



Koi Ahoy

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President's Message *-Jerry Kyle*

Thank you. Thank you. Thank all of you for making this a successful year. It is with extreme pride that I tell family and friends I am the president of the Camellia Koi Club. You honor me and yourselves with your presence at the club meetings and with your unselfish help in supporting our fine hobby. You honor the founders of this club. You honor me when I travel across the country and people tell me how lucky I am to belong to the Camellia Koi Club. They have heard of us in Portland, San Diego, Tulsa, and where ever I seem to land. It's no wonder. Look at what you have accomplished: The most Certified AKCA Koi Health Advisors of any club, a Certified AKCA Head Judge, members who's high quality koi can and do compete in the best of shows, active membership who prefer to meet at member's ponds where we can continually learn and/or teach new things, a Koi Show & Vendor Faire that was superbly well received, and an increase in our membership with more newcomers interested in being more involved and wishing to learn from the old timers.

We now look forward to next year with more of the same in addition to our semi annual pond tour which is our primary fundraiser by which we can afford all the things we do. Thank all of you who got involved and welcome to you newcomers who wish to get involved. We certainly welcome your help. It is a lot of work but also a lot of enjoyment.

In planning for next year I find I need your help. Please consider being a host for a club meeting at your home for a number of reasons. First, it gets you more involved. Second, it gives us all an opportunity to see different ponds and koi which is one of our greatest pleasures. If you have a near perfect pond we all can and need to learn from you. If you have less than a perfect pond it is an opportunity for you to have a number of more knowledgeable people suggest how you can improve without breaking the bank. It is always a school for someone and there is something to learn from every

pond since, as you know, there is no such thing as a perfect pond. Please call me at (209) 368-9411 or e-mail me at jeroldkyle@yahoo.com if you can help by being a meeting host. Remember, the club automatically reimburses the hosts \$30 to help defray some of the cost of refreshments. I am looking forward to a terrific year in 2006. Please let me know how you can help and how the club can help you. That's what we are all about. Get involved. Call.

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Club Holiday Dinner

Dec. 4!!!

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Holiday Dinner Dec. 4—RSVP to dammmm@pacbell.net

MAKE RESERVATIONS

CAMELLIA KOI CLUB HOLIDAY DINNER PLANNED

The Annual Holiday Dinner will be held at The Orchard Creek Lodge at Sun City, Lincoln Hills. 965 Orchard Creek Lane (cross street Del Webb Blvd) Lincoln, Ca, 95648. December 4, 2005 at 1:00pm. We are renting the front ballroom which holds 130 including the buffet tables. The buffet will include carved grilled bourbon tri tip and El Dorado chicken. There will be spicy molasses w/brown sugar southern style BBQ cilantro tomato baked beans, mustard aioli and celery potato salad, blue grass beans w/mushrooms, green salad w/choice of dressings, French parmesan crusty bread, and Jim will bring a cake. Many thanks to past president Georgia Vonk for her help in arranging the dinner.

The change from previous years is that this will be an early dinner rather than a late night sit down to facilitate many members having to drive longer distances.

Member John Hanson, owner of Nimbus Landscaping Materials, Inc. in Folsom has donated a \$100 Gift Certificate which will be given free as a door prize to a lucky member. Agnes Lai of Champion Nishikigoi has donated six large (11#) bags of koi food which will be raffled off to interested members. New club officers will be introduced. This will be a celebration of a successful activities year.

The Board of Directors has once again chosen to pick up \$5.00 of the dinner cost. The result is members will only pay \$25.00 per person for the dinner. Please bring your remittance to the next meeting or mail it directly to Marilee Marshall, Treasurer, 1005 Linnet Lane, Auburn, Ca, 95602. Expect to have an enjoyable afternoon. **Please RSVP to Marilee by mail or Jerry by phone at 209/368-9411 so we will plan on you.**

