

YOUR ESCAPES

We specialize in

*Landscape Design
and Installation*

*Hardscapes:
Stone Work & Patios*

*Water Features:
Ponds & Waterfalls*

*Flower Gardens:
Roses, Themed Gardens
Annuals & Perennials*

*Wood Work:
Decks, Arbors,
Bridges & Gazebos*

*Outdoor Amenities:
Landscape lighting
Outdoor Fireplaces*

Lotus Root with Umeboshi
Plum Sauce

6 oz fresh lotus root
1 teaspoon rice vinegar
3 umeboshi (Japanese pickled
plums)
1 tsp soy sauce
1 tsp sugar

Wash & peel lotus root. Slice into 1/8 inch thick wheels. Bring a medium sized pot of water to a boil. Put the vinegar and lotus pieces in the water and simmer until the lotus becomes almost transparent, about 2 minutes. Drain & rinse under cold running water. Pat dry w/ paper towels. Chill. Remove the pits from the umeboshi plums. In a small bowl, mash the plums with a fork. Add soy sauce and sugar and combine thoroughly. Combine chilled lotus root and seasoned plum sauce and toss well to coat the lotus root evenly. Serve in individual bowls.

WE HAVE A NEW LOOK...

and a new outlook. We have a new logo. New people. A new web site. New trucks. New equipment. Same great landscaping. We are striving to serve you better.

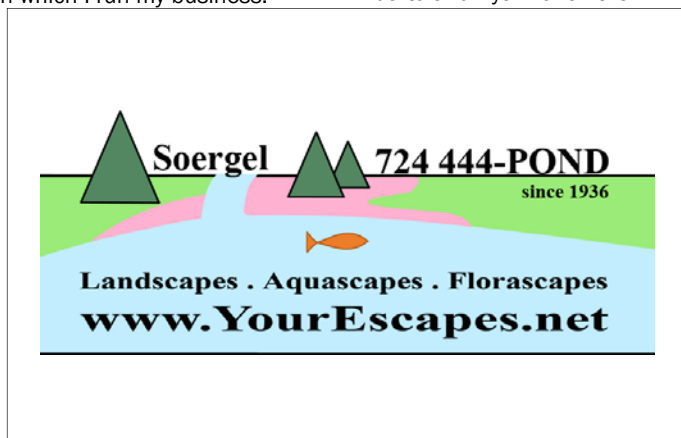
At the end of 2004 Kevin Soergel officially took over Kenneth P. Soergel and Associates, Inc. On January 3, 2005, we had an inferno. We lost a building, a shed, a garage, most of our portable power tools and a Mustang convertible. You never know how good your insurance is until it's too late. But like a Phoenix, we have risen.

God uses even fire as a blessing. Far from complete, we are making improvements at our office at 11009 Babcock Boulevard, Gibsonsia, PA 15044.

We have a new logo. We have taken the best of the old logo and updated it to more accurately reflect what we do. We have added water and

flowers. I have also added the Christian fish, symbolizing both my faith and the manner in which I run my business.

The most important improvement is our new crew. I owe great thanks to Alfonso, Jose, Alberto and Ryan for all their



It's our family's 70th year of serving western Pennsylvania.

We also have new equipment. You read it right, Soergel's has two new trucks, two new trailers and a new Bobcat. We have sold or junked most of the old trucks and about half of the equipment that was left after the fire. We are now much better equipped to serve you.

hard work. They are highly skilled assets to the company.

With all that is new in 2005, we still offer the very best landscaping, horticulture, aquascaping and florascaping we have been known for since 1936.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: WWW.YOURESCAPES.NET

We have a new website, with a great look. The website shows many examples of the services we provide. You may see your yard or what you want your yard to look like. You can also contact us through our site. Designed by S3, Spallek Design, our

friends and good customers Heiko & Gisela Spallek. The Spalleks are excellent with all things computer and high tech, and have been a great help to the company this year. Their landscape is a perennial favorite on the Parade of Ponds. You have probably

visited their unusual home. What you don't know is that they helped organize, advertise, promote, design and print out the tickets and help put on this years Parade of Ponds. Please check out their work at our excellent website, www.yourescapes.net.

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Christmas Trees

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Decorations

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trees & orchards

Plantings: We can plant
trees and shrubs when
they are dormant.

Construction: Patios,
walls, steps, ponds and
decks can be constructed
and ready for your use in
spring. Why wait?

Mention the newsletter to
receive 10% of any work
performed between
12/19/2005 & 2/17/2006
including previous
estimates.



Visit our improved office gardens at 11009 Babcock Boulevard, Pine Township.
Call ahead and we will give you a personal tour. You can visit us virtually at
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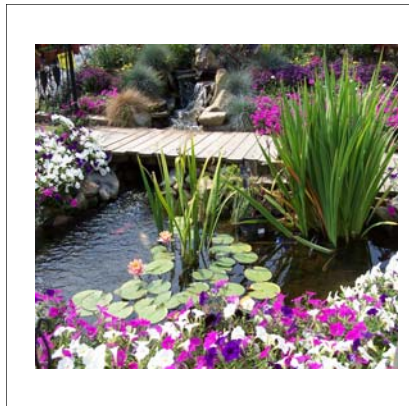
THE SECOND ANNUAL PARADE OF PONDS WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

On August 20 and 21, 2005 over two hundred people viewed 15 gardens for charity. Fun and beauty was experienced by garden lovers and families alike. The weather cooperated most of the time. Contact Pittsburgh, Cranberry & Mars Public Libraries, VOICE Women's Shelter, Northway Christian Community, Sierra Club, St. Ferdinand's and St. John's Lutheran Care Center benefited 100% from the donations.

We are grateful to the pond owners who opened their homes.

All ponds are unique and suited to each pond owners needs and tastes. Four tour locations are on commercial property. You can visit the ponds and gardens at House of Chen, a pondless stream

at Northway Christian Community, a seasonally decorated pond and bridge at Soergel Orchards and the three ponds located at our office any time.



Visit Soergel Orchards and Greenhouses.

The other properties were only seen by the public during the tour. The tour featured a very large pond which ap-

pears to flow under the house. A pond with streams, falls large sitting rocks and a fire pit. A long, fast waterfall and mountain stream with a bridge, deck and terraced path. A large pond with an island patio, falls, and an upper pond. Very large woodland ponds with waterfalls and streams, a boardwalk overlook and fiber optic lighting. A 100 foot fast mountain stream with a National Park like setting with bridges, steps and switchback paths. A mature pond with shade garden and deck. Visiting each of the properties is like visiting a resort. Don't miss the tour next year. Some of these ponds will be featured again.

The Third Annual Parade of Ponds will be held on September 9 and 10, 2006. We hope to see you there!