



Koi Ahoy

October 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—*Marilee Marshall*

Wasn't our koi show great? The only thing that would make it even better is if we had more of our members showing off their own collection. Our Board of Directors just met and we have an exciting slate of incoming officers, and some fresh ideas for programs. To some of us "fresh" isn't getting specific on a specific variety of koi, but to many of our newer collectors they want some instruction on just what makes a "good" kojaku or kumonryu; what makes good tancho marking, and how can you tell if the little tatagoi you bought will keep or lose his red cap? Can you look at your current koi collection and decide if you have too many, and need to get ready for next spring's club auction to either sell or buy a fish? Maybe you don't care if your favorite wet pet has a pedigree, you think she's beautiful.... there may be a winning category for her in next year's show. Why don't you consider being a part of the show committee and make sure there is?

This month at our meeting we are looking at do-it-yourself filtration systems. Our program in November may get us on the cutting edge of "greening" our

pond in a way that's good for the earth because it's using solar power. Come and learn, or come and share your knowledge.

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Next Meeting

October 25, 2009 at 1:00pm

This month we will have a lively discussion about Do-it-yourself filtration. Come learn about the various systems, the advantages, disadvantages and the latest thoughts and practices. Join us for a wonderful time, good eats, and take home a little more knowledge about our hobby! We look forward to seeing you.

Home of Leslie and Gus Cubillo

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Please see CKC website for directions



ACID RAIN —Jerry Kyle, AKCA KHA

WOW! We often get a first rain of the season about this time of the year but, not like this. It was such a big deal it became the top news on radio and TV. Politics, wars, and world crises got pushed aside in favor of this news. An unusual tropical storm with high winds shredding leaves (and branches?) from trees and dumping rain all up and down the state was news in California and the West Coast. This is the kind of thing that usually happens to the East Coast. Streets and yards filled with leaves and debris. Along with ponds. Ponds were filled with leaves, too. And, dirt. The air was full of dirt and dust that all got washed out and dumped in our ponds. And, acid. That rain being the first good air cleansing rain was acidic. Got Koi jumping? If I were a Koi I would want out of there too.

Water turning tan due to tannin in the leaves and dirt from the air or washed off the leaves along with filters being impacted due to pH being lowered by the acid rain does not paint a pretty picture. Of course reduced water circulation due to clogged skimmer or partially clogged bottom drain due to large leaves does not help either. It is a good thing for our Koi that we care enough to take the responsibility to provide good Koi husbandry practices and make quick corrections even though we do not really have time with our busy lives. For those others who don't know or pay attention, the stress factors on the Koi and their eco system is horrendous.

Getting ready for winter just got moved up a month for a lot of us. It is cleaning time again. Those without flow through water systems don't have the built in safety factor of ponds that rely on people to change the water. That pre-filter and filter needs cleaning along with the skimmer and that bottom drain pipe needs a good flushing. The little bit of mulm that hangs out there is a perfect place for costia, chilodinella, and friends to hang out and over-winter to be ready for spring warm up with reduced Koi immune systems to attack. Yum.

Most of us live in heavily populated areas or in areas adjacent to heavily populated areas. The air is laden with pollutants and with rain the pollutants get washed into our ponds. In most of the country that rain water has a very low pH. Acid rain. It is a real threat to our ponds and bio-filters. Some more than other but, the concern is real. Too many do not do water changes in the winter because the Koi do not eat and produce much waste to pollute the water. Big mistake. Water changes are important in the winter as they replace depleted trace minerals that the Koi need and if it gets so cold that the bio-filter activity is greatly reduced, water changes help to reduce resulting ammonia which can slowly build up over the months and kill the smaller and/or weaker Koi. How would you like to be a Koi and come out of winter with a reduced immune system, reduced pH, costia or chilodinella waiting in the mulm hidden in the long bottom drain and have to deal with continual ammonia in the water until the bio-filter can finally get caught up? It is not a nice picture. As long as we are going to the trouble to be responsible enough to care about clean ponds and clean filters we need to also be responsible to get rid of that acid rain. A rainy day does not signal, "Oh good, I don't have to do a water change as nature is doing it for me." A rainy day should signal, "My babies need me to care for them."

