



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Jerry Kyle

I hope you noticed that the last Sunday in April is Easter Sunday. For that reason our monthly meeting has been moved up a week to the 17th. I love April as spring brings out the sun, the flowers bloom, and my Koi begin to perk up with the warming of the water.

One of the nicest things, however, is that April means a Pot Luck at Pauline and Lilly's pond. Beautiful setting, beautiful pond, beautiful Koi, and a beautiful large back porch to sit on if it rains. This is a perfect rain or shine location to have a meeting. Since Pauline is providing drinks along with ham and sweet/sour baked beans I will bring a good appetite. OK, some deviled eggs with a little dill in them also.

Of special note - We will vote on Koi Person of the Year. Nominees are Jim P., Marilee P., and Georgia V. This will be a tough choice as all are worthy of the honor. As members sign in they will be given a secret ballot to make their choice and later at the dinner, last year's honoree will present the perpetual trophy to this year's recipient. I sincerely hope you all can attend to make this truly a club choice.

Remember our continuing "*Bring a Guest*" Contest and bring a friend. Last month Pauline brought two guests while some of the others of us brought one which puts Pauline in the lead for the year. This month the guests can learn how nice some of our Koi can be as well as how well we eat. See you Sunday, April 17.

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March meeting at the home of Betty and John

It was a chilly day and punctuated by sprinkles, but it didn't deter the koi enthusiasts.



Serene view from above



Watching the koi



Studying the tank



Time to relax



Jerry talked about koi health issues in spring.



Koi talk



Our intrepid host, Betty



Our host John shares his passion



NEXT MEETING IS...

Spring is in the air! April's meeting is hosted by Master Gardeners Pauline and Lilly in Roseville. This is a "must attend" event. Enjoy the beautiful pond and surroundings. We will vote for Koi Person of the Year. Nominees are:

Marilee P.
Georgia V.
Jim P.

A Special Note About Directions and Parking:

Pauline has provided the following information: Please have the attendees park next door at 2111 Baseline Road. Mapquest and others sometimes get people lost. Here are some better directions:

From Sacramento to Roseville:

- I80 to Reno
- Auburn/Riverside Exit - to Roseville (take Riverside branch) which is a loop.
- Left on Cirby
- Right on Foothills Blvd
- Left on Baseline
- Less than 1/2 mile down on left
- Park at neighbors, they have an iron wrought gate.
- 2111 Baseline Road on gravel (not dirt as ground is soft).

From Auburn to Roseville:

- I80 to Sacramento
- Hwy 65 exit to Marysville
- Pleasant Grove Exit.
- Left onto Pleasant Grove
- Left on Foothills Blvd
- Right on Baseline Rd.
- Less than 1/2 mile down on left
- Park at neighbors, they have an iron wrought gate.
- 2111 Baseline Road on gravel (not dirt as ground is soft).

There is a gate adjoining the two properties. We are at 2151 Baseline Road, (916) 786-3769

We have bench seating but members may want to bring their own chairs. Don't forget to invite a guest and win this month's "Bring Your Friend" contest. Bring your camera and a guest for the April meeting this year, just for the fun of it. That's why we do this -- to share our fun.

You can also visit the Next Meeting page (http://camelliakoi.org/next_meeting.htm), and click the green arrow on the map for directions.

April 17

Home of Pauline and Lilly
2151 Baseline Rd.
Roseville, CA 95757

Phone: 916/786-3769

Board meeting at Noon. General meeting at 1pm

Pauline & Lilly are preparing ham and baked beans, but please bring munchies, salad or dessert to share



Board of Director Meeting

Treasurer Report By: Georgia Vonk, Treasurer

Okay, I made an error by listing the \$40 host fee as income rather than an expense but the bank still shows we have \$28.83 more than I show and neither of us can figure out why.

Beginning balance	\$8707.95
Expenses	624.34 \$582 equipment insurance, \$40 host fee & \$2.34 paypal fees
Income	180.00 memberships

Ending balance \$8263.61

Bank shows \$8292.44 or \$28.83 more than I show.

Please remember to renew your membership and dues are \$30 per year. You may pay thru PayPal or send directly to me at 881 Greenridge Ct. Lincoln CA 95648-8316

Minutes CKC Board of Directors for 3/27/11

Notes by Georgia Vonk

Attending officers; Jerold Kyle, Duane Carlson, Georgia Vonk, Betty Martin, Sharon Oswald.

Absent; Marilee Marshall (now Marilee Patterson), Dan Alarid, Jose Delgadillo, Jim Phillips.

Attending members; Joan and Martin Cuomo, Pauline and Lilly Sakai, Gary Waldsmith, Melody Carlson.

Previous minutes approved as printed in Koi Ahoy.

Georgia gave Treasurer's report showing ending balance of \$8343.81 and reported there are still a number of members who have not submitted this year's dues.

