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Newsletter of the North Texas Water Garden Society, June 2021

My Mystery Fish

Kevin Fuess

It started 2 years ago. I saw some movement in the pond – other than my koi. After many attempts to determine what it was this is all I was able to come up with:

It was definitely a fish. But it was very shy and amazingly fast! Stayed near the bottom of the pond, refused to come to the surface and feed with the other fish, always in motion and dark body (against the black liner it was very well camouflaged), it was not a koi, and I **did not** put it in there. So, the entire summer I was never able to get a good look at it.

The next spring – yep there it is. It had grown but still very anti-social. Totally refuses to feed at the surface but I was able to get better glimpses of it. It has a sleek body with a terminal mouth and not a lot of coloration to its dark body. The best I can tell: Bigmouth Buffalo.

Now we are in the third season. This time of year, my water is the clearest it will be all year. And there is NO sign of that fish! Gone! Seems to have disappeared as mysteriously as it appeared. And no other fish are missing.

Meetings

NTWGS Online Meeting

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us>

Meeting ID: 862 445 2991

Passcode: pond2020

No June General Meeting

Zoom Room will be
Open Wednesday the 8th
From 7pm to 8pm
For
Pond Tour Questions

IT'S FINALLY HERE

NTWGS 30th

POND TOUR

JUNE 12 THRU 13

See page 5

For IMPORTANT details



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The North Texas Water Garden Society is a nonprofit organization with the following objectives:

To encourage a greater appreciation and interest in water gardens.

To disseminate information of interest and help to the members.

To stimulate the study and culture of aquatic plants, fish and ponds.

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Want to meet your fellow ponders and water gardeners? What better way to do this than meet with them at the pond clean-ups or garden shows!

Like to share plants? The clean-ups allow you to take home plants you've helped clean out at the Zoo, the Dallas Arboretum, Texas Discovery Gardens, and more!

Like to share your knowledge of ponding and gardening? What better way to do this than to go to our Garden Shows and represent the North Texas Water Garden Society. Meet people. Share your enthusiasm! Encourage new members!

It's good fun, and when you sign up, you get a t-shirt, a hat, or something for your effort besides the recognition and appreciation.

If parking is not free, it is reimbursed!

It's a Win-Win!!

Volunteer today! Make that commitment you've always been wanting to make, and reap the rewards of being a member of the North Texas Water Garden Society!

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Annual Membership dues are:

Single Membership	\$ 20.00
Family Membership	\$ 25.00
Commercial	\$120.00

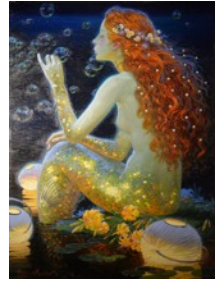
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Did you know?

You can now join or pay your dues on our website via PayPal!



WATER WORKS President's Pad



Greetings Pond Peeps,

I am so excited about our 30th Annual Pond Tour this year. 36 stunning water gardens to view at your leisure on this two day self-guided tour. There are 11 NEW ponds this year for your viewing pleasure and the rest, well, there is always something changing at each and every one of them. All are worth a 2nd or 30th look! We are excited to see you all in person this year for a walk about the water gardens!

Texas Discovery Garden is on the pond tour this year as in many years before but there is something new. Two big garden train displays were donated to TDG by our friend, Ron Natinsky. You might have visited his water garden in far North Dallas in year's past. Not only did he donate the trains, he is engineering them on Saturday and Sundays! Please stop by and say "all aboard"!

We will not have an OFFICIAL June meeting as it is only a few days from the Pond Tour however; we will be in the Zoom Room to answer any questions you might have about the Pond Tour. Where to pick up your free guide (if you are a paid member) or if you're are hosting and missed the May Orientation. We will meet from 7:30pm until 8pm or until questions regarding the tour are answered. We will open the room at 7pm for visiting.

We have a very special event taking place on Saturday, June 5 at Northaven Gardens from 10am to 1pm. It's Water Garden Saturday. NTWGS will be manning a booth outside in the shade near the annuals. We'll be presenting impromptu talks about water garden plants and how to build a patio "Tiny-Pond". This will also be an opportunity to pick up your Pond Tour Guide if you are a paid member. You will pick up from our booth NOT from Northaven Gardens stash that are for sale. (unless you just want to support the club and make a purchase). Northaven will have water plants available and be running several specials throughout the weekend. Additionally, Dallas Koi Kichi, will be having their annual Spring Koi Auction! This is a fabulous, fun opportunity to pick up a koi that is being re-homed by one of their members or one of the fine specimens donated to the club by some of their sponsor breeders! Check out the link below to register!