KOI SHOW—VOLUNTEER THANK YOU'S *(Photos by Pauline Sakai)*

Thank You Koi Show Volunteers!

Jim Phillips
Steve Eckard
Jason Sargeant
Leslie Cubillo
Gus Cubillo
Marilee Marshall
Georgia Vonk
Duane Carlson
Melody Carlson
Dennis Ragasa
Ellen Ragasa
Ellen Evans
Michelle Reeser
Jerry Kyle
Phyllis Kyle
Jim Kitchen
Pat Hill
Garry Chin
Ken Tiedemann
Mary Beth Avila
Phillip Avila
Chris Roney
Steven Zelanick
Dan Alarid
Cheryl Alarid
Pauline Sakai
Lilly Sakai
Dennis Tran
Rob Barerras
Erwin Santos
Jose Delgadillo
Janet Delgadillo
Rod Ethley
Nicole Crittenden



Cheryl Alarid and Lilly Sakai sell raffle tickets.



MaryBeth Avila greets a guest and directs her toward the fish and vendors.





KOI SHOW RESULTS —*Dinh Nguyen*

Thanks to Dinh Nguyen for posting our show results on www.koi-bito.com.

Grand Champion: Size 8 Kohaku - owner: Dr. David T.
Reserve Champion: Size 7 Show - owner: Dr. David T.
Mature Champion: Size 7 Kohaku - owner: Khuong Doan
Adult Champion: Size 6 Showa - owner: Dr. David T.
Young Champion: Size 4 Kohaku - owner: Khuong Doan
Baby Champion: Size 2 Sanke - owner: Dai Ngo
Jumbo Champion: Size 7 Doitsu B - owner: Carolyn Van Hoecke
Champion Longfin: Size 2 - owner Rod Ethley
Best Eye: Size 1 Asagi/Shusui - owner: Mary Beth Avila
Best Tategoi: Size 4 Sanke - owner: Ann Nguyen
Judge's Award: Size 4 Shiro Utsuri - owner: Ann Nguyen

Best in Size 1: Kohaku - owner Long Vo
Best in Size 2: Sanke - owner: Long Vo
Best in Size 3: Sanke - owner: Dai Ngo
Best in Size 4: Showa - owner: Steve Eckard
Best in Size 5: Kohaku - owner: Khuong Doan
Best in Size 6: Sanke - owner: Luis Barranco
Best in Size 7: Kohaku: Khanh Doan

Best in Kohaku: Size 5 - owner Khuong Doan
Best in Sanke: size 5 - owner: Long Vo
Best in Showa: size 5 - owner: Khuong Doan
Best in Utsuri: Size 4 - owner: Ann Nguyen
Best in Asagi/Shusui - Size 3: owner: Georgia Vonk
Best in Koromo/Goshiki - Size 3: owner: Dan Alarid
Best in Karawarigoi/Bekko - Size 6 - owner: Bryan McSherry
Best in Hikari Muji - Size 5 - owner Eldon & Chris Cyrus



