Product News

Soil-less Planting

oe Villemarette of Patio Garden Ponds in Oklahoma \bigcup introduces a soil-less aquatic planting container: Polysoil[™]. Available in 3 sizes: 1 qt (5 x 5) used for submerged grasses, 1 gal (9x9)used for marginal plants, submerged grasses or small water lilies, and 3 gal (12x12) used for large marginal plants and water lilies.

Polysoil (Polymononylene) is a special woven material that readily attracts plant nutrients found in pond water and concentrates them at the root of the plants. Nutrients such as potassium, iron, calcium, magnesium, and ammonia are continually released to the developing root systems, thus stimulating luxuriant plant growth.

All aquatic plant containers are pre-fertilized.

- **Step 1:** Remove Green Stuff from basket, unroll, and lay out flat.
- 2. Put 2 inches of river stone (not provided) in bottom of basket to give the basket some weight and to prevent fi" and 5/8" outlet its moving around on the pond bottom.
- 3. Place plants on Green Stuff. Also place fertilizer tabs on left side. When rolled up, the aquatic tab will be in the center.
- **4.** Roll green stuff from left to right
- 5. Insert into basket
- 6. Set green stuff plant basket on bottom of pond.
- Suggested plants for the soil-less planting containers are: anacharis, cabomba, hornwort, foxtail, vallisneria, water celery, aquatic mint and parrot feather.

Planting your containers: To plant your 1gallon and 3-gallon containers, moisten the Polysoil with water. Stretch open in M the middle and carefully insert the root 🙀 portion of the plant into the Polysoil. Make sure that the crown of the plant (the

part of the plant that leaf growth begins) is positioned fi inch above the PolySoil. Carefully cover the Polysoil with gravel and slowly lower it into the pond. Fertilize at 508-658-4087 every two months using aquatic-tabs. The one-gallon container is used for small marginals such as iris and cannas, and the 3-gallon container for large marginals and water lilies. Call Patio Garden Ponds at 405-793-7661 for more information.



Tetra's New Line of Energy Efficient Pumps

etraPond introduces the new, energy efficient, magnetic driven Typhoon pump series. The pumps are rated just like typhoon storms as Category 1 (75 gph), Category 2 (250 gph), and Category 3 (500 gph). Category 1 pumps adjust flows from 30 gph to 75 gph and work perfectly for statuary, table fountains

and aquariums. They operate silently on 4 watts. The Category 2 statuary pump has a wearresistant ceramic shaft, is equipped with an expandable prefilter, flow adjuster, standard fittings, and oper-



ates at less than 20 watts. Category 3 operates at less than 40 watts. Call TetraPond at 800-526-0650 for more information on these new energy-efficient pumps or see your local retailer.

A Glove Affair

f you've been concerned with reports of bacterial infections acquired from aquatic environments, whether from your pond or from your aquarium, the logical solution is arm-length rubber gloves.

Laurent Enterprises offers arm-length PVC gloves with elasticized tops and a comfortable cotton lining that make working in your pond easy, comfortable, and carefree. The best feature of these gloves may be their bright

yellow color — you can't misplace them! Contact them

Magic Misters!

 \wedge / e've had so many calls about where to find those V incredible little misters used to create atmosphere in tabletop and small ponds. Dickson Bros. at 204 N. Galloway in Mesquite, TX 75149 carries the Magic Mister[™]. Measuring only 3" x 4" x 4", they transform the indoor pond, tabletop fountain or water statuary into mysterious mini-landscapes. The misters come with a transformer and splash guard, automatic low water cut-off switch, UL approved components and a one-year warranty. Call Dickson Brothers at 972-288-7537 for more information.

Clubs Share the Enthusiasm!

For free listing, send your club or organization information to Dorothy Searles at Pond & Garden, 1670 S 900 E, Zionsville, IN 46077 or fax to 317-769-3149 in the U.S. Information must be received two months in advance.

SOCIETIES

International Water Lily Society is a nonprofit organization, founded in September of 1984. The IWLS invites participation of individuals and businesses interested in promoting the general interests of the water gardening industry. Members receive a comprehensive quarterly journal. The IWLS sponsors a research grant program, an annual convention alternating between North America and Europe, and a certification program for registering new water lily cultivars. This summer's annual symposium will be held in Baltimore, Maryland. For more information visit their Web Page, http://www.h2olily.com or call Charles Covington at 770-977-3564. (Fax: 770-977-9959)

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Delta: Water Garden Club of British Columbia meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month except June, July, August, and December at the East Delta Hall on the corner of No. 10 Highway and 104th Street in Delta, B.C. Call Ray Arnett at 604-946-9934 for information on their newsletter, The Ripple. Write Matt Yole at 5193 Massey Drive, Delta, BC V4K 1B6 for information on membership and coming events.