Old Business—

Guest Contest Rules were reviewed. \$150.00 gift certificate at December meeting for member bringing the most guests to meetings through November. In case of a tie, prize will be shared between winners. A monthly Guest Sign sheet was presented to keep tract. Holiday party report by Marilee was put off until April meeting as Marilee Marshall is on honeymoon after just becoming newlywed Marilee Patterson.

New Business—

Koi Person of the Year Contest. *Nominations will be taken at club meeting to follow and added to emailed nominations. Voting will be secret ballot only in person at April 17th meeting. Bylaws allow one vote per person with a maximum of 2 per member household. It was requested by president of ZNA Nor Cal that our show tanks be available if needed for their Koi Show, Nov, 12-13, 2011. They may not need them as they just purchased 20 tanks from the Santa Clara Koi Club. It was voted to allow the rental of the tanks at \$20 each with an agreement as to the care and returning of the equipment. Duane volunteered to create the list to include such things as requiring pads under the tanks, how to fold the tanks, and making an appointment to return the tanks within two weeks after the show.

Meeting adjourned.

*emails and following meeting nominations are: Marilee Marshall (Patterson), Jim Phillips, Georgia Vonk.



General Interest & Events:

Garry Chin is a long-time CKC member, past president, and certified AKCA judge. He has been so kind as to share his story with us. Thank you Garry.

Well a bio about myself. I have been in the aquatic hobby since I was seven years old. I originally wanted a dog, cat, or bird, etc. for a pet, but my parent know who would probably end-up taking of the pet and said no. I was persistent though and one day while fishing for blue gill at a local pond, I happen to catch a couple of smaller blue gill and decided that I would keep them so off I went to Capital Aquarium where I purchased a fish bowl to keep my pets. Still I did not want my parents to know I was keeping fish, so I kept them in the bowl hidden outside under the house. Well it did not take too long before the fish were discovered by mom and inside they came and I was allowed to keep them. Soon I graduated to a ten gallon aquarium, then a twenty gallon aquarium all the while keeping various goldfish. Having been successful with the goldfish I decided I wanted more of a challenge, so I moved onto keeping tropical fish.

Turns out one of my uncles was avid tropical fish hobbyist and taught me many things about keeping tropical fish successfully. From then through my college years I kept various tropical fish even breeding many those difficult to breed successfully such as discus, South American Annuals, some characins, etc. I even dabbled in keeping saltwater fish. In the late sixties and into the seventies the challenge for saltwater hobbyist mainly was to keep them alive. During my college years in San Jose I worked in a Tropical Fish store and lived in upstairs apartment with another avid tropical fish hobbyist. We had over sixty aquariums from five gallons to several sixty gallon aquariums. It's a wonder we did not bring our apartment down to the first floor. After college the field I majored in during those years was in a major slump with people losing jobs not getting jobs (in Silicon Valley no less). So needing to pay rent and eat, I worked as a sales rep for a tropical fish wholesaler for a few years with my territory being the East Bay, Santa Cruz-Monterey Bay, and Gilroy-Hollister areas. After that I moved back to Sacramento and still stayed in the tropical fish hobby.

In the mid-eighties I bought a home with a nice size backyard. During that time I was working many weekends at my day job and what free time I had, I did not want to spend it doing yard work. After many sleepless nights, I decided that I would have a water feature in the backyard and it would have those fancy large Japanese fish called Koi. I remembered seeing them at the Cherry Blossom Festival at Japan Town in San Francisco, during my college days in the 70s and at Capital Aquarium's new location. The Koi were in blue containers and were in something called a Koi Show and the event was coordinated by someone named Grant Fujita. I got the chance to ask this guy named Fujita some questions about what was going on.

While doing research about what it takes to have a Koi Pond, I came across an article in the California Life of the Sacramento Bee about a Koi Show being held that weekend at Capital Nursery sponsored by a Camellia Koi Club. Well off I went to the Koi Show I went and it turns out the Koi Show was judged by a Mr. Grant Fujita. It was here I met Ken Gray and Jim Richardson (founding fathers of the Camellia Koi Club) and told them of what I wanted to build in my back yard. Ken tells me the club meets the last Sunday of the month and to bring my plans and they would review them. I bring my plans (I had taken drafting in college, so plans were from drafting board) to a meeting and show them to Ken, Jim and here I meet Doug Peccianti. I get turned on to some paperback books called Practical Koi Keeping Volume 1, 2 and 3. After much going back and forth a 7,000 gallon Koi Pond is in my backyard. So in the late eighties I join the Camellia Koi Club. In 1992 I even become President of the club and during this period Ken interests me in going to a Koi Show sponsored by the Southern California chapter of Zen Nippon Airinkai. Ken also introduces me to Mr. Grant Fujita who does a number of classes about Koi, now Nishikigoi which I begin attending. Also while attending meetings with the Camellia Koi Club I gather knowledge about Koi from club members such as Ken Gray, Jim Richardson, Doug Peccianti, Fred Brown, Howard Young, Tom Nishimura and many others. In fact I am still learning things about this hobby of Koi Keeping and will continue to learn. Just as "There's no such thing as a perfect pond", "There is never a point one stops learning something about Koi". Well after attending, entering and helping at a number of Koi Shows I develop an interest in how the Koi are Judged. Well one thing leads to another and in the late 90s I enter the Associated Koi Clubs of America's Judging program at the same time I serve as President of



