

Koi Ahoy

Camellia Koi Club
Sacramento

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GARRY CHIN HONORED

The Camellia Koi Club acknowledged Garry Chin's years of generous service for all of the seen and unseen work he did, particularly as president of the club for the past 4 years. On

January 30th, we presented him the club's **Outstanding Service Award** plaque and a \$50.00 gift certificate.

Garry, who is also an AKCA Certified Head

Judge, is continuing his service to the club by chairing this year's Koi Show in October.

Thank you, Garry, for your generous service and congratulations for a job well done..

President's Message by Jerry Kyle

A short version of the official purpose of our club is to support the hobby of keeping, breeding, appreciating, and exhibiting koi. Some members do parts of this and others do all. Added are the social camaraderie of others with like interests and the enjoyment of seeing differing ponds. We feel good when we can help fellow hobbyists and others new to the hobby.

This month we have the opportunity to do it all. One of our new members has an existing garden pond and would like to

learn more on ways to upgrade it to better enjoy koi. This will be a wonderful opportunity for many members to learn options on how to take a nice looking pond and make it be much more in order to display the jewels of the garden. Many have joined this club over the years to learn and help by supporting our hobby. Everyone is invited to attend and do what we enjoy most. Seeing a new pond, making new friends, learning techniques to improve pond quality, helping the hobby by sharing ex-

periences and knowledge with others, and enjoying the social aspects of a regular club meeting is what it is all about. I hope as many of you as possible can attend. Those with the most experience can expect to have your brains picked the most in order to help a new club member. It will be fun to see how many ideas all of us together may come up with. We all know most problems can be rectified with a bulldozer and a lot of money but how can we make a pond better without tearing

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Membership Renewal: I (Sandy Sylvester) have not renewed my membership yet! If you are like me, let's do it now! Bring your checks.

Board Minutes, January 30, 2005

The meeting was held at the Rocklin Library one hour prior to the general meeting and called to order by the president, Jerold Kyle. Present were Jason Sargeant, vice president, Marilee Marshall, treasurer, and directors, Duane Carlson, Jack Flockhart, and Phyllis Kyle. Also attending were Melody Carlson, Garry Chin, Barbara Flockhart, and Jim Phillips.

Marilee Marshall presented the treasurer's report and announced she will be making some changes in record keeping improving the accounting processes. She then led the discussion to develop the 2005 budget. She noted that in researching past budgets, general expenses average nearly the same most years and the board agreed to use these figures as a basis to develop this year's figures. She reported that forty-seven families have renewed memberships for 2005. In discussing costs of producing the Koi Ahoy club newsletter it was decided to ask Sandy Sylvester, editor, for a fee structure for adver-

tising. The proposal to raise membership dues next year to offset costs of printing was tabled until June in order to further determine if it is needed.

Jason Sargeant led the discussion on developing a program for meeting locations and topics for 2005. He announced that plans are well underway for a Koi Show again this year. The time will be moved up one month in the hope of warmer weather. He said he had information that some members did not participate in last year's show because they had heated ponds and the water temperature would have endangered the fish. Garry said that some members did not enter fish because, if there was a problem, there was not sufficient recovery time for the fish before the low temperatures of winter. This year's show will be held on October 1-2 at Green Acres Nursery. Jason will also be checking on costs of shared advertising with Green Acres for a spot on Channel 31. The program topic of the general club meeting to follow the

board meeting will be "Planning the Future" and will allow the club as a whole to contribute to the planning of year 2005.

Jim Phillips is shopping for a fire hose and the Board approved asking the general membership for \$739 plus shipping for a new hose. (Presently the club uses the same hose to fill the tanks that it uses to empty the tanks.) This is in effect, using the same line for sewer water and pond water. The Board agreed, so we want to have a new hose dedicated for potable water.

Jim and Garry are negotiating a trade with the Tucson Koi Club: our excess equipment for their show tanks.

The meeting was recessed until after the club meeting. When the Board reconvened, Jason reported the members had contributed many new ideas for locations and topics. Many members got involved and stayed for the end of the board meeting. Therefore, next month's board meeting will also be held one hour prior to the next general meeting.