Fraser Valley: Fraser Valley Koi and Water Garden Association meets at 2 p.m. in members' homes on the first Sunday of the month except in June, July, and August, when meetings are held at 7 p.m. Annual membership is \$25 for individuals and \$45 for commercial. Call Merv at 604-462-9925 or Bill at 604-820-8164 for more information.

Prince George: Prince George Koi and Water Garden Club meets on the first Sunday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at members' homes. Annual membership is \$25.00 per family. Contact President John Dixon at 250-962-8944 or Secretary Melba King at 250 562-3053 for more information.

ONTARIO

London: Forest City Pond Club meets the third Sunday of each month. They offer monthly newsletters, speakers, films, slides, and comradery. Contact President Lorraine Gregson at 519-649-5019 for more information

Smithville: Golden Horseshoe Koi and Pond Club holds meetings the first Sunday of every month unless the Sunday is a holiday weekend, in which case the meeting moves to the next Sunday. Annual member ship is \$15.00. Call George Daskaluk at 905-957-0967 for membership and meeting location information. E-mail him at lily.pad@ sympatico.ca or write to 70 Northridge Drive, Smithville, Ontario, Canada LOR 2A0

Willowdale: Willowdale Aquarium Society, 190 Horsham Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 2A5 promotes the fish hobby with meetings the third Tuesday of each month, except July & August, at Churchill Public School, 188 Churchill Avenue, room

102, in Willowdale, Ontario. Membership includes a monthly newsletter, The Fish *Finatic,* for a fee of \$15 per year. Contact Mart E. Vompa at 416-224-2100 or Margus Soolepp at 416-495-0068 for more information.

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ARIZONA

Scottsdale: Greater Phoenix Pond Society, 10821 E. Mission Lane, Scottsdale AZ 85259, meets monthly, except June, on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium on Civic Center Blvd. in Scottsdale. Dues are \$25 per year per family and include the monthly newsletter, *Pond Happenings.* There is a \$2 per head meeting fee to cover custodial services. Contact John Riley at 602-451-1884 for more information.

CALIFORNIA

Del Mar: Del Mar Koi & Water Gardens 1101-C Camino del Mar, Del Mar, CA 92014. 619-259-0780. A, D, H,I,J,K,V,W,Z.

Fresno: Central California Koi Society, 7764 N. Meridian, Fresno, CA 93720 meets the first Tuesday of the month at various members' homes. Contact Bob Johnson at 209-322-8509 for further information.

Millville: Shasta Koi & Water Garden Club, PO Box 69, Millville, CA 96062 meets on the third Saturday of each month at various members' houses. A pond tour is scheduled for the second Saturday in June. Dues are \$15.00 per year. Contact Dee Butler at 530-547-4613 for more information.

Sacramento: Camellia Koi Club of Sacramento meets the last Sunday of each month, usually in members' homes. They have a pond tour, an annual auction, BBQ, and a Christmas party. Dues are \$37 per year and include a subscription to Koi USA and their monthly publication, Koi Ahoy. Contact Georgia Vonk at 916-991-6748 for more information

COLORADO

Denver: Colorado Water Garden Society meets the second Sunday in April, June, July August and September with the May meeting occurring on the third Sunday of the month. December meeting is held the first Saturday of the month. Appointments can be made to visit member ponds. For membership information contact Nancy Jewett at 303-671-7964

Elbert: Pikes Peak Water Garden Society, in its eighth year with over 200 members, holds regular meetings on the second Thursday of the month from April through September in Elbert, CO. Meetings are held at the Satellite Hotel, 411 Lakewood Circle, in the Wagner Room. (From Academy Blvd., exit west onto Airport Road, take the first left (south) onto Lakewood Circle.) Dues are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families, and include the newsletter, A Peak at Ponds, published 7 times a year. Contact Betty Bissonnette at 719-597-1504 for more infor-

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Delaware City: Diamond State Aquarium Society, P.O. Box 545, Delaware City, DE 19706- 545, is dedicated to the education and advancement of the tropical, marine, and

aquatic hobby. Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of every month at the William Penn High School on Basin Road in New Castle, Delaware, about 2 miles south of I-95 at 7:30 p.m. Membership fees are Junior - \$9, Senior' - \$12, Family - \$15, and Corresponding - \$10, and include the monthly newsletter Gravel Gossip. Call Bob Berdoulay at 610-268-2333 for more information.

