



A Guide
to Help You
Gather
Historical
Information
for Your Pond



What We Should Collect



- Pond minutes
- Letters
- Diaries

- Speeches
- Audio/video recordings

- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Newspaper/
magazine clippings



Anything else that the pond has been involved in and documented.

Why do we collect memories?

To preserve our travel through time.



Who Should Be Involved

Pond members who have a deep love for Blue Goose and the desire to collect and keep pond memorabilia. They should determine who will act as chief historian, willing to maintain the records and gather the information.



HISTORY TEACHES US WHAT NOT TO REPEAT... UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T ALWAYS LISTEN.

Committee Process



Decide what the pond wants to capture, what you want to know and why you are doing it.

Plan your work and work your plan.

Find out what has been collected so far.

Don't reinvent the wheel. You might see your work reduced dramatically.



Make a list of necessary equipment, people and materials.

Make a sequence of tasks and end dates.

Set specific time lines for tasks. Thinking ahead will help you foresee pitfalls.



Continuously conduct update reports where needed.

Where are you with the project? This can be a great report piece for the pond.



When completed, store your primary sources and copy in a safe, secure place.

You want to ensure that they don't become lost and are easily retrievable for updates. This will vary for each pond.

History: Why We Must Collect and Preserve It

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "We are not makers of history, we are made by history."

History is the story of the past, a chronological documentation of our collected knowledge and experiences. It's important because when we know and understand our past, we gain insight that will help lead us into the future. That's why it's so important to preserve Blue Goose history and the history of every pond. This brochure is intended to help our members to begin the process of documenting our shared history.



"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin, or culture is like a tree without roots."

— Marcus Garvey

We hope that this guide will help you when collecting your pond history. Please feel free to contact the Grand Historian for advice.

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