

October 2015

Next Meeting: October 10th at 9:00 a.m.

The October meeting will be held at the home of Jon and Kristi Jolly.

- Telephone: 480-390-5761
- Address: 3544 E. Hopkins Rd., Gilbert, AZ 85295

Please use MapQuest/Google Maps for directions and bring your own lawn chairs and bags/buckets for any plants/fish that may be available

Jon and Kristy will be talking about pond construction at the next meeting.



2015 Dues are \$25.00 per individual/family and are payable by December 31st.

**Please send your payment to:
Ed Tunstall
5439 E. Dolphin Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85206-2208**



President's Letter

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying the weather cooling down. Hope to get some outdoor work done now. Fall clean-up is beckoning and we have a lot to do to the pond.

Thanks to Ed and Susan for hosting the September meeting. Enjoyed seeing their pond again and all their critters. Also thanks to Paul Crouch for his presentation on Pond Design. It was very interesting and informative.

Due to a problem we had with a copyright on an old newsletter we decided we need to hide the old newsletters from public access. If anyone would like to view any of the old newsletters, you will need to contact our webmaster, Dennis Beard: webmaster@phoenixponds.com. He will give you the information you will need to access the archived newsletters.

Tanya Mancino brought a couple of shirts that she had embroidered with the pond society logo and they look AWESOME! She has graciously offered to make shirts for anyone that would like to have one. If she provides the shirt (Kohl's men's and women's polo), it is \$20. If you supply the shirt, she will embroider it with our logo for \$10. You can reach Tanya at tanyam6@cox.net.



Don't forget we have elections at our November meeting. If you are an officer now, please let me know if you plan on running for re-election. Also, I need to know anyone that would like to run for election in any of the offices. In an effort to get everyone at the election meeting, we will have a drawing at the November meeting for a free membership for 2016. See you there!

The October meeting will be at the home of Jon and Kristy Jolly. They will be giving a talk on pond construction. Hope to see you all there.

Don Shaw
GPPS – President

Pond Happenings

September's meeting was at the home of Ed and Susan Tunstall. As usual, their pond was beautiful with beautiful fish! Paul Crouch gave a great presentation on pond design. He talked about the placement of the pond in your yard, and how every yard has its own microclimate. He also spoke about important things to consider when designing the pond and the surrounding landscape, such as the type of plants/trees to plant near and around the pond. He mentioned that some things to consider when choosing your plants or trees are the amount of debris and possible invasive roots.

Paul also spoke about the design process, from the initial drawings, to 3D images, to obtaining the necessary permits to begin construction.

Jon Dean, our VP, created a DVD of this year's pond tour, and it has been added to the library for anyone that would like to view it. Thanks, Jon!!



WANDA'S WORLD



Hey y'all! We're finally getting some respite from "hot lady, Summer" (relative of "old man, Winter")! I've heard my friends' big sighs of relief. My c.o., Rita, is feeling a lot less pressure from trying to keep us all happy this summer. It's been quite a struggle cuz we get a little cantankerous at times.

One of my friends, Manuel, the Mexican Bird of Paradise, and his relatives don't seem to mind the sun and heat. They actually thrive in it. Some of them are trimmed to be bushes and some are small trees. They show off beautiful yellow blossoms in this dreadful weather. They don't even care what kind of soil they are in, are evergreen, low-maintenance, and attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Not too many plants can compete with them right now. Just you wait Manuel; we will show off later when we are cooled down.

My c.o.'s have some of his relatives planted to create a "campground" area. (That's what she wants us to call it. You really have to use your imagination!) They also use them as a privacy hedge of small untrimmed trees in the front yard. I don't know much about that cuz I can't see it. I'll try to get a picture from them.



CAMPGROUND



PRIVACY HEDGE

One thing that really puzzled my c.o. at first was when she heard popping sounds like small firecrackers going off in the front yard. She thought the neighbor kids were being naughty. Later she saw small seeds around and got hit in the neck with one when she was watering plants. She finally realized that the heat caused the pods (that come after the flowers are spent) to split and shoot their seeds out. The neighbor across the street even found some in her driveway. New plants sprout up easily but we all put up with that cuz their flowers are abundant and beautiful.

Well, that's all I can think of for right now. Check out Manuel's bio online. He's pretty great! Hope y'all have a great month. Enjoy the cooler weather!

So long for now!