KOI SHOW PHOTOS —Pauline Sakai and Gus Cubillo

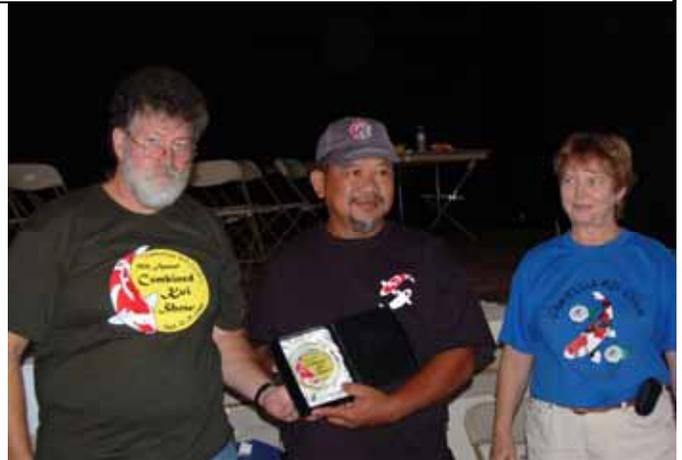




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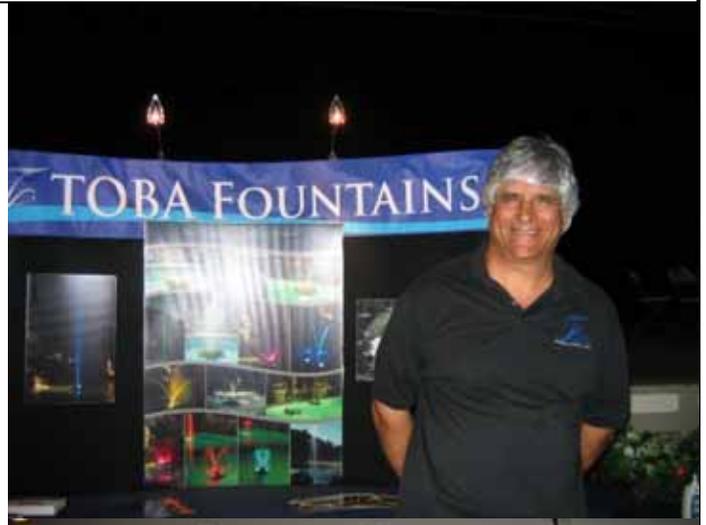


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Member Jerry Kyle was nominated and approved to chair the Associated Koi Clubs of America Koi Health Advisor Program. Congratulations, Jerry!

ZNA NorCal Show

Mark Your Calendars! The ZNA Nor-Cal Annual Koi Show is in San Jose on November 14 and 15th. The ZNA club members are big supporters of our show. Please reciprocate and consider participating by visiting the show either day or even showing your fish. More info p. 7.

KOI USA Magazine Subscriptions

"Please tell your club members that they must **request** the club member \$20 subscription price for AKCA club members each time they subscribe or renew their subscription to KOI USA. PCS, the subscription service we hired, groups subscribers into groups based on how they subscribed last. So if you subscribed at the full rate of \$24.95 then the renewal invoice you receive at the end of that subscription will show that amount, even though you have joined an AKCA member club. Simply list the AKCA member club you belong to and send a check for the \$20 club member rate subscription for 1 year or \$36 club member rate for 2 years. "

—Doug Dahl, CFO, Associated Koi Clubs of America

Pond Tour 2010

We are seeking club members interested in being on the Pond Selection Committee for the 2010 Pond Tour. Please contact Marilee Marshall at damm6@sbcglobal.net if you like looking at other peoples' ponds!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY — *Georgia Vonk*

Sept 1 Balance	\$8915.83	Expenses: Mainly koi show expenses
Expenses	(5404.13)	
Income	<u>6638.00</u>	Income: Mainly koi show income and new memberships
Sept 30 Balance	\$10,149.70	

*A more detailed financial report for the koi show will be released once all refunds have been received. Preliminary financials indicate a profit of \$800-\$1000.

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THIRD ANNUAL NISHIKIGOI SHOW



NOVEMBER 14-15, 2009

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ADMISISON FREE
SATURDAY 9 am-5pm, SUNDAY 10am-3pm**

Holiday Inn Mediterranean Center, 1740 North First Street, San Jose, CA

Koi Competition

*Koi Dealers, Product demonstration by Manufacturers,
Pond Contractors, Koi Artists, Koi Auction,
Koi education and commentary from certified Koi Judges,
and a whole lot more going on all weekend*

