



Ponderings

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Newsletter of
The Tucson
Watergardeners



**May
19th
Sunday
Aquatic
Plant
Sale**



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NOTEWORTHY

A 2013
Membership
means
20% Discount
on
Aquatic Plants
at our May Sale!
Renew or join day of sale.



Ponders Calendar

No Public Meeting This Month.

Our next public meeting will be held on-
Thursday, June 27th, 7:30 PM at the
Junior League of Tucson
2099 E. River Road

June Program by Noreen Geyer-
Kordosky, Founder of Tucson Mountain
Hummingbird Rescue

Board Meetings Date/Location

Next Meeting:

**July 18th
Thursday
7:00 PM**
at the Junior
League of
Tucson

Board Room

*Club members
are welcome to
attend Board
meetings.*

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Annual Aquatic Plant Sale



If you are donating plants to the sale...we ask that plants arrive by 7:45 AM so that they can be priced and appropriately placed.



We have eager “early bird” buyers before 8:00 AM., and early plant arrival certainly helps us get quickly organized.



Sunday, May 19th

Reid Park - Southwest Corner

Corner of Country Club & 22nd Street - Ramada #10

8:00 AM—1:30 PM

What's for Sale?

Hardy Waterlilies & Tropical Waterlilies
Marginals, such as: Reeds & Water Grasses, Water Iris; Curly Willow, Lizard's Tail, Cattails, Cannas, Elephant Ear, Pickerel Rush, Sagittaria, Water Nasturtium, Bog Lilies—and more!

Floaters & Oxygenators, such as: Watercress, Anacharis, Water Lettuce, Azolla, etc.

Aquatic Fertilizer, Planting Baskets & Barley Straw Bags.

T-Shirts, Caps & Visors With Club Logo

Guide To Watergardening In Southern Arizona—CD Version

And, of course, terrific water gardening advice!

See you and your friends at our Sunday sale!

Our 14th Plant Sale!

This is a familiar club banner that appears at all of our special events. You will most certainly see it at our upcoming



plant sale —celebrating the *fourteenth* year that the Tucson ponding community has come together to buy and exchange aquatic plants and talk “ponding.” I’m proud of our club’s record of successful sales — as an all-volunteer organization.

It’s also an opportunity to renew friendships with long-time customers of our sale; to introduce new “ponders” to a wonderful selection of aquatic plants; to expand existing plant collections for those with established ponds; and, to sign up new and returning members. It’s work; but, it’s also FUN. If you know anyone who is interested in our sale, here’s the web address for our sale poster:

<http://tucsonwatergardeners.tripod.com/PlantSale2013.pdf>

The poster can also be printed for hard-copy distribution.

For those members who volunteered to be Cashiers or Plant Wranglers for this event, a separate email will be sent to you, outlining general responsibilities and expectations for the sale.

Thank you to everyone whose efforts have gone into our upcoming sale!

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September Public Tour

Call For Ponds

The dates for this year’s Public Water Garden Tour have been set for September 14-15. *If you would like to be considered for this tour, we need to hear from you before the end of May.* If you have signed up on our “White Board” at the public meetings, there is no need for a second notification. If you haven’t signed up, then, we need to hear from you.

We have a Tour Committee that will be previewing all candidate ponds, using the following criteria for inclusion in the tour: Variety & quantity of aquatic plants; Quality & clarity of water; Variety of water features; Access to property & availability of parking; Ambiance of the hardscape & surrounding landscape; Limited hazards, e.g., rough walking terrain, bridges without railings, etc.; Geographic vicinity to other tour gardens; and, Enthusiasm & knowledge of the owners.

Please contact Ray March, Tour Co-Chair, of your interest in being a tour candidate. Ray’s email: rmarch123@comcast.net.

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Aquatic Plant Profile



Pickerel Rush (Pondetia cordata)

The Pickerel Rush, with its spikes of soft blue flowers, is a desert-loving bog plant. The flowering spikes can grow to 2'-3' in height. After blooming, the flower spikes droop to release their seeds in the water. The plant's glossy green, heart-shaped leaves can form dramatic clumps along a water's edge — withstanding our intense summer sunlight. The Pickerel Rush is also an excellent bog plant for water filtration.



Dragonflies and damselflies commonly lay their eggs on the plant stems close to the water surface.

This marginal aquatic perennial is also known as Pickerel Weed or Pickerelweed.