FLORIDA

North Port: Florida West Coast Koi & Water Garden Club, P.O. Box 7554, North Port, FL 34287. Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Dues are \$20 per year for families, \$15 for individuals and include the monthly newsletter, Pond Droppings. Coming events: Sunday, May 3 pitch-in lunch and pond-oriented swap shop at Myakka State Park; Sunday,m June 7 — to be confirmed, lotus program at large, natural pond in Venice; July 12 — rocks and gravel at Total Landscape Supply in Sarasota. Call Karen at 941-924-3775 for information.

Orlando: Central Florida Koi Club meets the second Saturday of each month at members' homes. A monthly newsletter is included in the nominal yearly dues. Write Richard and Candy Chesler, 6140 Crystal View Drive, Orlando, FL 32819, or phone 407-363-6773 for more information

IOWA

Dysart area: The Mississippi Valley Water Garden Society invites charter members in its first summer of organization. Underway are monthly meetings, planned discussions, sharing experiences, water garden tours, field trips, pond construction, planting a pond, koi keeping, and making new friendships. For more information in lowa, call Bob Tuftee at 319-332-4800 or in Illinois, call Dave Fletcher at 309-786-0127.

Vinton: Eastern Iowa Pond Society meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, May thru September, and the third Saturday in October, November, February, March, and April in various members' homes. Dues are \$10 per family per vear. Contact Dorothy Helms, 2185 59th St., Vinton, IA 52349; 319-472-3158 for more information

ILLINOIS

Brookfield: Midwest Pond and Koi Society holds free meetings on the third Friday of the month except November and December, at 6:30 p.m. at Brunetti's Italian Restaurant in Brookfield, IL. Call voice mail at 312-409-2081 for meeting topics and to make reservations. The \$25 family membership includes a bi-monthly newsletter.

Macomb: Western Illinois Water Garden

Society meets at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month from March through October. June through October meetings are held at a member's water garden. Dues are \$10 per family per year. Contact Stan & Terri Hamm, 830 W. Piper, Macomb, IL 61455, or call 309-837-5175 for information.

INDIANA

Evansville: Ohio Valley Water Garden Society meets February through October at p.m. at the Newburgh, Indiana, Public Library on the fourth Wednesday of the month. In July they have a tour in place of

the meeting. Contact president Linda Corey at 1825 Hawthorne Drive, Evansville, IN 47714, or call 812-477-7728 for more information.

Mishawaka: Michiana Pond Society is a unique group of pond enthusiasts in northcentral Indiana who meet the third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. for tours of members gardens. Dues are \$10 per year which include a monthly newsletter, *The Water Gardeners* Gazette. Contact Sandy Cady at 1319 Bridgeton Dr., Mishawaka, IN 46544, or call 219-255-7032 for more information.

Pendleton: Indiana Koi Club combines the interests of water gardeners and koi enthusiasts in meetings on the third Tuesday evening of each month at the Pendleton Public Library at 210 E. Water Street. A pond tour of the central Indiana area is planned for July. Call Carol Grace at 765-649-8407 for more information about the club and their tour

Terre Haute: Wabash Valley Water

Garden Society meets the first Wednesday of the month, with the exception of June, July and August, at the Vigo County Public Library, 1 Library Square in Terre Haute, Indiana, from 7-9 p.m. June, July and August meetings are spent touring members' gardens. The club has established its own store for members and has a portable pond built on a trailer to set up at events. Contact Priscilla Winn at 1901 South Eighth Street Terre Haute, IN 47802-2325 or 812-235-4294 for more information.

KANSAS

Wichita: Water Garden Society of

Kansas meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Botanica, the Wichita Botanic Garden, in Wichita, Kansas. Dues are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. For information on meetings and events contact Phil Schroeder at 316-788-2316.

KENTUCKY

Owensboro: River City Pond Society in Owensboro, Kentucky, meets the first Tuesday of the month. Formed in October of 1997, the club welcomes new members. Call President Steve Rusher at 502-926-0170 for more information.

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge: Capital Area Pond & Water Gardening Society, P.O. Box 66242, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, meets the 4th Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. at various locations. The Club installed a butterfly and hummingbird garden including a pool as part of a community project called "Metamorphosis" with a local elementary school. Call Danna Spayde at 504-923-8000 ext. 242 for further information.

