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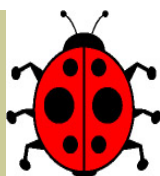
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NOTEWORTHY:

Our October meeting includes voting for our 2013 slate of Officers and Board Members. Our final meeting for this season is an opportunity for a fantastic program; delicious food; and, to meet your 2013 Officers and Board, as well as new members.



Ponders Calendar

General Meeting

Thursday, October 25th, 7:30 PM at the
Junior League of Tucson 2099 E. River
Road

**Program: "The Basics
of Dragonflies"**
by Rich Bailowitz



See page 2 for a bit more about Rich.

Refreshments: *It's a tradition now....Dennis and Mary McMacken help us celebrate the end of our season with a buffet of tasty homemade treats! Thank you so much!*

Packets of wildflower seeds for members attending our last meeting of the season!

Board Meetings Date/Location

**Important!
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The Joint
2012/2013
Board is sched-
uled to meet on
Thursday,
November 8th,
7:00 PM
at the Junior
League of
Tucson
Board Room

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2013 Officer & Board of Directors Candidate Slate For Voting

In accordance with the club's by-laws, the following is the published 2013 slate to be voted on by the general membership at our October 27th public meeting:

President: JoAn Stolley (*second/final year*)

Vice President: Pam Glenn (*second/final year*)

Secretary: Ray March (*first year*)

Treasurer: Bill Hudson (*second /final year*)

Three Directors for a two-year term of October 2012 through October 2014: Toni Moore, Bob Publicover, and, Wayne Tomczyk.

Notes:

1. Paul Roberts, President from 2009-2011, remains in the Board's Immediate Past President position.
2. At the October General Meeting, nominations may also be made from the floor, providing the nominee has agreed to run prior to being nominated.
3. The following three Directors are currently serving a two-year term, beginning October 2011 through October 2013: Jane Canada, Barbara Phillips, and, Mary McMacken. *These positions are not up for voting.*
4. The three Directors on the ballot replace the following outgoing Directors with terms expiring the end of 2012: Ray March, Tony Shrader, and Steve Walkosak.

About Our Speaker.

Rich Bailowitz was born and raised in New York City. Interested in natural history since before the age of 10. Studied butterflies from childhood—well into adulthood. Went to graduate school in Entomology here at the University of Arizona and received an M.S. in 1985. Have written numerous articles for a variety of journals and popular readings on both butterflies and dragonflies. Primary author of Butterflies of Southeastern Arizona, 70 Common Butterflies of the Southwest, and Finding Butterflies in Arizona. Currently working on A Field Guide to the Dragonflies and Damselflies of Arizona and Sonora to be published by Drylands Institute. Married to Elaine Greenapple and with two adult children, Zach and Verana.

President's Roll Call of Thank You's!

From my perspective, we've had a terrific ponding year! Our membership brings enthusiasm and knowledge whenever we share time together! We have also welcomed many **new members!** We end our year with 146 members!

To our **Officers, Board & Committees** who put their energy into planning and organizing our 2012 events—as well as answering the mail on a variety of incoming questions—many via our web site; to **Lorraine Barker** for volunteering to welcome newcomers;

To everyone who contributed aquatic plants—and, to our plant wranglers, who made this year's sale *the best* in the club's history—especially to our water lily "Moms" - **Casey Case** and **Jane Canada**; and to our marginal plant "Mom", **Pam Glenn**;

To **Steve Walkosak** and X-Stream Ponds for donating his design and labor to build the Forever Wild Animal Rehabilitation Center Grant pond; and, to **Ken Canada** for the electrical work;

To those who make the club successful with their behind-the-scenes efforts: our self-titled "**E-mail Slave**" - we all know who you are!; to **HL Swain** for her continued support of our web site; to **Smokie Steffe** for maintaining and updating our membership files; to **Jane & Ken Canada** for storing all our club "stuff"; to all those who brought wonderful refreshments to our meetings and to **Dennis & Mary McMacken** for making it happen; to our Potluck Host & Hostess, **Casey Case & Smokie Steffe**;

To the **eight garden owners** who opened their property to the public for our September 8-9 "*Watergardening Possibilities*" Tour, and the club volunteers who helped. **Thank you!**

FALL POND TASKS

Get decaying leaves and debris out of the pond, as their decomposition can upset the ecological balance.

Keep skimmer baskets and filters clean.
Remove excess bottom sludge if over 1".

This is a good time for adding cold water beneficial bacteria. A 10% pond water change for the winter is also recommended.

Brown and dying aquatic plant foliage should be removed as plants are going dormant.

Stop fertilizing plants when the water temperature drops below 70°.

Prune yellow water lily pads within several inches of the crown, and drop tropical lilies into the deepest part of the pond.

For your sensitive tropical plants, transfer them to a warmer place or even indoors.

When water temperature drops below 60°, switch fish to lower protein food; below 50°, stop feeding.



Watergardening Classifieds

Need to Disestablish Pond. \$2,000 OBO for *total* pond, including pump/filter set-up (size of a swimming pool pump/filter), 20 koi & a large albino catfish. Pond is in Kino Parkway/Costco area. Respond to:

daceraven@gmail.com for inquiries/details.

Pond Parts Needed. Interested in acquiring a skimmer, bio waterfalls, and sand filter as part of re-doing existing pond. Respond to: bghawkins@comcast.net.

And The Winner...



Carol Knowles (*left*) was our Sept 8-9 Tour raffle winner! Casey Case (*right*) sold her the winning ticket at "Tour Central" for a hand crafted tile side table, with a water lily theme, created for the club by local artist Cindy Yrun-Calenti. Carol read about our free tour in the Sunday Arizona Daily Star, and Carol and a friend enjoyed several ponds on tour that weekend. Some of the gardens reported up to 260 visitors over both days! Carol is now a new friend of our club...see you on next year's tour!

Our 2013 Season begins with our first general meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2013. See you then!

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Aquatic Plant Profile



Common salvinia (*Salvinia minima*)
Family: Salviniaceae (Water Fern Family)

Salvinia is a rootless, aquatic fern and a perennial. Emergent groups of leaves (fronds), oblong and flat or semi-cupped, grow in chains and float on the water surface forming dense mats. The entire plant is only about 1 inch in depth, and, as ferns, they have no flower. Common salvinia can reproduce by spores or by fragmentation and is an aggressive invader species. If colonies of common salvinia cover the surface of the water, then oxygen depletion can occur. Common salvinia is considered a non-native species (from South America) and on the invasive plant lists in several states—but, not Arizona.

Salvinia minima should *not* be confused with Salvinia molesta (Giant Salvinia) which is on Arizona's list of Prohibited, Regulated & Restricted Noxious Weeds.