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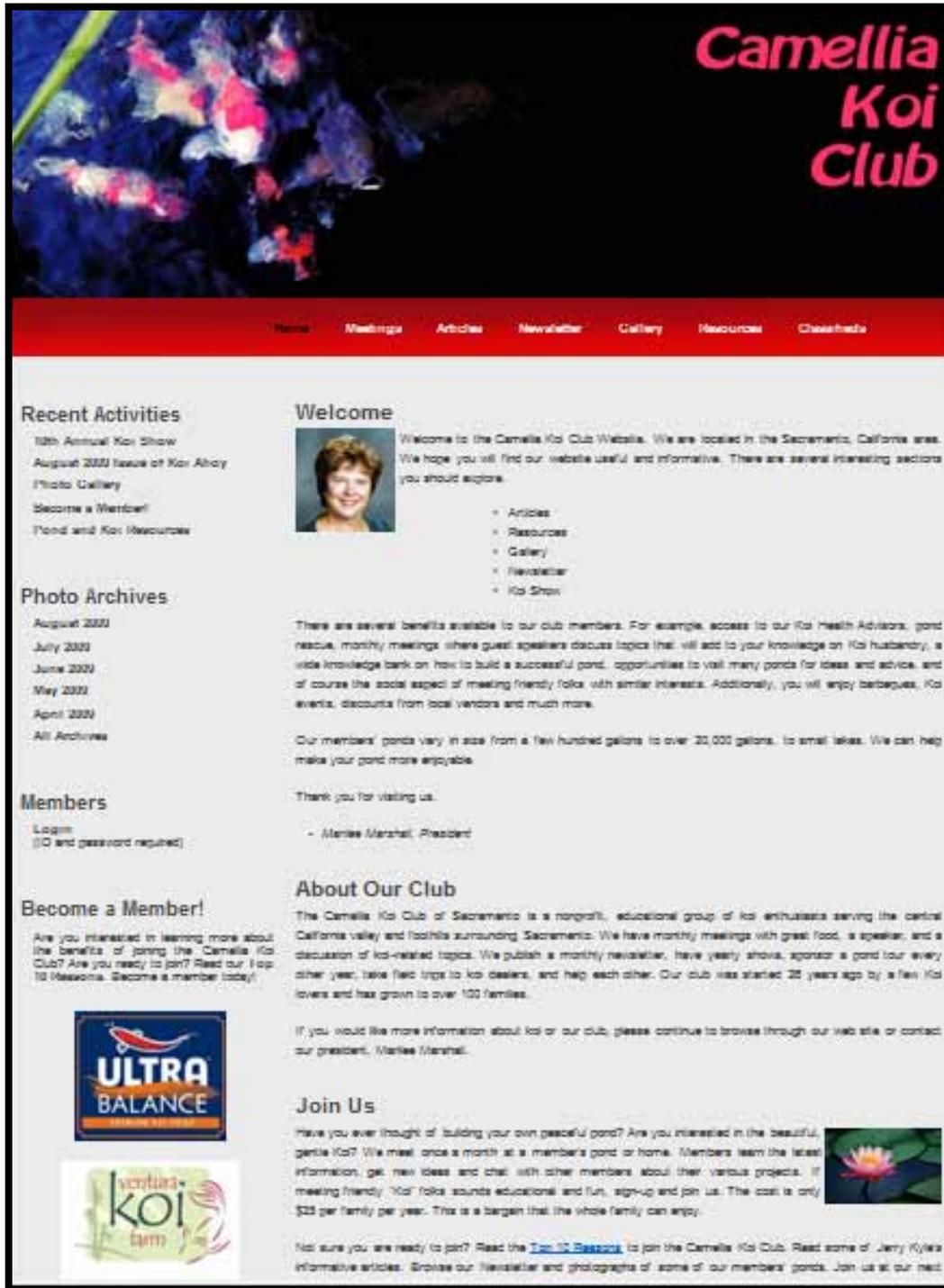
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CKC WEBSITE UPDATE—Gus Cubillo/Ellen Evans

If you've been to the website recently you've seen the sleek new look co-webmaster Gus Cubillo has taken the time to put together for our site. Please check it out and give Gus and me your feedback!



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Camellia Koi Club website. At the top right, the text "Camellia Koi Club" is displayed in a large, pink, serif font. Below this is a red navigation bar with white text links: Home, Meetings, Articles, Newsletter, Gallery, Resources, and Classifieds. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains sections for "Recent Activities" (listing the 18th Annual Koi Show, August 2009 issue of Koi Ahoy, Photo Gallery, Become a Member!, and Pond and Koi Resources), "Photo Archives" (listing months from August 2009 to April 2009, plus All Archives), and "Members" (with a login field). The right column features a "Welcome" message with a photo of Merle Marshall, President, and a list of site features: Articles, Resources, Gallery, Newsletter, and Koi Show. Below this is an "About Our Club" section describing the club's mission and history, followed by a "Join Us" section with a photo of a pink lotus flower. At the bottom left, there are logos for "ULTRA BALANCE" and "Victoria's Koi Farm".