**Ramblings** -by Jerry Kyle (Written for the www.camelliakoi.org web site for the public)

If you are considering building a pond or remodeling an existing one now is the time to start thinking about it. If you are bored and need an outlet for all your natural energies, now is the time to do something about it. If your thinking is leading you to seriously decide you would like a pond but want one of the nicer ones with those big two foot long beautiful koi you see in the Japanese gardens you need to join a koi club. Finding good information about koi, their care, the special water quality guidelines required, bottom drains, or where to find products and supplies may be more difficult if one does not have contact with a club. There are quality professional pond builders in our area as well as knowledgeable do-it-yourselfers. With the information and free advise and invitations to see successful koi ponds you will be in a position to build something that is beautiful and will work for you. Too much money and hard work has been wasted by too many who did not take the time to research. Have you seen those sites on the web that showed the first pond and the second pond and? Why did it take so many tries? A club may put you in contact with local people who have made the right choices and are rightly proud of that fact. Since we are not all perfect we may also learn from those who have learned (the hard way?) that there might be better or easier or cheaper ways to an end. We share our information simply as a love of our hobby. OK, maybe because we like people too.

The Camellia Koi Club centered in the greater Sacramento Area has just completed another successful year and had a lot of fun doing it. Now it is getting ready for another year of involvement in the koi keeping and showing hobby. Many meetings are held at member's homes. Sometimes we are invited to show off a great looking pond. Sometimes we are invited to give our evaluations on making an existing pond better in some way. Either way there is always something to learn while we mingle and share ideas with good friends.

Meetings are usually held at 1pm to 3pm on the last Sunday of the month. Changes occur when the date conflicts with certain holidays. Guests are always welcome. Meeting topics this last year ran from koi health, choosing quality koi, pond building, coming out of winter, breeding koi, filter and heating systems, and others. The biggest production was the Sacramento Koi Show & Vendors Faire in Roseville, Ca. People came from across the country to see and exhibit their koi. The AKCA Nationally Certified judges came from Tulsa, San Diego, and Portland. There were 108 koi entered in the competition. Koi entrants came from as far away as the east coast. Yes, they put their koi on a plane and came to the show. Some drove with their koi all the way from San Diego. People do it with dogs, cats, horses, and now koi. Major vendors from across the country showed their latest products and we all learned more. This is what happens when you get involved in a club. You see more and you learn more.

Members can expect to experience more of the same next year with the addition of another function. Members will be involved in the 2006 Camellia Koi Club Pond Tour. This is a semi annual fund raiser that will allow members along with the general public access to some of the finest gardens and ponds in the area.

New friends, good information, koi shows, pond tours, and more are just some of the ways we enjoy being involved in this fantastic hobby. Does it sound like I am having fun? You bet. Want to know more? E-mail me at this web site.



Board of Director's Minutes from October

The meeting was called to order at Marilee Marshal's home by Jerold Kyle, president. Attending were Marilee Marshall, Treasurer, and Directors Duane Carlson and Jack Flockhart. Also attending were Melody Carlson, Cheryl and Dan Alarid, Jim Phillips, Garry Chinn, and Georgia Vonk.

Marilee reported a club bank balance of \$6067.39. Thirty four families have already sent her their membership checks for the next year.

In Jason's absence, Jerry reported that the November club meeting will be held a week early due to the Thanksgiving holidays. The meeting will be held at the Alarid's home in Elk Grove. They have a large great room off the patio and pond area to use in case the weather is bad. Also a big screen TV will facilitate the showing of the AKCA Annual Seminar Pond Tour held two years ago in Atlanta, Ga.

Georgia Vonk presented the dinner menu choices for the club annual Holiday Dinner scheduled for Dec 4th. Due to the dinner being only 10 days after Thanksgiving the board collectively chose not to have turkey or ham as many felt they would be turkeyed out from thanksgiving. A tri tip and El Dorado chicken buffet was chosen instead. The cost will run \$30 per person including tax and gratuity and Duane moved that the club contribute \$5 for each member so the cost to members will only run \$25 each. Jack Flockhart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jerry announced that John Hanson from Nimbus Landscaping Materials donated a \$100 gift certificate to be given to member of the club at no cost. The club also has 6 large bags of koi food given to it by Champion Nishikigoi. The board decided to raffle them at the dinner to help defray costs.

