas use a natural bacteria called B.T.I. (dunks or granules are available at The Pond Shop) that kills mosquito larvae. If your pond is constructed properly, there should not be any still water. If by chance a mosquito does lay eggs, what the skimmer box doesn't get, your fish will!



Spring Hours Begin:
Saturday, April 16, 2005

Located at:
1100 South Pleasant Avenue
Dallastown, PA 17313
Phone: 717-246-4710

Store Hours:
Mon, Tues By Appt. Only
Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am - 6pm
Saturday 8am - 5pm
Closed Sunday
(5% NAWGS Member Discount)



Directions to The Pond Shop

From I-83 Exit 16 ...

Take Rt. 74 (Queen St.) South to Dallas-town. Continue Approx. 3.9 miles. Turn Right onto Rt. 214 (Pleasant Ave.) [at the Exxon]. The Pond Shop is approx 2 miles ahead on the right. (Approx. 300 feet before the stop sign @ Hess Farm Road)

From Maryland...

I-83 North to Exit #10 Loganville At the end of the exit ramp Turn Right onto North Rd. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto N MAIN ST. (OLD SUSQUEHANNA TRAIL) Continue into Jacobus approx. 1 mile Continue Past Smith Village Furniture Store Turn Right onto Church St. (At Olp's Flower Shop). Continue on Church St. (which becomes Hess Farm Rd). Go straight through first Stop Sign (at Ironstone Hill Rd). Continue on Hess Farm Rd (to the right) at second stop sign. Turn Left at 3rd Stop Sign onto S. Pleasant Ave. (Rt. 214) The Pond Shop is approx 300 feet ahead on left.

Six Ponds for the Price of One!

I recently met a guy from Canada who tells wonderful pond stories. His name is Bill Vernon and he was talking about what he called the six ponds in one. Now I've been in and around the water gardening business for a while, and I had absolutely no idea what he was talking about. So I asked him to explain.

Bill Explains The First Four

He basically said that every pond he'd ever seen has had six distinct personalities, including a spring personality, a summer personality, a fall personality, and a winter personality. "You see the pond is a living and breathing entity," Bill said, "and it changes right along with the weather and the seasons. Just go ahead and tell me that the spring pond is the same as the summer pond, and the fall pond is the same as the winter pond" Bill challenged. "They're all different and unique in and of themselves."

Ok, I thought to myself, now I understand four of the six ponds he was talking about, and I couldn't help but agree with him that all four were unique and different from all the others. But that left two more ponds unexplained, and so I asked Bill to fill in these other two blanks so I could fully understand where he was coming from.

Bill Explains Two More

Without hesitation Bill continued, "Well, there is also the day time pond and the night time pond, right?" I nodded my head in agreement as he continued to explain the magic of the daytime pond, with the sun glistening off the water's surface, the colorful koi darting around below, all surrounded by lush green and colorful plants. The day time pond certainly has magical qualities to it.

Then Bill contrasted the day time pond with the romance of the night time pond, underwater lights turning the entire aquatic ecosystem into a transparent liquid world that's for all practical purposes, invisible during the day. "Do you know anyone who can resist the seduction of



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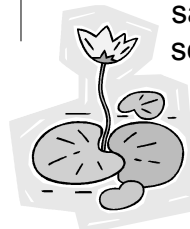
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the night time pond?" Bill asked. I had to nod my head in agreement once again. I knew nobody who was less than spellbound by a pond at night.

Then I Discovered Bill's Fuzzy Math

But then I started to question Bill's math. To use an overused political phrase, I thought it was a little fuzzy. I mean if there were four different pond personalities that corresponded with each new season, that's four right? And if each one of these have a night time and a day time edition, that's two times four or eight different ponds, am I right on this Bill? He looked like a deer who'd just been caught in the headlights as he scratched his head in thought and finally said "hmmmm. I never thought of it like that before. I'd say that you're right. I'm changing my story to eight ponds in one from now on. That way you're getting more for your money...right?" Right I said. Is it any wonder why Bill Vernon sells lots of ponds?



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APRIL MEETING

April 23rd - Part 1 in the Series Creating an Eco-Friendly Backyard -The Beauty of Rain Gardens: An introduction for the Do-it-Yourselfer... Designing, choosing plants, maintaining ...Check out all the benefits you achieve when you create a natural ecosystem and habitat...

Members & Non Members Welcome
Please RSVP no later than April 20th .
Call 717-246-4710 to register.



Where Everyone is Welcome

NAWGS Calendar of Events

- April 16th - Pond School: Build a Pond Day
- April 23rd - Local Chapter Meeting
Creating an Eco-Friendly Backyard
- May 14th - Pond School: Build a Pond Day
- May 21st - Local Chapter Meeting
- June 11th - Pond School: Build a Pondless Waterfall
- June 18th - Local Chapter Meeting



July 9th and 10th -
NAWGS National Pond Tour



- September 17th - Local Chapter Meeting
- October 15th - Local Chapter Meeting

All Chapter Meetings are held at *The Pond Shop*, 1100 South Pleasant Avenue, Dallastown. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Rebecca Willoughby at 717-246-4710 for more information.

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