Camellia Koi Club

Home Meetings Articles Newsletter Gallery Resources Classifieds

Recent Activities

- 18th Annual Koi Show
- August 2009 Issue of Koi Ahoy
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Photo Archives

- August 2009
- July 2009
- June 2009
- May 2009
- April 2009
- All Archives

Members

Login
(ID and password required)

Welcome



Welcome to the Camellia Koi Club Website. We are located in the Sacramento, California area. We hope you will find our website useful and informative. There are several interesting sections you should explore.

- Articles
- Resources
- Gallery
- Newsletter
- Koi Show

There are several benefits available to our club members. For example, access to our Koi Health Advisors, pond rescue, monthly meetings where guest speakers discuss topics that will add to your knowledge on Koi husbandry, a wide knowledge bank on how to build a successful pond, opportunities to visit many ponds for ideas and advice, and of course the social aspect of meeting friendly folks with similar interests. Additionally, you will enjoy barbecues, Koi events, discounts from local vendors and much more.

Our members' ponds vary in size from a few hundred gallons to over 20,000 gallons, to small lakes. We can help make your pond more enjoyable.

Thank you for visiting us.

- Merle Marshall, President

About Our Club

The Camellia Koi Club of Sacramento is a nonprofit, educational group of koi enthusiasts serving the central California valley and foothills surrounding Sacramento. We have monthly meetings with great food, a speaker, and a discussion of koi-related topics. We publish a monthly newsletter, have yearly shows, sponsor a pond tour every other year, take field trips to koi dealers, and help each other. Our club was started 28 years ago by a few Koi lovers and has grown to over 100 families.

If you would like more information about koi or our club, please continue to browse through our web site or contact our president, Merle Marshall.

Join Us

Have you ever thought of building your own peaceful pond? Are you interested in the beautiful, gentle Koi? We meet once a month at a member's pond or home. Members learn the latest information, get new ideas and chat with other members about their various projects. It's meeting friendly Koi folks sounds educational and fun, sign-up and join us. The cost is only \$25 per family per year. This is a bargain that the whole family can enjoy.



Not sure you are ready to join? Read the [Top 10 Reasons](#) to join the Camellia Koi Club. Read some of Jerry Kyle's informative articles. Browse our Newsletter and photographs of some of our members' ponds. Join us at our next





OCT 4, 2009 BOD MINUTES—*Marilee Marshall*

Attending: Gus & Leslie Cubillo, Jerry Kyle, Georgia Vonk, Jim Phillips, Marilee Marshall

Absent: Ellen Evans, Ken Tiedeman

Financial Report by Georgia. Current balance around \$10,000.

Old Business

New membership status for vendors. Discussion that existing advertising benefits available. New status requiring an amendment to by-laws does not create an additional value to either the club nor the vendors. Suspend implementation passed.

Show Report

Financial: profit of approx \$1,000. Final results pending some income checks, and final bill from a provider.

Committees

Club booth. Leslie reports necessity to increase staffing, and provide some advanced training on duties. Also wants to improve signage for events (raffle times), and PA announcements.

Food

Judges dinner (BBQ). Participants = 20. Food prepared for 35. Judges did not want to be on site prior to Saturday. Some workers resented paying for dinner while working. Decision not to include future Friday nite BBQ on site.

Snack bar. Gratefully received by everyone. Cost effective. Jerry will submit report for future continuing this project.

Auction. Inconsistent participation by vendors, and discussion on merits. Need for tighter follow-up by administrative show director.

Policy on membership sales

Non-show related sales by members was discussed. In the future, all decision need to be made by the show chairperson, but generally the policy is "no".

Member fish collection sale. In the future any sale must include the cost of the tank for the show, plus a 50/50 split between owner and club on the sale price.

Club membership participation. Lengthy discussion on developing a survey (by Georgia) for members to rate their interest in things like a show and pond tour, and pre-commitment to work on these projects. Develop job descriptions so members know what is involved in each position when applicable. After Georgia creates this survey, Gus will send it out via e-mail, and Georgia will compile the results.