[Water Gardening Saturday Tickets, Sat, Jun 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Most of the activities around GardenWhymys involve daily "cleaning up" after the rain storms. This involves blowing the mulch back where it belongs AND the daily pulling of weeds and multiple seedlings. Let's all just send our energy for a clear and dry POND TOUR WEEKEND. And if we're really lucky a few days of dry weather prior to the tour. I got stuff to do! I'm sharing a few pics of blooms around the garden....I look forward to seeing you all on the pond tour—Pond #15 in McKinney!

Happy Touring!

Lisa

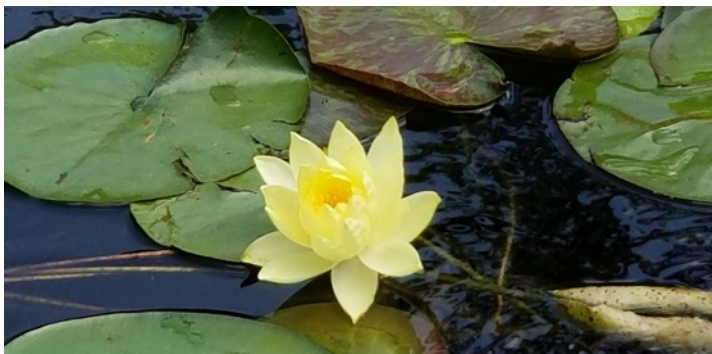


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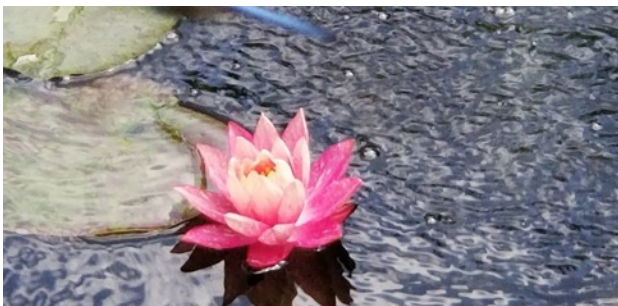
Blooms behind the waterfall



Carolyn Strawn



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Lily blooming season

**PHOTOS
BY
LISA HERRICK**



Hydrangea



If one spinner is good, two is better

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2021, 30th Anniversary Pond Tour Guide is NOW AVAILABLE

Members in good standing (dues up to date) get a free copy the Tour Guide, however you must make arrangements to pick your guide up at one of the following locations.

NOTICE: Our vendors that are selling this year's guides CANNOT give you a free copy, those locations are for sales ONLY.

Rebecca & Kyle Hardman,	Corinth	972.896.0801
Eddie & Nanci Utay,	Dallas	214.384.8992
Sue & Steve Koons,	Irving	972.541.0606
Kevin & Penny Fuess,	Trophy Club	817.680.8855
Lisa Herrick,	McKinney	972.741.0220
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North Haven Gardens	Dallas	Saturday, June 5th 10am-1pm ONLY

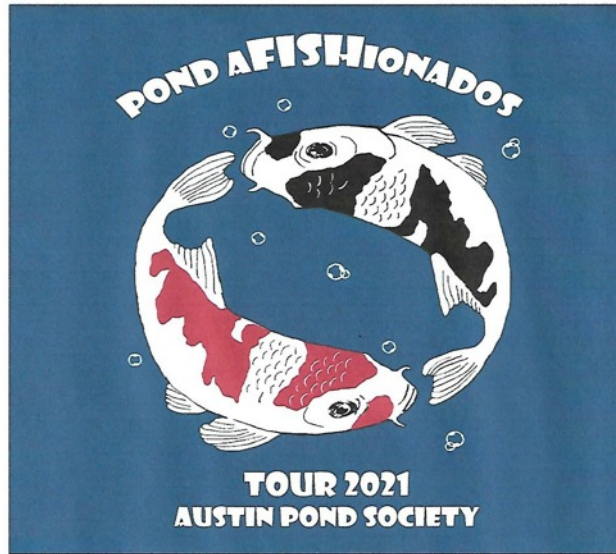
Penny's
Chocolate Calla Lily

Photo by
Kevin Fuess



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26th Austin Pond and Garden Tour

June 5th (South) & June 6th (North)

9am to 5pm

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K.O.I.™ News!

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Online "Pondside" Series July 10, Noon EDT

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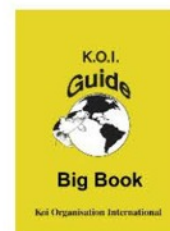


"Koi Pond-Water Conservation" Automated Water Reuse System Saves Water & Money

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More info on website:

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/new-renwal-perks-2021>



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Become a member – get the Guide!

