

# AQUAGARDENER



731-424-2206 WWW.CARTERCOUNTRY.COM SPRING 2009  
**DON'T MISS OUR 4TH ANNUAL AQUATIC EXPO**

As you know , water gardening is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the country! Don't miss this opportunity to learn tips and techniques from Professionals as well as other hobbyists. We will discuss topics from the basics of Water Feature Design and Pond Construction to everyday Water Garden Maintenance during this 2 day symposium to be held at Carter's Nursery, Pond & Patio.

**Day 1 : Saturday, March 28th  
9am. till 5pm.**

This will be a 'Hands On' day of Learning. We will Design and Build a functioning Constructed Wetland Filter, ie; Bog, during the Saturday class! We will also cover Basic Aquatic Plant Design and talk about Pond Health and Fish Care.

You can join in and help build the pond OR you can watch and learn from the sidelines. Bring a lawn chair, boots, gloves and expect a Fun filled day of Learning!

**Day 2 : Sunday, March 29th.  
1pm. till 5pm.**

This will be a 'Hands On' - Pond Maintenance class! We will cover everything from the basics of Pond and Aquatic Plant care, to performing a Full Pond Clean Out on site! We will show you how to divide and re-pot your Aquatic Plants. We will discuss Koi Health and Disease prevention, and much, much more....

Two day tickets can be purchased at Carter's Nursery, Pond & Patio for \$10 ea. (POND CLUB MEMEBERS & Children 12 and under, FREE with an Adult). Lunch will be provided on Saturday at the Pond Building Class. I hope to see you there!

## POND OF THE MONTH



This Beautiful sight, is the back yard view of Ricky and Vandy Williams' "Staycation".

The pond has multiple waterfalls, a 20' stream and a 40' Pondless Waterfall-Stream that looks as if it's part of the same pond system.

Ricky even hung a hammock over the stream to enjoy an afternoon nap from time to time.

**BRAVO to the Williams for their AWESOME Pond of the Month!**

**DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO SEE THIS POND IN PERSON AT THE MAY 21ST POND CLUB MEETING.**

*The doctrines of  
Despair, or spiritual or  
Political tyranny or  
Servitude, were never  
Taught by such as  
Shared the serenity  
Of nature .....*

*-Henry David Thoreau*



# RIPPLES

Spring is here at last and I am sure enough happy! Maybe it was just me, but winter seemed to drag on and on... BUT, here we are again at the beginning of another Beautiful Tennessee Spring and it sure does make you feel good, doesn't it! I guess I'm just a "Spring" person.

It seems to go down like this every year, but it always feels new and exciting to me. I always love getting back into my garden and even more so, I LOVE getting back out around the Pond with family and friends. Along those lines of thinking, I have planned some great seminars and workshops throughout the coming year. I hope you all will take part in these and enjoy. The first one, of course, is our Annual 'Aquatic Expo'. We're going to have fun and learn a lot about your Water Gardens, Fish and more...

Later in June will be the 11th. Annual Parade of Ponds. WOW! 11 years and counting. The Parade of Ponds will Again benefit the Jackson Humane Society. We appreciate all your support because without you guys this wouldn't be possible! There will also be some Awesome 'Summer Seminars' that we hope you will take part in. Here's a Spring wish for us all to have a GREAT one!

Here's to Spring ! See you around the Pond.....

*- Mark Carter*

## Ponds For Kids Event

We will be helping the Students and Faculty at East Intermediate School to construct a Water Garden/Out-door Classroom on their grounds on, Saturday, April 25th. We could DEFINITELY use your help! If you have time to volunteer to help on this wonderful event, please give us a call at the nursery. This Living, Outdoor classroom will inspire and enrich the lives of so many young people! It will be a teaching aid for everything from Science and Biology to Art and Ecology. Please give us a call if you could help out in any way. 731-424-2206

## 11th. Annual 'Parade of Ponds'

Our 'Parade of Ponds' is a benefit for the Jackson Madison County Humane Society and is always the weekend after Father's Day.

The 2009 Parade of Ponds, self-guided tour is set for:

Saturday, June 27th. from 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Sunday, June 28th. from 1 P.M. – 4 P.M.

**RAIN or SHINE**

Two-day tickets are \$10.00 per person (children 12 and under free w/adult). Tickets will be available for purchase Monday, June 1st.

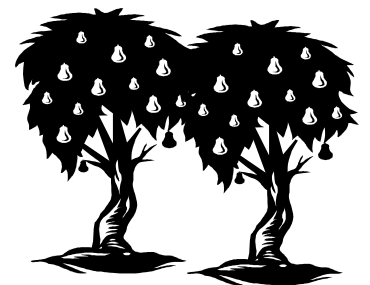
Your \$10 ticket also gets you into the "MOON- LIGHT POND PARTY" Live music, great catered food, cold drinks and FUN! You also get to check out some awesome ponds at night. Seeing the Underwater Lights and the Illuminated Waterfalls is MAGICAL! I hope to see you there!

