



TAPS Convention

September 23rd – 25th, 2011

Dallas, TX

Hosted by

North Texas Water Garden Society

**Programs for the water gardener as well as
the diehard koi enthusiasts!**



AquaBead 2.50 Filter Raffle \$ 10.00 each

\$1,200.00 Value

Drawing Saturday Evening

Go to: www.texaps.org for additional details

Do NOT need to be present to win.

TAPS Convention 2011 - Sept. 23, 24 & 25

Friday Night Social - 7:30
Meet & Greet / Spring Creek BBQ



Saturday Program

8:00 - 8:30	Registration	
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome Gary Floyd, TAPS President	
9:00 - 9:45	Karen Pattist What Makes a Koi Pond vs. Goldfish Pond	
10:00 - 10:55	Bonnie Bradshaw Urban Wildlife: Situations and Solutions	Karen Pattist Advanced Koi 1 Koi Health 10:00 - 12:00
11:00 - 12:00	Dr Earl Chilton II Invasive Plants in Texas	
12:00 - 12:45	LUNCH	
1:00 - 2:20	Raymond Entrop New Age Containment Systems	Karen Pattist Advanced Koi 2 Koi Appreciation 12:30 - 2:00
2:30 - 3:30	Dr. Robert Doyle An Ecologist's View of the Pond	
	Break - Set Up Water Testing	
3:45 - 5:00	Karen Pattist - Water Testing for Everyone How to use test kits and what the results mean. Includes an exercise for the skilled tester.	

Saturday Evening - 7:00 - 11:00
Wine & Cheese Social - Host: Creative by Nature
Catered Dinner

Sunday - Board Meeting
Mini Pond Tour TBA

TAPS 2011 Convention Registration

September 23-25

Hyatt Regency North Dallas

701 E Campbell Rd

Richardson, TX 75081

972-619-1234

Registration Deadline: Sept 20th

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Club Affiliation _____

Friday Evening 7:30	7:30 Friday Evening Social & Bar-B-Que Dinner Spring Creek BBQ
Saturday Program 8:00 - 5:00	Program and Lunch See schedule for complete program details
Saturday Evening 7:00 - 11:00	Wine & Cheese Social Hosted by Creative by Nature Catered Dinner

Please indicate number attending each function

Friday Evening _____ @ _____ **NOTE: Friday Night Social is pay at the door.**

Saturday Program _____ @ \$45.00 _____

Saturday Evening _____ @ \$20.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Saturday - Outlet Shopping Trip
No Charge but Limited Seating _____

Please mail this form along with your check to be received by 09/20/2011

Make check payable to **NTWGS** and mail to:

TAPS
c/o JMC
2611 Perth
Dallas, TX 75220

For Credit Card Payments Call: Kevin Fuess 214.352.1362 or 817.680.8855

Host Hotel & Meeting Site

Hyatt Regency North Dallas

701 E Campbell Rd

Richardson TX

We are so excited you have chosen our hotel to host your TAPS Meeting. Your guest may begin to reserve their reservations by calling our reservation line at 1-888-591-1234, or going to www.hyatt.com. If they choose to go to [hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com) they can paste this link <http://northdallas.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp> and then use the grouping code **G-TAAP** to make their reservations and receive the special rate of \$75 per night. **Reservations must be made by September 10th to qualify for special rate.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Taylor Dixon, 214.245.4920

Friday Night Meet and Greet

Spring Creek BBQ

270 North Central Expressway

Richardson, TX

We will meet at Spring Creek BBQ located just 2.7 miles south of the hotel for dinner and casual conversation. Go through the line and pay as you go. Plates range from \$7.95 to \$10.95

Bring your own adult beverage.

Saturday Night Social/Dinner

Wine & Cheese Social hosted by Creative by Nature.

1605 S. McDonald

McKinney TX

Saturday night Social/Dinner will be held at Creative by Nature located 16 miles north of the hotel. Wine and cheese will be served followed by a catered dinner.

Guest Speakers

Karen Pattist

Director Koi Organisation International (K.O.I.™)

Karen Pattist has more than 25 years experience in the Koi World and built her 'Ultimate' Koi pond – 55,000 gallons – in 2003. As Co-Founder Koi Organisation International (K.O.I.™) a 501c3 Non-Profit organization she is dedicated to help people learn about Koi and provide the most current, accurate and useful information available. Karen's previous experience also includes; Director and Continuing Education Coordinator of the AKCA Koi Health Advisory Program (KHA), English editor for Mr. Kodama's books, "Kokugyo" and "Kokugyo 2", ("Kokugyo 3 in progress) as well as original author of many articles and research

papers, featured Speaker and Instructor in all aspects of Koi husbandry for many societies, has worked over 25 Koi Shows and organized more than 8 major wet labs/seminars.

“What makes a Koi Pond vs Goldfish Pond”

A presentation of the basic differences in pond design and what sets a koi pond apart.

Advanced Koi 1

“Koi Health”

Everything you wanted to know about keeping koi healthy. Introduction to pathogens, what to look for and treatments.

Advanced Koi 2

“Koi Appreciation”

Learning what to look for when buying koi.

“Water Quality Testing for Everyone”

For the Beginner: you will be shown the proper methods and what types of tests should be performed – see what a pH crash is!

For the Experienced: test your skills against unknown water parameters

Following the testing will be a discussion of what the results mean, possible causes and remedies.

Dr. Earl Chilton II

Texas Parks and Wildlife

“Invasive Plants in Texas”

Dr. Chilton is director of the Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Program at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He is responsible for coordination of activities dealing with aquatic and riparian invasive species statewide, has developed TPWD protocols for screening exotic aquatic and riparian plants, and is the current vice-Chair of the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee. Dr. Chilton has been appointed twice by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to serve on the national Invasive Species Advisory Committee, and represents Texas on three regional panels of the federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force including the Western Regional Panel, the Mississippi River Basin Regional Panel, and the Gulf and South Atlantic States Regional Panel. Additionally, he has served on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Aquatic Plant Control Research Review Board, and chaired a bi-national technical subcommittee that developed Action Plans for controlling exotic plants that were inhibiting water transport in Rio Grande.

Dr. Robert Doyle

Baylor University

“An Ecologist’s View of the Pond”

Dr. Robert Doyle is a professor of biology at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He is director of the Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research (CRASR) and chair of the Department of Biology. Dr. Doyle has been actively involved with educational and public outreach programs for over 25 years and is passionate about communicating with the public and providing educational/informational opportunities for citizens.

Bonnie Bradshaw

911 Wildlife

“Urban Wildlife: Situations and Solutions”

Discover effective, humane solutions to common wildlife problems, including fish disappearing from your water gardens. Learn that many facts about opossums, raccoons and other urban animals are stranger than fiction. Presented by Bonnie Bradshaw, Texas Master Naturalist, Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator and president of 911 Wildlife.

Raymond Entrop

Amazon Systems

“New Age Containment Systems”

Raymond Entrop, Director of Project Management, is a co-founder of CTI and is currently doing business as Amazon Systems, Inc. www.amazonsystems.com, a company specializing in a variety of water features while utilizing new age products and techniques in the world of elastomerics and specialty cements. Most recently the focus has been on green technology, including specialized mineral based linings, natural water filtration and purification systems. The company recently completed 2 successful installations using ceramic composite materials. Raymond started Amazon Ponds in the Fall of 2001. The company began by developing the GatorGard spray-in liner system using various substrates and, over time, branched out to include artificial environment settings (faux rock, tree bark, etc.) and multiple finishes on waterproofing systems for ponds. Raymond has been chosen by the manufacturer to pioneer new green products for pool and pond construction and containment systems.