Wanda

KEY

- Wanda = Weeping Juniper
- Robby = Phoenix Robelinnii
- Queenie = Queen Palm
- Phil = Philodendron Giganteum
- Tammy = Taro
- Diablo = Spanish Dagger
- Herbie= Yerba Mansa
- Charlotte = White Spider Lily
- Manuel = Mexican Bird of Paradise
- C-O's = Co-Owners (Jeff & Rita)

ACCESSING GPPS NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES
Submitted by Dennis Beard, Webmaster

As Don stated in his Letter from the President, the link to our newsletter archives on our webpage has been deactivated. When you click on the link on our website to access the archives, the web address is <http://www.phoenixponds.com/News/gppsarchive.htm>.

In order to access the newsletter archives, you will need to add an underscore at the end of the name "gppsarchive" in the web address (gppsarchive_).

So the complete address would be:
http://www.phoenixponds.com/News/gppsarchive_.htm

EVENTS



Arizona Taco Festival

When: October 17th & 18th, 11am – 7pm

Where: Salt River Fields (off the 101 in Scottsdale)

The 6th Annual Arizona Taco Festival will take place on October 17-18, 2015 from 11a-7p both days. This is the largest taco competition and taco celebration in earth. It's like a sporting event, but with tacos! All restaurants serve \$2 tacos and compete for \$10,000 cash. There will be local bands, Lucha Libre wrestling, cooking classes, eating contests, and huge bar experiences by some of your favorite local establishments.

Visit the website for more info: <http://aztacofestival.com/>

Salt River Fields Balloon Spooktacular

When: October 23rd & 24th, 5pm – 10pm

Where: Salt River Fields (off the 101 in Scottsdale)

Over 20 Hot Air Balloons on display and passing out 4,000 pounds of candy for trick-or-treaters, live music, food and beverage, a Kids Zone, vendor market, tethered balloon rides, a haunted house, fireworks and much more. Experience the Balloon Spooktacular for a safe, fun filled Trick-or-Treating Halloween Festival.

Adult General Admission \$10; children \$5
(Children 3 – 12 years. Two and under free)

<http://srfballoonfestivals.com/>

Schnepf Farms Pumpkin and Chili Party

When: Starts October 1st, *Friday & Saturday 10am-10pm; Sunday 10am – 9pm;
*fireworks shoot off at 9:30pm

Where: Schnepf Farms, 24810 S. Rittenhouse road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Too many activities to list! Visit their webpage for info:
<http://www.schnepffarms.com/event/pumpkin-chili-party-2/>

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2015 – YEAR AT A GLANCE MEETINGS AND EVENTS		
<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10th: Meeting – 9:am Host: Julie Riley Topic: Sand Dollar HOA Pond 	<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14th: Meeting - 9am Margaret T. Hance Park Agenda: GPPS Business and Koi Show 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14th: Meeting - 9am Host: Lucy Ross Speaker: TBD
<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th: Meeting - 9am Host: Arturo & Linda Vega Speaker: Kenny Zelov – <i>Horticulturist DBG: desert landscaping and design</i> 24-26 - Home and Garden Show 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO MEETING 9th: Annual GPPS Pond Tour - 9:00 am-4:00 pm 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13th: Meeting – Don & Fern Shaw
<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO MEETING Road Trip? 	<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO MEETING Road Trip? 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th: Meeting – 9am Host: Ed & Susan Tunstall Speaker: Paul Crouch – Pond Design
<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10th: Meeting - 9am Host: Jon & Kristy Jolly Topic: Pond Construction 	<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14th: Meeting – 9am Host: Jeff & Rita Karsten Topic: BOD Election 	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th: Meeting - 11am Host: Richard & Pet Smith Topic: P.A.R.T.Y. Pot Luck Extravaganza White Elephant Gift Exchange Fantastic Food & Fun





****Sale, Trade, or Free****

If you would like to advertise an item or service in the newsletter, send your submission to: newsltr@phoenixponds.com

FREE Goldfish and Turtles, please contact Dave Nelson at (480) 357-7205

FREE: 19 Wood Pallets of various sizes.
If interested, contact Jeff at jl_kars10@yahoo.com

LOCAL POND PLANTS AND KOI VENDOR

Ailyn's Pond (located around the Dobson Road and Ray Road area in Chandler)
(602) 369-5522
<http://www.ailyns-pond.com/>
ailyn@ailyns-pond.com

GPPS Newsletter

Monthly Submission Deadline: 18th of each month. Newsletters will be sent out the 28th of each month. All submissions are subject to review and all materials become the property of GPPS. Due to space and timing, it is not guaranteed that all submissions will be printed. Submissions can be emailed to newsltr@phoenixponds.com