Please if we do not yet have your e-mail address to send our Newsletter to via e-mail and you would like to get on our list please send us your email address at:  
[jocarter@charter.net](mailto:jocarter@charter.net) with a short message letting me know to add you. Thank you. -Jo

Adopt the peace of nature:

Her secret is patience.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **MARCH, 28TH, SATURDAY - 9:00-5:00**  
4TH ANNUAL AQUATIC EXPO :  
DAY 1 - @ CARTERS' NURSERY
- **MARCH, 29TH, SUNDAY- 1:00-5:00pm :**  
DAY 2 - @ CARTERS' NURSERY
- **APRIL 23, THURSDAY @ 6PM - 1st, "PC"**  
POND CLUB MEETING FOR THE SEASON  
@ MARK & JO CARTERS BACKYARD  
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR (BYOC)
- **APRIL, 25TH, SATURDAY @ 8AM**  
"PONDS FOR KIDS" POND BUILD @  
EAST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
- **MAY 21ST, THURSDAY @ 6:00 P.M.**  
P.C MEETING @ RICKY & VANDY WILLIAMS'  
BACKYARD, BYOC
- **JUNE 25TH, THURSDAY @ 6:00 P.M.**  
P.C. MEETING @ PAUL & LAURA  
CEARLEY'S BACKYARD, BYOC.

- **JUNE 27TH AND 28TH, (SAT. & SUN.)** OUR 11th ANNUAL PARADE OF PONDS. A BENEFIT FOR THE JMC HUMANE SOCIETY. TICKETS ARE \$10 FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE
- **JULY 16TH, THURSDAY @ 6:00 P.M.**  
P.C. MEETING @ ED & BARB GOODMAN'S BACKYARD, BYOC
- **AUGUST 27TH, THURSDAY @ 6:00 P.M.**  
P.C. MEETING @ EDDIE & DIANNA LANKFORD'S BACKYARD, BYOC
- **SEP. 24TH, THURSDAY @ 6:00 P.M.**  
P.C. MEETING @ JIM & OLIVIA WHITES BACKYARD, BYOC.
- **OCT. 4TH, SAT, DUSK TILL 11:00 P.M.**  
5TH ANNUAL MOONLIGHT POND TOUR

**CARTERS' NURSERY,**  
**POND & PATIO, INC.**  
**\$20.00 off purchase of \$100 or more**

Only for purchases at Nursery  
Can Not be used with any other coupon or discount  
Good for the following months  
( Get each month punched as you use it.)

MARCH                  APRIL                  MAY

## REFERRAL PROGRAM

*Our small business lives on referrals; we would really appreciate yours. And to say, "Thank You," we will give you a \$50 gift certificate for each referral that results in a confirmed project.*

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## **8 HELPFUL TIPS FOR AN EASY SPRING POND CLEANOUT**

Spring is here and it's time to get our ponds ready for the spring and summer season. We perform seasonal pond maintenance services for many people, so if you need help give us a call. If you want to "Do It Yourself", here are some tips to help you achieve success...

1. **Have ALL the tools you need before you start!** You will need—A tank to hold your fish with lots of AERATION. ALWAYS cover the tank with pond netting to prevent the fish from jumping out!
2. **Nets to catch your fish!**
3. **Plant Fertilizer tabs** for your lilies and other aquatic plants.
4. **A Discharge pump and pipe.**
5. **A plastic rake** for gathering debris and **Scissors** for cutting back plants.

6. **New Filter Mats** to replace the old mats. Make sure you know how many you need.
7. **A pressure nozzle** for your hose to make "Washing down the pond" an easier task.
8. **De-Chlorinator** to treat the water after you've filled the pond back up. This is also beneficial for your Fish's slime coat. Allow the pond to run for 30 minutes or so before putting the fish back in your pond. Also get a FRESH can of bacteria / enzyme to treat the water.

If you do these things right you will have a clean, fresh pond that will take you through the season and your fish will thank you too! If you want to see it done first— come to the Aquatic Expo later THIS MONTH (MARCH 28TH & 29TH)

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread,  
places to plan in and pray in,  
where nature may heal and cheer and give strength  
to body and soul alike.

- John Muir



NEXT MONTHS  
TOPIC :

BUTTERFLY  
GARDENS



GEORGE SAYS YOU NEED THESE PRODUCTS FOR STARTING THIS MONTH:

- A POND THERMOMETER,
- LOW TEMP FISH FOOD,
- ANTIBIOTIC FISH FOOD
- AND LOW TEMP BACTERIA.

THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NURSERY.  
**ASK FOR THE "CARTER COUNTRY" BRAND.**



This picture was taken at a Pond Club Meeting last year; at the home of our featured, "Pond of the Month" owners.



# HEALTHY, ABUNDANT LIVING



I love eating things I have grown in my garden! All natural, all organic; Peaches, Plums, Blackberries, Raspberries, Tomatoes, Peppers, etc... Are you hungry yet? I hope so!

There are so many possibilities for your garden. It's not that difficult either. We have LOT'S of plants that will help get you started TODAY!

We have some AWESOME Fruit trees! **APPLE, PEAR, PEACH and PLUM.** We also have **FIGS** and of course don't forget the Beautiful looking **BLUEBERRIES!** These are my favorite fruit! From fruit -smoothies to cereal toppings,



Blueberries are tops to me. They are high in Antioxidants. Also you don't need a lot of room for growing them.

You can even plant things like tomato's, peppers and squash in containers and have great success. I have a Container Herb garden at home, and it's AWESOME! "FRESH" Oregano, Thyme and Rosemary at my fingertips 24/7. Got to love it.

Come on in and we will show you what were talking about, if you don't already know... and **don't forget the CHICKEN POOP, WE GOT THAT TOO !!!**

You can start your own Orchard in your backyard starting at \$6.00 a plant or tree. So lets get started.

Remember:

**"You are, what you eat!"**

