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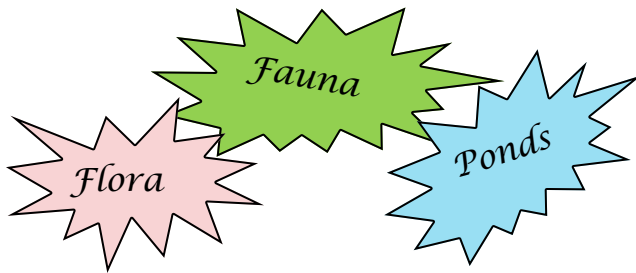
The calendar says March and spring is only a couple of weeks away. Maybe someone should clue in Mother Nature. After "surviving" a couple of bouts with a Polar Vortex (does anyone ever remember hearing that term before?), and one of the snowiest winters in recent history, I can bet we're all ready to get back to our ponds. Hopefully most of your fish survived and are ready for a nice warm spring and summer. Tom Tower of Niagara Aquarium, ever the eternal optimist, has ordered extra Koi in case some of weren't so lucky.

This month is our annual photo contest. We are lucky to have dueling judges: Mary Lou Frost and Neil Petersen. They are both going to give presentations on technique etc. So dig out all those pictures from last year's pond tour and remember ONLY 4 X 6 prints are accepted.

Now comes the hard part, our yearly Koi Show at Masterson's in East Aurora. As I mentioned at the January meeting, this is our biggest fund raiser and literally keeps the club going from year to year. Several years ago, no one wanted to chair this event, so the Officers and BOD decided to cancel the event. I'd never in all my years as a member of the NFKPC seen such an uprising. Everyone was up in arms to keep the show alive. The problem was those who shouted the loudest, did nothing to help and very few attended the show or supported the auction on Sunday. So I'm opening this up to the membership (everyone). Do you want a Koi Show or not? If we decide to proceed, we need support. Someone has to step up to chair the event. It's not rocket science. You need to coordinate the set up times, arrival of the fish, basket raffle, advertising and acquiring product for the auction. You will not be alone in this. Delegate, delegate, delegate. The same people cannot be expected to do everything. We already wear many hats and need help. Please, I'm sure we all want this club to survive. We need your help and support.

LORRI

Photo Contest March 14th



- 1st & 2nd place prizes will be awarded in each category
- 1st place is \$25, 2nd place is \$15
- Only one award per person.
- One peoples choice award open to everyone, even category winners.

Membersip Renewal

If you have not yet done so please renew your membership. February was renewal month.

Bring Your Calendars

We'll be setting dates for pond openings at Reinstein Woods, Botans, and Erie County Fair Pond. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the March meeting. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Also, if you can donate plastic pots, pea gravel or filter pads in lieu of a physical presence the club would be grateful.

Tom T's Koi Kichi Korner

-High-Fin Banded Shark

By Tom Towers, Niagara Aquarium

How about a new fish this year? We always get Koi, Koi, Koi. What else? We did Orfes, etc., but we've got one now I'm going to call the "Buffalo Fish" (like wings, beef on weck sandwich ☺). It's the Chinese High-Fin Banded Shark (*Myxocyprinus asiaticus*).

It comes from the upper reaches of the Yangtze River. They like cold water and stretches of warm weather, but are happiest kept cool. They have a peaceful temperament, sometimes exhibit a playful swimming manner, and are known to change color depending on their mood. The sharks are omnivorous bottom dwellers that can be fed dried, live or frozen food (including brine shrimp, vegetables and blood worms).

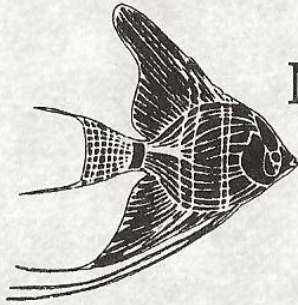
Come in and take a look. These are sweet, big sharks!

The fish can grow to over a yard, but they grow slower than Koi. They will live a long time. High-Fin Banded Sharks are a great addition to your customer's pond. So you can now play the theme music from "Jaws" this summer by the Pond.



HOURS: Mon.- Fri. 11-8
Sat. 10-8 pm, Sun. 12-5

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Refreshments for 2014

If you would like to bring refreshments to a meeting, you will be reimbursed for expenses for up to \$45.00 (receipts must be turned into Nancy)

General info: 8-9 bottles of pop, some diet

Any refreshments or snacks of your choice: Cheese & Crackers, veggies, fruit, chips, dip, pepperoni, salad, jello, cookies, cake, brownies, etc.

We do not have use of any kitchen supplies, so you may need to bring serving utensils, trays, bowls, baskets, knives, or whatever is needed to serve your type of refreshments

The club will provide: Coffee, hot cups, creamer, sugar, small plates, paper cups, plastic silverware, napkins

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Barbara Weber 688-7924

Next Board of
Directors Meeting
7:30 PM
Thursday, March 27th
At the home of
Chris Wilkolaski
6147 Webster Rd.
Orchard Park, NY

All members are welcome to
attend RSVP to 662-9429

- Jan.:** Potluck, please bring a dish to pass
Feb.: Sandy Crawford & Diane Young
Mar.: Mary O'Connor
Apr.: Carol Krajewski
May: Nancy Wojnowski
June:
July: Ann Marshall & Rob Smith
Aug.:
Sep.:
Oct.: Carol Filipski, Elaine Starek, Rose Schaeffer
Nov.:

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NIAGARA FRONTIER KOI & POND CLUB UP-COMING EVENTS IN WESTERN NEW YORK

March 14th—Photo contest

May 9th— Black Friday bulb sale at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens \$8 a bag

May 17 & 18—The Great Plant sale and Bonsai show at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens

July—Pond tour in the South Towns

August—Erie county fair pond

September—Reinstein Fall Festival