The club policy of loaning tanks was discussed. It was generally felt there needs to be a deposit required to help insure equipment is returned in good condition in a timely manner. Also a written agreement specifying how equipment was to be used, cleaned, and returned was discussed. Marilee will coordinate the ideas into a suggested policy to present at a future meeting.

Garry Chin was asked to lead a debriefing on the Koi Show held in October. Many ideas were advanced regarding things learned and how we might curtail expenses and lean toward more profitability at the next show.

The meeting was adjourned to the dining room where Marilee had prepared a buffet and how to make next year's show bigger and better while continuing to be financially responsible by exploring ways to minimize expenses in the program was the main topic of conversation.



Election Time Again! - Mary Beth Avila

It's that time of year that every club member dreads. That's right, election time. While many of you are covering your heads in denial and hoping this will pass soon, I can promise you, it won't. Not until my mission has been accomplished. A mission I thought would be easy, having been told that the new Board members were a "done deal". Turned out, it wasn't. The club still needs a Secretary, and having spent the better part of this year without one, I feel it vitally important that someone fill this role. Is it a hard job? Heck no, but a very important one by attending the board meetings, taking notes, and doing a report for the newsletter to keep the club informed. That's the main focus of the job, keeping the club informed.

Why should you care? Well, do you care how the Board spends the clubs money? Your money brought in by hard work and hours of labor. Do you care about the future of the club, what projects may be in the works, what's discussed at the Board meetings? You should care, it's YOUR club! If the Board made some decision you didn't like, would you rather find out while it's in the discussion stage during a Board meeting, or several months later, after the fact, when it's been implemented with no turning back?

So, I hope I have impressed upon you the need and importance of this position enough to get a phone call or a e-mail saying "Yes, I'd like to give it a try". Please let me, or any Board member know that you're willing to help. I hope to hear from one of you (or even a couple if you wanted to split the duties between two of you) as soon as possible so we can settle this election with a vote at the November meeting. Please let me know ASAP: (916) 991-0511 or e-mail: avila860@netzero.net

This is the list of Board members for this years election for a two year term (the club already voted to accept the nominations at the October meeting):

Vice President: Jason Sargent
 Secretary:.....open.....
 Board Member: Jim Phillips
 Board Member: Gary Fabian

Continuing their second year at their elected post::

President:: Jerold (Jerry) Kyle
 Treasurer: Marilee Marshall
 Board Member: Jack Flockhart
 Board Member: Phyllis Kyle

Treasurer's Report —Marilee Marshall

Balance end of September	\$4,808.71	Koi Show Financial Report to Date: Expenses	
Income	\$4,241.34	\$5,739.97	
Expenses	\$2,442.66	Income: \$5,516.34	
		Total	- \$223.63
43 2006 Membership & Renewals as of Nov. 2		Balance end of October	
		\$6,607.39	

October Meeting at Bob Caruso's Mud Ponds



Club Member Bob Caruso has started to breed and raise his own koi in mud ponds with the help of his new business partner Jim. They are already selling batches of koi wholesale to local dealers.



Bob let his culled fish survive in order to observe them as they grow. This will help him confirm that he has been culling the correct fish. Normally, fish are culled and destroyed before are 2" long.



Bob had set aside some of his fish in this tank for us to see up close. He started out only breeding for a couple kinds of varieties, but in the future would like to breed for many different varieties.

Best of Luck, Bob & Jim!



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Club Calendar

November General Meeting will be on Nov. 20 from 1:00-3:00.

Topic: We have several videos most of us haven't seen, and this seems like a perfect time to do it. One of the fantastic Pond Tour in Atlanta at the national meeting. The second is a brand new library acquisition about how to classify koi.

Home of Dan and Cheryl Alarid
 9442 Sierra River Dr.
 Elk Grove, CA

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION

From Hwy 99 take the Laguna Blvd / Bond Rd off-ramp Drive east on Bond Rd 2.5 miles to Sierra River Dr and Turn right for .6 miles to # 9442 on the right.

From the Folsom area travel south on Bradshaw Rd to Bond Rd. Turn right, go .7 miles to Sierra River Dr, turn left, go .6 miles to #9442



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