MARYLAND

Wheaton: Potomac Valley Watergardeners alternate monthly meetings on both sides of the Potomac, offering club association to Maryland, Virginia, and the Washington, D.C. area. Contact John Gordon at 301-924-8459 or Phil Metcalf at 703-534-7112 or e-mail watergardeners@juno.com for more information.

MICHIGAN

Detroit: Downriver Koi and Water Gardening Society in Detroit, Michigan, holds meetings on the first Monday of months June through October at members' homes and at a school during November through May at 7:00 p.m. Annual dues are \$20.00. Call Danny Wall at 313-388-0171 for more information.

Lansing: Capital Area Koi & Water Gardening Club meets monthly from January through October at Richter's Gardens in Lansing, Michigan. The July and August meetings will be at a member's home for the featured Pond of the Month. Club dues are \$25 per year, which includes a sub-scription to *Koi USA* and the club's own bimonthly newsletter, "Pondering." For more information call Joette, 517-321-1836.

MINNESOTA

Association of Pond Enthusiasts (M.A.P.E.) was formed in August of 1997 in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area to increase the enjoyment and enthusiasm for northern water gardening through promotion, education, and shared experiences. Membership dues are \$20.00 per household with the membership year being from August first to July 31s. Included in membership is the Water Log newsletter, published 10 times per year, member meetings, guest speakeres, tour of ponds, and occasional plant and fish sales. Their first annual pond tour will be held in August. For more information about the pond tour and/or joining the group, call Chris Cunov at 612-426-7304 or write her at 6 Pine Valley Drive, Dellwood, MN 55110.

MISSOURI

Kansas City: Water Garden Society of **Greater Kansas City** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Wornall Road Baptist Church, 400 W. Meyer Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri. Their new phone number is 913-599-9718. Annual dues are \$12.00 single and \$18.00 double. A monthly newsletter, Reflections, is included.

Marshal: Saline County Water Garden Club meets the third Thursday of each month. Dues, which include monthly newsletter, are ten dollars per person. Their pond tour is scheduled for June 28th. Contact Sandy Hufford at 660-837-3226 for more information.

Springfield: The Springfield Water

Garden Society meets in Springfield, Missouri, on the second Thursday of each month. During April through October, meetings are held at a member's home. The winter meetings are held at a local church. Dues are \$12.00 annually per family. A monthly newsletter is included. Active in the community, the club donated a 2,000 gallon pond and bog garden for the Japanese Garden located at Nathanial Greene Park in Springfield. Call President Linda Siler at O'Quinn's Orchids & Nurserv for more information: 417-883-2399.

NEW YORK

Churchville: Genesee Valley Pond and Koi Club, 25 Knollwood Dr., Churchville, NY 14428 meets the first Friday of every month at the Rochester Civic Garden Center in Highland Park. Annual membership is \$18 family & \$12 Individual and includes a monthly newsletter, pond tour, and lots of fun. For information contact Larry Nau at 716-293-1639.

Pond Club meets the second Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW Post on Elgin in the city of Tonawanda, New York, Annual

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa: Green Country Water Garden Society in Tulsa, Oklahoma, meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Tulsa Garden Center at 2435 S. Peoria Avenue at 7

Minneapolis/St. Paul: The Minnesota

Tonawanda: Niagara Frontier Koi & family membership is \$18.00, individual \$12.00, and includes a monthly newsletter. For more information, call Jim Jacobs at 716-626-4318 or Tom Tower at 716-694-6635.

p.m. Dues are \$18.00 single, \$20 family. The club holds a public pond tour in June and has adopted the water garden at the Tulsa Zoo. They also offer assistance to schools and churches wishing to develop a pond. Call president Joe Van Hook at 918-341-9341 or Vice-president Pam Ingle at 918-825-4573 for more information.

