



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Jerry Kyle

This is turning out to be quite a year. Some had asked what can we do to create more interest and we have responded. It started at Marilee's home and pond when the total meeting focus was on determining what we wanted to accomplish this year. In February we followed that plan with a meeting at Koi Enterprise where we barbecued, witnessed the latest in Koi Bio-Security, began our "Bring a Guest" Contest, and also started our Koi grow out contest for this year. March found us and new guests in Auburn seeing Betty and John's pond for the first time. Yes, and enjoying her antiques and eating again. Betty's Son-in-Law is a good cook. April Pot Luck at Pauline and Lilly's let newcomers and guests admire one of the nicest ponds in our club. These members are Master Gardeners and it showed. Being invited to this quality of yard and pond is one of the perks of belonging to the Camellia Koi Club. Pauline again won the prize for most guests of the month with five.

How can we top all that? We will try this month at Flora Tropicana in Galt. Covering five acres, the facility has a park like setting with multiple ponds and Koi along with six greenhouse displays of numerous plants for water gardens. Marcos will personally provide a very special prize for the member who brings the most guests this month along with a special offer of Koi food for all attending CKC members. We will call this "A Picnic In The Park" meeting and try to make it the most fun filled one yet. Mark your calendar and bring a couple of friends. The most guests surprise prize will be worth it

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KOI PERSON OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Marilee (Marshall) Patterson who was voted Camellia Koi Club Person of the Year for past year service. This is an honor originally promoted by the Associated Clubs of America (AKCA) who each year invites the member clubs to notify them of the recipient to whom the AKCA presents a certificate. The CKC has personalized this honor with a perpetual trophy that is passed by the past winner to the new honoree. Voting and immediate presentation of the trophy was done at the April CKC meeting when previous winner, Jerold Kyle, presented the trophy to Marilee.

April's Meeting at Pauline & Lily's house

It was a Gorgeous day and the weather was perfect for showing off their Master Gardener's yard and pond. Here are some photo's that highlighted the day.

	Pauline built her pond, filters, decking and decks with her own two hands.		Not easy to showcase this water clarity and her beautiful koi when they spawned last week.
	Adoring koi and gardening folks admired Pauline & Lily's hard work.		Our potluck Picnic was Picture Perfect.



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We really enjoy each other's company.



Jerry awarded the annual Koi Person of the Year to past President Marilee (Marshall, now-) Patterson

Pauline's recipe for SWEET SOUR BAKED BEANS

8 slices bacon
 1-4 onions (depending on your palate), sliced and separated into rings or smaller as desired
 1/2 c. brown sugar, packed
 1 tsp. mustard
 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
 1 tsp. salt
 1/2 c. apple cider vinegar
 2 -15 oz. cans butter beans
 1 1 lb. can green lima beans
 1 1 lb. can red kidney beans
 2 1 lb. cans B & M baked beans (or any other baked beans without tomato sauce as an ingredient I used Bush's brand)

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Fry bacon in skillet until crisp. Remove from pan; drain on paper toweling, then crumble and set aside. Separate onion slices into rings and cook in back drippings until tender, but not browned. Stir in sugar, mustard, garlic powder, salt and vinegar. Cover and simmer 20 minutes.

DRAIN butter, lima and kidney beans. Mix all beans with onion mixture and bacon and turn into a 3 quart casserole or crock pot. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour **OR** put in the crock pot on low for about 6-8 hours.

Enjoy

NEXT MEETING IS...

A PICNIC IN THE PARK

If you have never been to Flora Tropicana go to www.floratropicana.com and see why Marco and Wendy have every reason to be proud of what they have built. Even Sunset and VIA magazines have called this a must-see destination and Marco and Wendy want to share their pride and joy by inviting us to meet on their site. We will have a picnic, barbecue a few hot dogs and hamburgers, and see Koi and many beautiful ponds and products. Marco loves Koi and has many pond building and maintenance products but, he is also about the beauty of the garden setting and doesn't skimp on the artful beauty that can make any yard special. Bring a chair and bring a friend. That is what we are doing this year. The more the merrier will make a fun filled afternoon. Something for the picnic will be appreciated. Salad, snacks, something sweet (cookies?) will be appreciated. Marcos will bring the hot dogs and hamburgers and the club will bring the drinks. We wanted more fun. Even younger family members will enjoy this trip

May 22 (Memorial day is on the 29th)

Flora Tropicana

10255 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove, CA

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Board of Director Meeting for 4/17/11 by Marilee Patterson

Present: Kyle, Marshall, Phillips, Martin, Carlson, Oswald, Vonk, Delgadillo

Treasurer Report by Georgia Vonk

Beginning balance	\$8,707.95
Expenses	\$624.34
Insurance	582.00
Host fee	40.00
PayPal fees	2.34
Income	\$180.00 Memberships
Ending Balance	\$8,263.61

Banks shows \$8292.44 or \$28.83 more than I show and neither of us can figure out why.

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

Old Business:

Minutes from previous meeting accepted as submitted.

Jim Phillips asked to review with Board the policy on equipment rental. Jerry responded with his research and responses which led to the current decision to draft a Rental Policy. Duane gave the Board his draft of said document, and a discussion followed.

Marilee is to check on Luau Garden for possible Christmas Party.

