



# 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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## And the Winner Is...

The NAWGS 2005 Parade of Ponds has come and gone. If you didn't attend, you missed out on a great fundraising event. Twenty homeowners graciously opened their beautiful backyard retreats to the community of York to raise money for charity. Not only did people get to see the cream of the crop in water gardens, but their ticket proceeds helped our local charity raise money. This year we raised over \$1,000.00 for Ponds for Kids.

In addition to the homeowners who participated on the tour, we would also like to thank our generous sponsors: Brown's Orchards and Farm Market, Candles N' More, Harvey's Rent All, The Pond Shop, The Garden's Edge, and Clark's Lawn and Shrubbery Service. With their help, all ticket sale proceeds were donated to charity.

And now the moment you have waited for...our raffle winners!

- **Barbara Wilson** - \$50.00 Gift Certificate to **Brown's Orchard & Farm Market**
- **Craig Siewert** - \$25.00 Gift Certificate to **Candles N' More**
- **Connie Fahringer** - Free one day rental of a Carpet Cleaner plus Shampoo from **Harvey's Rent All**
- **Tacy Kessler** - \$50.00 Gift Certificate to **The Pond Shop**
- **Jean Gardener** - One year subscription to **Aquascape Lifestyles Magazine** from **The Garden's Edge**

*The following people were also chosen to receive complimentary NAWGS T-Shirts:*

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • <b>Keith Katz</b>      | • <b>Nadine Goodwin</b>  |
| • <b>Tammy Stair</b>     | • <b>Lois Burkholder</b> |
| • <b>Troy Shenberger</b> | • <b>David Wagg</b>      |
| • <b>Kevin Inch</b>      | • <b>Shelby Rodgers</b>  |

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our winners. A great big **THANK YOU** to all who participated and to all who purchased tickets. The 2006 tour is already being planned. Keep your eyes open for information in our upcoming newsletters. Next year's tour promises to be bigger and better. *See you then!*

# Attention All Pond Owners!

The temperatures are starting to drop and the smell of Fall is in the air. Soon you will be asking yourselves 'Should I cut back my plants?', 'Do I have to bring them inside?', 'What should I do about my fish?', 'Should I continue to feed them once it gets cold?', 'Will they survive over the winter?', 'Should I turn off my pump?', 'Do I need a heater?'

All of these questions and more will be answered at the NAWGS Fall meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at The Pond Shop, 1100 South Pleasant Avenue, Dallastown, PA. Our speaker will be Mark Willoughby, Co-Owner of *The Garden's Edge*, York's water garden specialists. Mark will be able to answer all of your questions and more.

So join us if you own a pond or join us even if you don't have a pond, but are curious for answers to all of these questions. Everyone will get a chance to spend some quality time with other pond owners.

*If you are interested in attending this meeting, please RSVP to Rebecca Willoughby at (717) 246-4710 by November 16th.*

## Pond Myth of the Month

### Koi Hibernate During Winter

Koi do not hibernate. They get cold, they get miserable, they sulk near the bottom of the pond where it is a trifle warmer and try to think happy thoughts. If they had opposable thumbs, they'd be knitting booties...

but they do NOT hibernate. This is one of those weird defense systems which evolved a bit differently than classic hibernation in other animals. Koi are still very much aware of their environment even in 33°F water.

They are simply "powered down" a goodly bit to conserve energy and weather the winter while using as few calories as possible. If you disturb a koi which is in "winter-mode", he'll move away from the threat in a few seconds. Sluggishly, but he'll move. An animal in true hibernation would take lots of stimulus before making any such response. Many animals would actually be unable to move at all. When the water temperature in your pond is consistently above 50 degrees but below 60 degrees you should feed your koi a food formulated for lower water temperatures. Nursery Pro Nutri-1 LoTemp food is easily digestible at these temps.

As the fall brings cooler temps, slowly reduce the frequency and amount and stop feeding when water temps drop below 50 ...

Thinking about a new pond for next year? Watch for new Pond Builder's School Dates coming this Spring- Call us today for more information on how you can be a part of it!



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# Top Ten Reasons to Join the North American Water Garden Society

I was relaxing one evening on my vacation in the Outer Banks, watching the Late Show with David Letterman as he did his Top 10 List. It occurred to me that I can spread the news about the benefits of joining NAWGS in a Top 10 List. David Letterman does it every night, I certainly can crank out one list, can't I?