Oklahoma City: Water Garden Society of Oklahoma meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Will Rogers Exhibition Center in Oklahoma City. Its 237 household memberships represent 430 persons who welcome newcomers to share ideas and knowledge. Membership is \$20.00 per household per annum. The 12th Annual Water Garden Tour will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Tour Contact president Carolyn Collins at 7224 Skylark Court, Oklahoma City, OK 73162 or fax to 405-721-0379 for more information. E-mail address is jcollins@telepath.com

OREGON

Milwaukie: Pacific Wonderland Koi Club 4900 S.E. Thiessen Rd., Milwaukie, Oregon 97267 meets in members homes to enjoy their ponds, water gardens & koi. Dues are \$20 per year for a family membership and include a newsletter on koi health, pond & filter construction, water gardening and related articles. Call Jim or Kathy Ferriss at 503-653-0819 for more information.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia: Delaware Valley Water Garden Society draws members from the greater Philadelphia area including South Jersey. Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month. Special events are held at other times including a July pond tour, educational seminars, and social gatherings. Dues are \$20 annually, \$30 for commercial members, and include frequent newsletters and most events. Annual member pond tour is scheduled for July 12th. Contact Cindy or Fred Weiss for more information at 610-667-7545 or fax 610-667-0664.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Easley: South Carolina Water Garden Society, 754 Pistol Club Road, Easley, South Carolina 29640 meets in members' homes five times a year. Dues are \$5.00 active members or \$8.000 family/couple active members. For information on membership call Cherie McKinney at 864-246-3161. For program information call Donald McKinney at above number or fax 864-246-3010.

TEXAS

Amarillo: Ogallala Water Gardeners, a water gardening and koi club that serves the Panhandle of Texas, was named after the aquifer in their area. They meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Drive in Amarillo, TX 79106. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals and \$25 for families. Their first Annual Pond Tour will be held in Amarillo on Saturday, July 18th. For more information, contact Carl Holtman at choltman@tcac.com or 806-379-9713.

Austin: Austin Pond Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Zilker Botanical Garden Center, 2220 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas. Call the hotline, 512-896-6377, 24 hours a day for updates on meetings and events. A guarterly newsletter, Ripples, is included with membership. Internet address is http://www.ccsi.com/sgray/austin.pond.society/apshome.html.

Dallas: North Texas Water Garden Society, PO Box 9127, Dallas, TX 75209-9127

meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at 9815 Adlora in Dallas, Texas. Dues are \$15.00 for individuals, \$24.00 for families. More information and membership application are available at their web site: http://www.cirr.com/-ntwgs

Dallas/Ft. Worth: Koi and Water Garden Club of North Texas meets the second Saturday of each month. Dures are \$24.00 a year for a family membership. A monthly newsletter is included. For an application, location of their next meeting, or any additional information, contact Theresa Burdetter at 972-758-0024 or Jeanne Willingham via email: jeawill@aol.com

El Paso: Southwest Koi and Pond

Association in El Paso, Texas, meets the second Sunday of each month at members' homes at 2:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$20.00. Contact Gary Talbot at 915-821-6050 for more information. Gary's e-mail address is Gtalbot @sprintmail.com.

Houston: Lone Star ZNA Koi Club in

Houston, Texas, is a non-profit organization of 50+ members dedicated to koi knowledge and friendship. Dues are \$20 for individual and \$25 for family. A monthly newsletter is included with the dues. Monthly meetings are usually held the third Sunday of each month. For a trial issue or membership information, contact Dan Robinson, 16126 Lafone Drive, Spring, TX 77379; 281-376-9668 evenings only, please.

San Antonio: Texas Koi & Fancy

Goldfish Society. Yearly dues are \$20.00 for individuals and \$30.00 for families and includes the newsletter, Pondering. For more information on joining this San Antonio area society, call Josh Deaton at 512-376-2608, or write the society at Rt. 3, Box 25, Lockhart, TX 78644

VIRGINIA

Woodbridge: Mid-Atlantic Koi Club is one of the largest of its kind in the hemisphere. A non-profit, volunteer organization of some 1000 families, they hold monthly meetings in members' homes and offer an informative and beautiful monthly magazine. Write them in care of Anita Walker, 11794 Target Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192, for more information.

WASHINGTON

Spokane: Inland Empire Water Garden & Koi Society meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Dues are \$15 for families and include a monthly newsletter. The club is planning its first public tour of ponds in the Spokane area on July 26th. Contact Helen Dionne at 509-489-7668 for meeting locations and Joleen Dike at 509-924-8398 for tour details

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee: Southeastern Wisconsin Water Gardening Club meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. at members' homes. Business meetings are held at the Hales Corners Public Library on Tuesdays before the Saturday meetings at 7 p.m. Call Karen after 7 p.m. and on weekends at 414-422-1141 for more information.

NEW CLUBS FORMING!

Form a pond club! Let us know who is the area contact for your new club, and we'll help promote it! Call 888-467-6489 for free pond club packet that includes a sample constitution

SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

Contact Stephen Kling at Terra Linda Nursery, 636 Freitas Parkway, San Rafael, CA 94903-3106. Phone: 415-472-1730 or Fax: 415-472-1747.