**OCT 4, 2009 BOD MINUTES (CONTINUED)**

2010 Programs. Discussed concept of including a mini-informational spot each month on an individual koi classification, and considerations given when selecting a fish for purchase. This would not only educate members, but encourage interest in show their fish at shows. Interest is expressed to return to some basics of koi and koi keeping for those new to the hobby.

Board of Director nominations for open positions next year.

A. Secretary: Pat and Ray Hill have volunteered to fill this position.

B. Vice President: Leslie Cubillo has volunteered to fill this position.

AUG 30, 2009 BOD MINUTES—*Marilee Marshall*

Attending: Georgia Vonk, Jim Phillips, Duane Carlson, Jerry Kyle, Ellen Evans, Gus Cubillo, Ken Tiedeman, Marilee Marshall

Business: Jerry gave an update on the KHV grants, and was requested to share the information at the general meeting today.

Ellen discussed the idea of creating a new classification of club membership that featured koi-related vendors. The dues for this status would be \$50 a year, and include a business card sized ad in our monthly newsletter. It was recommended that we include a general disclaimer to these business services however. This modification in by-law membership requires a vote by the general membership, and be posted in our newsletter before the next meeting and ratification. It will be brought up for discussion at today's general meeting.

Marilee brought up the need to start considering a nominating committee for open Board of Director positions next year. She will ask for a volunteer chair for this function, and if no one responds, will suggest the BoD act in that capacity. The position of Vice- President, Secretary, and representative will be sought.

Jim gave a report on the status of the up-coming show. Everything is going smoothly, but there is concern there isn't enough member participation in showing their koi. Action will be taken to raise awareness.

Jerry made a suggestion to provide refreshments since the Red-Bus vendor is hospitalized and won't be available. Jerry has researched the availability and costs for sandwiches. The BoD seconded Jerry's proposal, and endorsed the sandwich count be for 300. Jerry and Phyllis are willing to take on this endeavor.



2009 Club Calendar

Please note that these locations/topics are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter or website each month for the most current meeting information.

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
February 22, 2009	"Nasty Nitrates"	Vonk (Lincoln)
March 29, 2009	Quarantining Lecture	Burns (Folsom)
April 26, 2009	Growth Contest, Parasite Management, Microscope Demo	Carlson (Granite Bay)
May 31, 2009	Koi Auction	Sakai (Roseville)
June 28, 2009	Pond Foam Seminar and BBQ!!!	Tran (Sacramento)
July 26, 2009	Planting in/around Ponds	Golden Pond Nursery (Loomis)
August 30, 2009	Annual Potluck	Lake's Nursery (Newcastle)
September 12-13, 2009	ANNUAL KOI SHOW	PLACER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (Roseville)
October 25, 2009	DIY FILTRATION	Cubillo (Antelope)
November 22, 2009	Using solar energy to offset your pond's electricity costs	Hill (Lincoln)
December 13, 2:00	ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER	Golden Dragon Buffet (Roseville)

Please email Marilee (address below) if you have a topic you would like to suggest for a meeting!

Hosting is a great opportunity to show off your finished pond and fish or to get input on a project in progress! If you would like to host a meeting, please contact Marilee Marshall at dammmm6@sbcglobal.net. Meeting hosts get \$40 to buy some snacks and drinks, and members bring more snacks and their own chairs. For wet months it is a good idea to have enough indoor space to squeeze 10-20 people in case of rain. For hot summer months, a shady spot is appreciated.

Board of Directors

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ADVERTISING RATES

Classified Ad (Website & Newsletter):

- Members – free
- Non-members - \$25 per classified ad

Annual Koi Show Program Ads

- \$25 ¼ page ad
- \$50 ½ page ad
- \$100 for full page ad
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Website (*Prices being reconsidered)

- \$100 for a graphic/link for 3 months on the main page,
- \$50 for a simple text link with brief description.

Newsletter:

Per Issue	Business Card	¼ page	½ page	Full page
Member	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20
Non Member	10	15	25	40
Yearly				
Member	\$25	\$35	\$90	\$150
Non Member	40	6	125	250