Treasurer's Report

submitted by Marilee Marshall

Balance Forward	\$ 7,826.94
Membership dues	2,355.00
Expenses	<u>(435.91)</u>
Balance	\$ 9,746.03

President's Message (Cont'd)

everything out and starting over? There is always something to learn and for those who already know it all, you be sure to be there. OK, I'm kidding but we do want to get as many different ideas as possible to see what we as a club can come up with. There is a lot of knowledge in this club to be shared. We especially need to hear from you.

Ramblings by Jerry Kyle

My wife, Phyllis, said I'm cheap. I think frugal would be a better definition. Nicer anyway. A few years ago this frugal-skate wanted to build a pond in the back yard and have a few pretty koi swimming around in it. That would look nice, and since I am frugal and only wanted to build the pond once instead of over and over again until I got it right, the logical thing to do was research the subject. That is not being cheap. That is frugal and logical. I think that's good.

Research led me to the Camellia Koi Club and the opportunity to meet others who are *koi kichi*. That means koi crazy. Further research led me to AKCA annual seminars, various koi health seminars, and the KHA (Koi Health Advisor) Program. I am not alone. In the club there are many others who have done all that and also have had considerably more experience with ponds and fish for many years. I learned from them there is more than one way to build a koi pond and met members who have tried them all. What is important is what works for you, in your situation, and allows you to exhibit happy healthy koi.

While water quality is the paramount consideration, many members have incorporated additional features to better serve their particular tastes and desires. Most koi ponds have bottom drains to facilitate keeping the bottoms cleaner and various types of skimmers to keep the

surface cleaner. Some have catch basins at the base of the waterfall with a separate drain to clean the waterfall without getting the main pond water dirty. Some do not. Some want to feed and play with their koi all year so enclose the pond in a greenhouse to keep it and themselves warm. Some do not. Some add a heater to the filter system for the same reason and to help keep the koi healthier. Some ponds cost lots of money. Some do not. Some ponds are in the ground and others above ground with benches or walls to sit on at water's edge. There are big ponds and little ponds, big waterfalls and little waterfalls, roaring and splash-splashy, and the list goes on. Some do this and some do that. All are somehow the same and yet all are different just as we are different and just as the koi are different.

A new family joins the club and sees and hears about all the things that can be done, how some things can be expensive, and how some things have been completed by do-it-yourselfers at considerable less cost. Often newcomers come to the meetings for the same reason. They want to learn from others who have the experience and are willing to share that knowledge.

The February 27, 2005, meeting will be held at a newer member's home. I think he is frugal and logical. He has a nice garden pond and wants to enjoy his own "jewels of the garden." He wants koi. He wonders what different

ideas our club members can suggest to convert his garden pond with its double waterfall and large boulders into a healthy environment for koi. Can it be done? How? This will be a learning experience for many of us. It will be an exchanging if ideas for a real project. It will be fun and educational for many and definitely interesting to all. This is what the Camellia Koi Club is all about. Promoting good koi husbandry, helping other members, and exhibiting koi in a friendly social environment. The patio adjacent to the pond is about 16 feet wide by 32 feet long and is covered with a solid roof. This will be a rain or shine meeting as we are in no danger of getting wet and you can tell us what you might like to do with this pond. We are open to all ideas and need yours. Can you participate to see what we collectively can contrive in an interactive club meeting at a new member's pond? Everyone is invited. Bring an interested friend.



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Club Calendar

February 27: 12:00-1:00 Board of Directors Meeting
Everyone is welcome

1:00-3:00 General Meeting

Topic: "Converting a Water Garden to a Koi Pond"

Location: Home of Gary Fabian

3409 Hunnicutt Ln

Sacramento, CA 95821

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Driving Directions:

From the Capital City Freeway, take the Fulton Road Exit

Turn RIGHT on Fulton Avenue

Turn LEFT onto Pope Avenue

Turn LEFT on Hunnicutt Lane

(For those taking surface streets: Hunnicutt is located off of Pope between Morse Avenue and Country Club Lane. Hunnicutt is opposite the Del Paso Country Club.)

March 20: Meeting at Karen Knieriem and Sandy Sylvester's
Topic to be announced

October 1-2, 2005 Camellia Koi Club Koi Show
Green Acres Nursery



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