SALISBURY, CONNECTICUT Contact John Hurebont at Salisbury Garden

Center, 167 Canaan Rd, Salisbury, ČT 06068.

SPENCER, NEW YORK Call Tim & Donna at 607-589-7231.

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA -CAPE FEAR AREA

This new group already has a community project underway! Call Wink at 256-6625 if you're interested in joining the new Cape Fear Water Garden Club.

WACO, TEXAS

Call Rhonda Barron at 254-776-4280 or E-mail her at PONDS4REAL@aol.com if you'd like to join the new Waco Pond Society.

POND VISITATIONS

Plan your vacation to include pond visitations and pond inspirations! To participate in the Share-a-Pond network, please schedule your visit in advance with the club's contact person. A donation of five dollars to the club's treasury helps with club projects. And please advise if children will be present!

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Capital Area Pond and Water Gardening Society.. Contact person: Julie Newman at 12604 Country Ridge Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Home: 504-753-6767; work: 503-334-0861; fax: 504-336-0136.

Dysart, Iowa: Eastern Iowa Pond Society. Contact Mike Tompkins at 319-476-2257 for scheduling visits.

Kansas City, Missouri: Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City.. Call Karen Fiske 913- 782-6378.

Spokane, Washington: Inland Empire Water Garden & Koi Society. Contact Helen Dionne at 509-489-7668 or John Seifert at 509-924-7672 to schedule visits.

Springfield, Missouri: The Springfield Water Garden Society. Call President Linda Siler at O'Quinn's Orchids & Nursery to schedule visits: 417-883-2399.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Green Country Water Garden Society. Contact Diana Askins at 918-592-1455 to schedule visits.

ANNUAL TOURS AND EVENTS

Surrey, British Columbia: Art Knapp Plantland Nursery and Garden Center at 4391 King George Hwy., Surrey, British Columbia, will hold their annual Watergarden Expo and Auction Sale on Satureday and Sunday, June 13 and 14. Booths, demonstrations and displays abound. Proceeds from the auction go to The JR FM Basics for Babies Fund.

California - Millville: Pond tour the second Saturday in June. Call Dee Butler at 530-547-4613 for more information.

California - Sacramento: Camellia Koi Club; call Georgia Vonk at 916-991-6748 for date and information.

Colorado - Elbert: Pikes Peak Water Garden Society, call Betty Bissonnette at 719-597-1504 for date and information.

Colorado - Denver: Colorado Water Garden Society, members only tour, call Nancy Jewett at 303-671-7964 for date and information

Iowa - Dysart: The Mississippi Valley Water Garden Society, call Bob Tuffee in Iowa at 3319- 332-4800 or Dave Fletcher in Illinois at 309-786-0127 for date and information.

Illinois - Chicago: Midwest Pond and Koi Society holds a two-day pond tour event. Call 312- 409-2081 for recorded information.

Indiana - Mishawaka,: Monthly pond tours for members only; call Sandy Cady at 219-255-7032 for dates and information.

Indiana - Evansville,: Ohio Valley Water Garden Society holds their tour in July. Call Linda Corey at 812-477-7728 for date and information

Indiana - Terre Haute,: Wabash Valley Water Garden Society holds monthly members only tours. Call Priscilla Winn at 812-235-4294 for dates and information.

Kansas - Wichita: For information of their annual public garden tour to be held June 13 and 14, call Phil Schroeder at 316-788-2316.

Minnesota - Minneapolis/St. Paul: Call Chris Cunov at 612-426-7304 for more information of their first annual pond tour to be held August 1 and 2.

Missouri - Marshall: Pond tour scheduled for June 28th. Contact Sandy Hufford at 660-837- 3226 for more information.

Missouri - Springfield: Call Linda Siler of The Springfield Water Garden Society at 417-883- 2399 for date and information of their annual pond tour.

New York - Churchville: Genesee Valley Pond and Koi Club, call Larry Nau at 716-293-1639 for date and information.

Oklahoma - Tulsa: Green Country Water Garden Society annual tour — call Joe Van Hook at 918-341-9341 for date and information

Oklahoma - Oklahoma City: Water Garden Society of Oklahoma 12th Annual Water Garden Tour on July 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Contact Carolyn Collins by fax to 405-721-0379 for more information.

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia: members only tour of Delaware Valley Water Garden Society in July. Contact Cindy or Fred Weiss at 610-667-0664 for more information.