New Business:

Discussion on Duane's draft for a Rental Policy. Modifications and comments:

Jim Phillips will not assume sole responsibility for any equipment lending/rental.

Deposit will be \$40/unit tank rental with \$20 refund if all the conditions of the Rental Agreement are met.

Further instruction sheet on how to set up/tear down/fold a tank will be added as addendums to the Rental Agreement. Georgia will send Duane and Marilee the instructions she and Phillips had written in their Koi Show (How To) binder, to be used as the addendum.

Marilee asked for approval of Garry Chin offer to add his monthly article to the *Koi Ahoy* publication. It was unanimously approved by the Board.

Newsletter and website calendar will add June meeting will be at Cubillo's home.. August meeting will at the Carlson's, and include the annual club koi auction. September is now to be at the Delgadillo's.



Garry's Did You Know?

by Garry Chin

Last month I covered various activities one can do for their Koi Pond as we move from the winter months to spring. Now your Koi are more active and are looking to be fed, so how much should your Koi be fed as their water gets warmer? The table below is geared towards the average hobbyist and is a general feeding guide that is based on water temperature.

<i>Water Temp. (°F)</i>	<i>Feeding Frequency</i>	<i>Food Type</i>
Less than 50°F	Do not feed Koi	Temperatures at 50° F. of more than one month may require supplemental feedings of low protein and high carbohydrates
50-55°F	2-3 times a week if Koi are hungry	High carbohydrate, low protein, Wheat germ, squash, lettuce and brown bread
55-59°F	4-5 times per week if Koi are hungry	Add low protein (25%) pellets along with vegetables. Increase quantities gradually as temperature increases
59°F	Once per day six days per week	Continue low protein (25%) pellets and add high carbohydrate vegetables and fruit
60-65°F	Once per day every day	Gradually increase protein in pellets (35%) and quantity of pellets. Vary diet with vegetables and fruit
65-72°F	Once or twice per day	Bulk of diet should be 35% protein pellets. Add fruits, vegetables, and plankton for variety
72-80°F	3 to 4 times per day	High protein pellets (35% to 40%) with color enhancers. Add plankton, vegetables, fruits, and shrimp

So you have done your spring cleaning chores and have begun to feed your Koi according to the above table. You are diligently testing your water's pH, hardness, Oxygen level, ammonia level, for Nitrites and Nitrates. You do remove solid waste as often as possible and even perform periodic water changes. Shoot you go as far as attending the club's General Meeting to gain as much information from the advanced hobbyist as your mind can absorb. To gain even more knowledge on the care of your Koi, you subscribe to a Koi periodical, join Koi Discussion Boards and even become a Koi Health Advisor. With all of that you would think you would have the healthiest Koi in town.

Well you would be pretty close, but all of that knowledge is not worth beans if you do not apply all of that knowledge to your Koi's Pond. Remember no two Koi Ponds are exactly alike and any advice a club member, Koi Periodical, Koi Discussion Board or I give you is based on personal experiences. So what may work for other people's Koi Pond may not exactly work the same for your Koi Pond. As I stated in the last installment of "Did You Know" the best advice anyone can give you is to be in tune with your Koi Pond system and its inhabitants. You need to be very observant of your Koi's reaction to anything introduced into their world.

Let me give you some examples.

In the table above under Feed Frequency it states "if Koi are hungry". As the water in the Koi Pond begins to warm up and you begin feeding your Koi. Watch their behavior when food is introduced into the pond, do they ignore the food, slowly eat the food or do they attack the food with vigor. From their behavior you can deduce how much to feed the Koi if at all.

You bought a Kohaku and a Shiro Utsuri a couple of years ago, but the Hi of the Kohaku is not as red as when you bought it and small black spots appear on the red patches, but the Sumi of the Shiro Utsuri is really dark black. Did the dealer sell you a poor quality Kohaku? No it's just that your water may be hard which is great for developing Sumi, but not so great for Hi.

Another variety of Koi that is affected by water hardness is the Asagi. A classic Asagi has a powder blue top with the scales outline like a net and an orange or red lower half. In our part of the country with hard water it is generally accepted that one's Asagi will get darker the longer they are kept. I personally have a Asagi that is 30 inches and about 15 years



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old. When I first got her she had a nice blue/grey top, but the longer I had her the darker the blue/grey got. A few years ago my wife and I move about five miles and built a Koi Pool and in the Asagi went. Well the blue/grey of that Asagi has gotten lighter...the water in the Koi Pool is softer than at the previous Koi Pond. I am still learning what effect the Koi Pool's water will have on various colors of our Koi.

One can take all measurements of water parameters one wants, but if you are very observant of your Koi's behavior they will tell you when something is not right with the water.

So to be in tune with your Koi Pond system and its inhabitants you must be observant of your Koi to know their regular behavior so you can tell when something is not right.

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 scvkoi@yahoo.com.

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 barbeque. 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	Flora Tropicana
June 26		Gus & Leslie C
July 31	Seminar-- Slide presentation /talk Building the perfect pond Common Koi health issues Bring a guest contest	Sacramento Koi Rocklin
August 28	Annual club koi auction	Duane & Melody
September 25		Janet & Jose Delgadillo
October 23		Open
November 20 (3 rd Sunday)		Open
December 11 or 18	Christmas Party	To be announced



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