The North American Water Garden Society is a non-profit organization of pond lovers dedicated to the enjoyment, education, promotion, and protection of the water garden hobby. That's great, but you are probably asking yourself 'what's in it for me?' The annual membership of \$49.95 brings you the following 10 great benefits:

1. You will have fun when you get together with other water gardeners and get involved in the local NAWGS meetings. People just love to talk about their ponds.
2. You will get connected with a vast network of experienced, passionate people who LOVE water gardening.
3. Whether you have just koi, just plants, koi and plants, rocks or no rocks, whatever your particular interest is within the hobby, all are welcome!
4. You will enjoy a FREE subscription to the beautiful, information packed Aquascape Lifestyles Magazine.
5. You will have the opportunity to participate and have your water garden included during the annual water garden tour. This is a great tour that raises money for local charities. Our 2005 tour raised over \$1000.00 for charity.
6. You will be entitled to great discounts on purchases and services at local pond and garden related businesses.
7. NAWGS provides access to everything you'll ever want to know about water gardening; website, article archives, seminars, speakers.
8. Your membership will help make a significant impact of what's happening with our hobby, like NAWGS' \$50,000 donation to the U of Georgia for koi herpes virus research.
9. Your support of the hobby will have a continent wide influence ready, willing and able to impact legislation.
10. Last but not least, you will be notified of special events, tours, seminars, plant exchanges, fish sales, etc. that affiliated clubs are sponsoring in your area.

Whew! I did it! I am sure you are now saying to yourself,

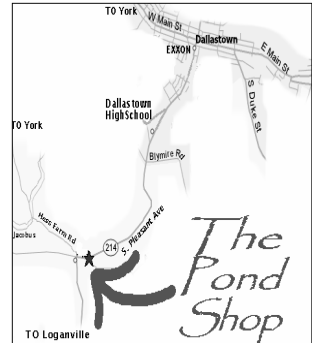


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## A Message From The Pond Shop -

As the weather gets colder and the activity in your pond slows down, *The Pond Shop* will still be here to help you with any of your pond needs.

Our hours will now be **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the colder months. This winter we will be continuing our renovations to provide you with a one stop shop for all of your pond, plants, and fish needs. Please watch future newsletters to keep up to date on all of *The Pond Shop* happenings. If you need our services from November through February, please do not hesitate to contact us at (717) 246-4710.

Thanks to everyone who made our first year a great success. We look forward to working with you next year. **HAPPY WINTER!**

'WOW, how do I join?' Simply call or email me at the following (717) 246-4710 or [Becky@NAWGSofPA.org](mailto:Becky@NAWGSofPA.org) and I will get you signed up. If you still need more information, please visit our website at [www.NAWGSofPA.org](http://www.NAWGSofPA.org). I look forward to meeting many new and wonderful people who are as excited as I am about the water gardening hobby. **SIGN UP NOW!!**

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**Our Mission...**

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



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## NAWGS Calendar of Events

### NAWGS Local Chapter Meeting

**November Meeting** - Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at *The Pond Shop*. Details inside on Page 2.

For more information regarding our monthly meetings or membership and its benefits, please call us at 717-246-4710.

**Members & Non Members Welcome**

**Watch Future Newsletters for the Dates and Times for these Events -**

March - Creating an Eco-Friendly Backyard

May - Lily Pad Hop

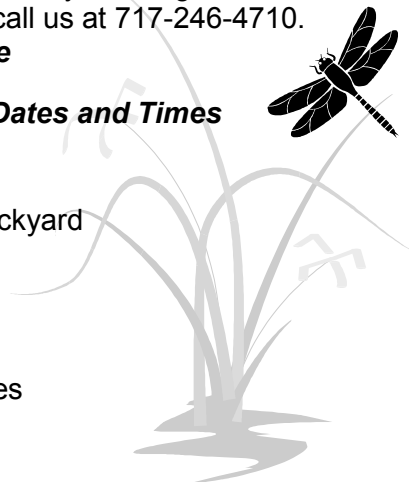
June - 2006 Pond Tour

July - Pond Fish 101

September - Pond Plants for Dummies

November - Fall Shut Down

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



### **About our Newsletter:**

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