Texas - Austin: Call their hotline at 512-896-6377 for dates and info on their annual pond tour.

Texas - Dallas: NTWGS will hold their annual pond tour on Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26 from 8 a.m to 4 p.m. both days. An evening tour may be scheduled from 8 to midnight on Saturday only. Write to the club at PO Box 9127, Dallas, TX 75209-9127 or check their web site at http://www.ccsi.com/~sgray/austin.pond.society/apshome.html for more information.

Texas - Amarillo: Ogallala Water Gardeners will hold thier first annual pond tour on Saturday, July 18. Contact Carl Holtman at 806-379-9713 for more information.

Washington - Spokane: Public tour on July 26th. Contact Joleen Dike at 509-924-8398 for more information.



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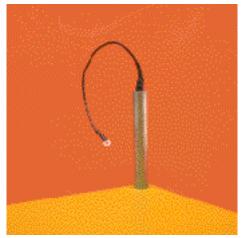
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Aquatic Plant News by Rich Sacher

'Jongkolnee' Doubly Exotic Tropical Water Lily twisting corn kernels from a corn possible to inject pollen from other

ongkolnee' is a native water lily from Thailand that has been in cultivation for over 100 years. It is uncertain how widely it is distributed in Thailand, but it is becoming more rare as its habitats are drained for farming and other commercial uses.

The flowers of this exotic water lily are light pink to purple-pink in color. The flower is sterile and contains over 100 petals. So double is the flower bud that it opens before it has fully developed color. After the flower petals have fully expanded, the flower cannot close! It is obviously a day bloomer, but after the second or third day's opening, the flower stays open, day and night for another five days...yielding a flower that is both a day and a night bloomer with blossoms lasting for seven days! Some people have compared the flower to a large, double carnation. However, the flower also has 7 to 9 green sepals striped with white which give a star-like background to the otherwise rounded flower. The leaves are plain green above and suffused with purple below. Not particularly large, the

leaves have long petioles which suggest the plant can tolerate deeper water than most tropicals prefer. However, we have grown it successfully with as little as 8 inches of water over the surface of the pot

Since the flowers are sterile, the plant reproduces by making a main tuber with visible side tubers the size of nickels and dimes. In addition, there are many tiny, subcutaneous occult tubers hidden among the leaf scars of the main tuber! There may be 20-30 of these small, peasized tubers which are not easily visible to the naked eye. However, if the tuber is rubbed or twisted in your hands, these small tubers 'pop out' from beneath the leaf scars. (It is a little like

cob!) These tiny tubers can be stored in water at room temperature for sowing at the appropriate time. They are treated like large seeds and planted just beneath the surface of the soil. They germinate slowly after water temperature has reached a consistent 75 degrees. Once the young plant is well rooted, it grows easily and often produces its first blooms in a six-inch pot. Given enough room and fertilizer, the plant can achieve a spread of 6-8 feet in diameter.

Occasionally an older flower will sprout roots from its base and green and white leaves from among the flower petals. I have tried to propagate from these 'viviparous' flowers, but have not been successful so far. It would seem, however, that this is another method for the plant to reproduce itself and thus compensate for the fact that the flowers cannot set seed.

Although there are no stamens or pollen visible in Jongkolnee's flowers and no stigmatic base can be seen in the center of the bloom, it would be interesting to discover if the flowers nonetheless still have potentially functioning ovaries. If so, it may be

tropical varieties and thus create a series of new, double or semi-double tropical water lilies.



(above) Spent flowers with roots and leaves growing from it. (below) Leaves are abundant, 8-10 inches in size.

American Aquatic Gardens is releasing 'Jongkolnee' to the American market this summer, although the initial supply of plants is extremely limited this first year. Since American Aquatic Gardens does not ship mail-order plants, you must travel to New Orleans to purchase the incredible 'Jongkolnee.' American Aquatic Gardens is located at 621 Elysian Fields Avenue. You can reach them by phone at 504-944-0410.







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ur home is located in a rural area of Zone 5. We hand-dug our pond on Mother's Day of 1995 on the south end of our yard where the sun shines all day. We had originally planned a much smaller version but ended up with a pond 10 feet wide, 15 feet long, and 2 1/2 feet deep. We added a 1' x 1' shelf around the bottom for added stability and for various potted plants. The liner is rubberized roofing that is the thickness of a car tire's inner tube. The pond holds approximately 2100 gallons.