an aquatic club devoted to saltwater hobbyist, that being the Marine Aquarist Roundtable of Sacramento (from 1993 to 2000). In 2000, after passing a number of tests and working as a Candidate Judge at a number of Koi Shows..I become a Associated Koi Clubs of America Certified Judge. 2001 is the start of my serving four years as President of the Camellia Koi Club, after which I was Chair of the Sacramento Open Koi Show and Vendor Faire until 2008.

Enough Rambling (oopppsss that's someone's articles in Koi Ahoy when he's not President) on to a Did You Know topic! Well as I pen (type) this article, the temperature of the water in my Koi Pool is getting higher and they Koi are very active. This despite the rains.... So with this going on, what is it that one does with the Koi Pool (Pond)?

Well as the water temperature starts to warms many things increase activity. If there are leaves and debris from the winter in the pond, they will begin to decompose. The adverse effect is that it upsets the balance of the pond and stresses the Koi. So this is the time to get out the pool net and net out that gunk from the pond. Once this has been completed then it's a good time to move on to the filtration system. The input to the filtration system is the place to start from the skimmer basket to the overflow and on to any other location where water enters the filtration system. From these inputs then head to the pre-filter area and clean out settling tanks, brushes, leaf baskets and anything else in this area of the filtration system. Then if you are like me and have dual filters for your filtration system then this area can be cleaned of debris and refreshed.

This is not normally done during the warmer seasons as beneficial bacteria are very active then, it is possible this time of the year as beneficial bacteria is just beginning to become active.

After the cleaning has been completed then one should check the entire system for any damage caused by winter storms and fix what has been damaged. This is also a good time to change your UV bulb if you have a UV on your system.

Once the maintenance has been completed then a partial water change can be made to freshen up the pond. I do not like to add additives, chemical, salts, etc. to my system unless I am treating for something specific, but if you are so inclined. This is the time to add commercial starter additives to increase biological activity.

Now that you have the attention of your Koi from all of your activities, they want to start eating. You should start with a wheatgerm heavy food that is easily digested. When feeding Koi pellet food, I take the time the make the pellets soft so it's easy for the Koi to digest. I make the Koi pellets soft by placing the amount of pellets I plan to feed my Koi in a plastic bottle. I then add water to the bottle which I cap off. I then pour out excess water and let the pellets stand in the bottle for a few minutes. After the allotted time the pellets are soft and are easy for the Koi to digest. Remember, your initial feeding amount should be small much like a sampling of food at a market for humans. As the temperature of the pond water increases, you may increase the food given your Koi.

Lastly the best advice anyone can give you is to be in tune with your Koi Pond system and its inhabitants; more on this next month.

If you have a Koi related question or want to discuss a Koi related topic and you do not see me at a club meeting or activity, the best way to contact me is via e-mail at sevkoj@yahoo.com.



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Camellia Koi Club Report to AKCA.....April 2011

The Camellia Koi Club with a continuing emphasis on fun, new experiences, and seeing new ponds, along with a continuing “bring a guest contest” visited, for the first time, a newer member’s home pond in March. John and Betty’s son-in-law was pretty good at the barbecue. Pauline won the month’s prize for bringing the most guests. A KHA Adviser presentation on Koi feeding in this year’s unusual winter-spring weather was well received and a new quarantine set up was appreciated by all. The April meeting will feature a Pot Luck at a master gardener’s home with a Koi pond once featured in Sunset Magazine along with voting for the Camellia Koi Club’s Koi Person of The Year. Life is good in this club and the food keeps getting better.

2011 Club Calendar (to date)

Month	Topic	Location
February 27	Feeding for color & growth Tosai grow-out contest Picnic lunch - Bring a guest contest	Koi Enterprise West Sacramento
March 27	Q&A Health issues and concerns of coming out of winter Bring a guest contest	Betty & John M Auburn
April 17 (3 rd Sunday)	Pot Luck Meeting Bring a guest contest	Pauline S. Roseville
May 22 (4 th Sunday)	Party Time - BBQ - talk on plants with ponds . Bring a guest contest	Gus & Leslie C
June 26		Open
July 31	Seminar-- Slide presentation /talk Building the perfect pond Common Koi health issues Bring a guest contest	Sacramento Koi Rocklin
August 28	Potluck	
September 25		Open
October 23		Open
November 20 (3 rd Sunday)		Open
December 11 or 18	Christmas Party	To be announced

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