

Ponderings...

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Mission Statement

CIWGA is a voluntary organization whose members are committed to expanding their individual and collective knowledge on water gardening and related topics. The Association's *only goal* is to provide the foundation necessary to achieve the common interest. This organization has two chapters in addition to the parent organization: the Top of Iowa Chapter and the Capital City Chapter. Members may attend and participate in any or all chapter activities.

Lilypad

CIWGA will meet **Monday, February 11**, at **6:30 pm** at Reiman Gardens. Please note the time change from 7 pm to 6:30 pm. Our topic will be Rick Trine's willow garden patio furniture.

CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER

Will meet **Wednesday, January, 23** at 7 pm in the Urbandale Public Library. Our speaker will be from the Asian Cultural Center. The Asian Garden itself is located on Robert Ray Drive. Submitted by Chris Hammerand, Secretary

TOP OF IOWA CHAPTER

Will not meet until February. Please contact President Ed Schroeder with program ideas. You may email krafty@wctatel.net or call Ed at 641-923-3512.

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2008 dues are do by February 1, 2008

Please complete the renewal form on the back of this newsletter. Family dues are \$25 per year. Subtract \$2.10 per month if starting mid year. Individual dues are \$15 per year. New individuals may subtract \$1.25 per month if starting mid year. Contact Jill Rose with any membership questions.

We are always looking for new Fountains of Support as well. Contact Jim Rose with any possible businesses.

If you have any articles, links or products you would like to review Please let me know at richdeer3.com or call Gail at 641-750-3062. I am looking forward to working on the club newsletter. I have enjoyed the many benefits of membership for the past 2 years. Every month is a shared learning experience.

My little yard has tons of flowers and small ponds. I plan to keep adding small ponds and flowers until there is no grass left! I find the small ponds to be just as much fun as the larger ones but I can't keep koi.

In 2005, I started Richdeer3 Pond Supplies with my parents, Doris and Klopping. They enjoy attending many meetings with me and can now tell the difference between a goldfish and a koi.

On our site I try to not only carry reputable companies but to educate pond owners on why the product is needed or if there is even an easier solution than using tons of chemicals. I carry organic and solar products.

If you have a question or would like to purchase a product not listed on <http://www.richdeer3pondsupplies.com> please email me at richdeer3@yahoo.com or even better call me at 641-750-3062

2008 CIWGA MEETING DATES and TOPICS

2/11/08	Outdoor Willow Creations
3/10/08	Ponding for Beginners, Doug Reich
4/14/08	What's new with Water Fountains and Features
4/23/08	Tour Goode's Greenhouse joint meeting with DSM
5/12/08	Plant and Plant Equipment Exchange
6/21/08	Water Garden Tour DSM Area
7/??/08	undecided date and topic
8/??/08	undecided date and topic
9/08/08	undecided topic
10/12/08	undecided topic
11/10/08	undecided topic
12/??/08	undecided date and topic

Newsletter submissions are due the 1st Saturday of the month