We built the waterfall with old clay field tiles to form a 32" square basin with concrete on top. Stacked limestone cemented together, 2 feet high and 3 1/2 feet in length, creates the course way for the water's return to the pond via a 1200 GPH submersible pump that runs the water to the fall and a fountain via a one-inch PVC pipe.

The pond's biofilter is homemade. We started with a plastic storage container, 18" x18" x24" that has a lid. We mounted a one inch plastic tube fitting on the side of the container. We used sealant around the fitting to prevent leakage. We then cut 2 inch slits around the container one inch from the top. The pump was mounted inside the container. We cut two inch PVC pipe into 18 inch lengths and put them in two layers around the pump. We placed washed lava rock on top of the pump and PVC pipe and put the lid on the container. We added

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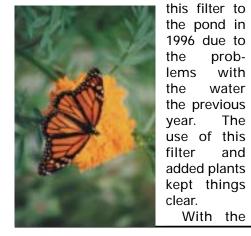
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help of a 'fish friendly' fertilizer, a variety of plants flourished this past year. Among them were water lilies, hyacinth, lotus, papyrus, bog lily, pennywort, cattail, Japanese iris, pickerel and many submerged plants. The floating plants did much better this past year and multiplied at an amazing rate. We had to thin them out several times to keep them from taking over the pond.

A number of fish share the water with the plants. We have eleven koi and goldfish that are substantial in size, some up to a foot in length. This past summer we had approximately 75 new fish hatch. We are working on thinning out the smaller ones.

We enjoy a lot of wildlife in and around the pond. In the summer it serves as a breeding ground to the frogs and

toads. The flowers around the pond attract birds, butterflies and dragon flies. These plants include purple cone flower, moonbeam coreopsis, cannas, daylilies, gomphrena (for drying!), ornamental grasses, daisies, yucca, geraniums, hosta, ferns, impatiens, gay feather, blackeyed Susan, iris, mums, sun flowers, marigolds, snapdragons, clematis, trumpet vines, roses, salvia, lilac, and other bushes, trees and plants.

Along with all the flowers, we also have statues, benches, and other items that we have picked up at auctions or that have been given to us. Antique tricycles and watering cans make great props in a flower garden! We also have a container pond made from an old, lined whisky barrel with an old hand pump flowing water into the barrel by a recirculating pump.

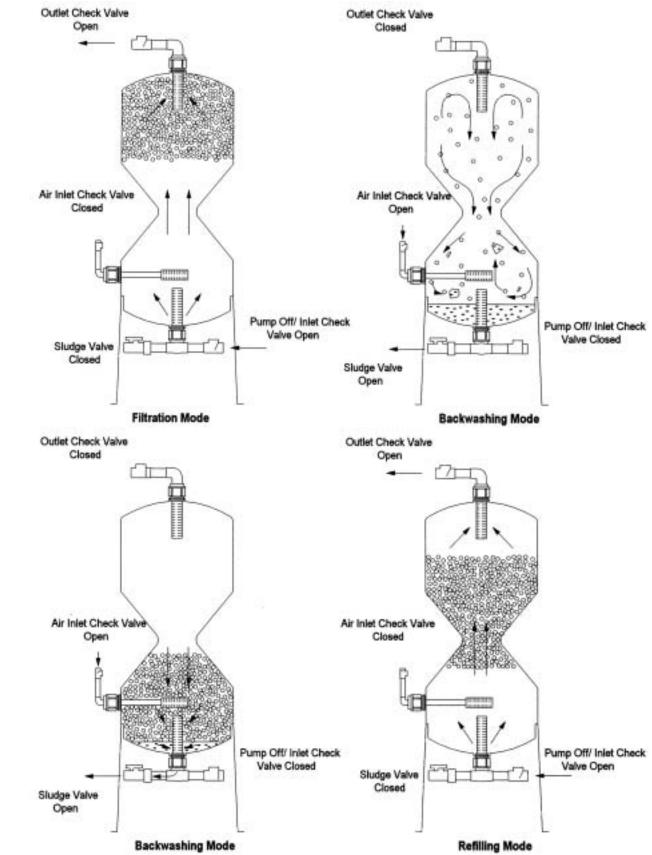


This is home to a miniature water lily and a few small fish.

I think a lot of the reason I wanted to put in a pond is my memories of my grandparents' water, flower, and vegetable gardens. My grandfather had to drain the pond every fall and move the fish to a livestock water tank. Then in the spring, he would repair the cracks in the cement pond and move the fish back in. Now my grandmother enjoys visiting our pond and giving us suggestions.







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