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/koi-memberships>

Learn Show Water Quality Tons of Useful Information for taking care of your Koi!

Learn what you need to safely run a show and help your club!

5 Courses Required for Certification:

- 201 Water Quality
- 207 Diagnosis and Treatment
- 310 Transporting Koi
- 503 Show Water Quality and Koi Safety
- 403 INTERNSHIP

Monte McQuade will train Interns at the Atlanta Show – Oct 15-17

Plenty of time NOW to take the other courses and be ready for the Internship in October!

Find Out More:

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/koi-show-water-quality-specialist-full-details>



TIP OF THE MONTH

Koi Ages

Tosai: Up to 1 Year Old

Nisai: 2 Years Old

Sansai: 3 Years Old

Yonsai: 4 Years Old

Gosai: 5 Years Old

Rokusai: 6 Years Old

Nanasai: 7 Years Old

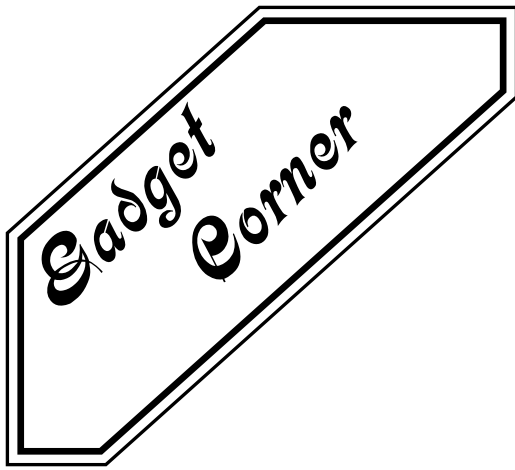
Hassai: 8 Years Old

Kyusai: 9 Years Old

Jussai: 10 Years Old



Tategoi: Koi that is expected to improve as it ages.



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QUICK TIP: Punch holes in the plastic instruction tabs that come with your plants and put on a binder ring!



Submitted by
Lisa Herrick

**Have something you would like to show us?
Send to editor @ntwgs.org**

Pond Questions?

Pond owners always have pond questions. You can get them answered at our monthly meetings or send an email to:

pondhelp@ntwgs.org

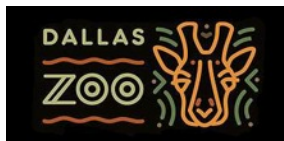


Pond Construction?

If you have questions about pond construction or filtration, it is best to come to a meeting and speak with a few of our members. There is more than one way to build a pond and our members have a wide variety of ponds with different types of filtration. We want to give you the information so you can make an informed choice about your project.

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When you volunteer with the NTWGS, there are opportunities galore! At the Texas Home and Garden Shows of Dallas and Fort Worth we are there to pass out information on our organization and encourage new members to join and to attend our annual pond tour. When you volunteer to help pond maintenance at the Dallas Zoo and Texas Discovery Gardens, you have an opportunity to beautify the ponds and show people what we as a team are capable of, in addition to getting little perks (like taking home excess water plants, viewing the exhibits and parking free - PLUS NTWGS will give an appreciation gift of either a T-Shirt or hat).



DID YOU KNOW? One of the benefits of having a membership at NTWGS is not only the support and knowledge of your fellow members; we have a large quarantine tank available for your use at no charge. You are responsible for aeration and filtration and a thorough cleaning prior to return. Just email us editor@ntwgs.org and let us know your needs, we are here to help and support.



T-Shirts will be available @ \$24.00 each with postage. You can order them from our web-site: www.ntwgs.org any time after Saturday, July 11, 2020



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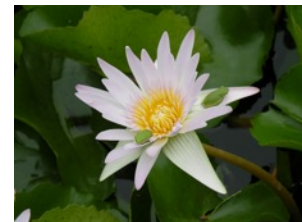
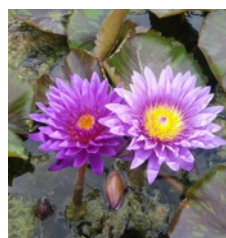
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You can:

- Submit an article for the newsletter
- Send us pictures
- Send a picture of favorite gadget for pond or whatever (with a short explanation)
- Have a program you would like to see - tell us about it
- Something you would like to present - GREAT!
- Participate in our Online Meetings

As things begin to creep back to normalcy

Home & Garden Show Booth
Dallas Zoo Project
Fair Park Discovery Garden

Tour of Ponds 30th Anniversary