

Koi Ahoy

Camellia Koi Club
Sacramento

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Ramblings by Jerry Kyle

If you are a member of the Camellia Koi Club you receive the bi-monthly KOI USA magazine paid for by the club with your membership dues. Members, through this AKCA publication and the club newsletter, the Koi Ahoi, are kept up to date on the latest word on the subject of raising and showing koi. One of the biggest surprises to many new members is just how much information is available. Good, accurate information that dispel a lot of misinformation that is floating around on the net and elsewhere.

Within the club there are members who have been participating since the Camellia Koi Club was organized twenty five years ago. There have been a lot of improvements in the concepts of good koi husbandry over the years. Some of the older members of the CKC have had to live with the old adage “experience is the best teacher.” That means they may have learned much the hard way. I, personally, dislike learning too much the hard way. It is too hard on my koi and it is too hard on me. I have an advantage over the pioneers of this hobby who had to learn by experience as they did not have the mentors available to them. I have the advantage that I have mentors. They are these same pioneers who learned by doing and are still members of the CKC. They still participate in club activities because of their love of the hobby and their desire to be needed and to help others in this hobby.

At the annual AKCA Seminar last month in Tulsa I met someone from another area who asked, “What club do you belong to?” When told I belonged to The Camellia Koi Club out of Sacramento she replied, “Ohhhh, That’s a great club to belong to!” She was right. It is a great club to belong to. Over 200 members strong and growing. Full of newcomers and koi raiser or pond builder wannabees, coupled with the great base of experienced people willing to help if asked. Diversified individuals with a common love of all things koi, people who appreciate beauty, or gardeners who want the jewels of the garden in their ponds. Even if the jewel is a big old color fading kohaku named Miss Piggy as she is the first one to raise her head out of the pond to be petted and hand fed by Phyllis.

To learn more about koi be sure to attend the Sacramento Koi Show & Vendor Fair this October 1–2, being held once again at Green Acres Nursery in Roseville. It’s free and you will meet, rub elbows with people who know and speak koi, and learn while having fun promoting the love of all things koi. This will be a fine opportunity for the newer members of the club to interact with the more experienced who will certainly appreciate the help in making this another successful show and further expand the great reputation of the Camellia Koi Club.

Sacramento Koi Show by Garry Chin



Planning is well under way for the 2005 Sacramento Koi Show and Vendor Faire sponsored by our club. This year's event will show an increase in vendor spacing, but again this event will be on a first come first serve basis. Hence the addition of Vendor Faire to the event title.

Location:

**Green Acres Nursery
901 Galleria Boulevard
Roseville, CA 95678**

Koi Show:

We expect to have a larger event with high end Koi Hobbyists from Northern and Southern California as entrants, as well as possible entries from Southern Oregon and Northern Nevada. Many people throughout California and the Internet are working to make the Sacramento Koi Show and Vendor Faire a spectacular show to end the Koi Show Season.

Koi Show Pins:

This year we have Koi Show pins to commemorate the event. The pin will honor the Grand Champion koi from last year. So those of you into collecting pins be prepared to buy lots of pins!

Speaker Programs:

Mary Beth Avila is organizing Speakers and Programs for the weekend. Please give her your suggestions.

Hotels:

For our out of town friends and guests, we have set aside a block of rooms at the Best Western Roseville Inn located just down the street from the Green Acres Nursery. Located at 220 Harding Boulevard, Roseville with reservations being taken at either (916) 782-4434 or (800) 255-4747. Rates are: Single Occupancy \$70.00 + tax per night, Double Occupancy \$75.00 + tax per night.

Volunteers:

An event of this size takes many volunteers all pulling together to be successful. Once again Bob

Koi Show Continued

Caruso has agreed to seek volunteers to help with set-up and break down of the Koi Show, man the club's booth, work raffles, become docents to help answer questions about Koi, our club and any other questions people would have. Please call Bob at (916) 645-3562 to volunteer.

Ken Gray has once again agreed to put together the team of people necessary to run the actual Koi Show. So if you always wanted to get involve in the inner working of a Koi Show, please call Ken at (916) 685-3051 to volunteer.

Pizza Party:

Back by popular demand we will be having a Pizza Party Saturday night instead of a formal Awards Banquet. Again this will be free to everyone who participates in the Sacramento Koi Show and Vendor Faire. Last year's Pizza Party was a great success as it allow Koi People an opportunity to Socialize and talk about their favorite subject...KOI!

Sponsorships:

Anthony Quintero, of Koi Enterprises, has agreed to provide all of the onsite food for workers at this year's event.

Genki Nishikigoi of San Jose has provided the trophies for Grand Champion and Runner-Up Grand Champion. **M. Nakamori & Co., Ltd. of Japan**, through Genki Nishikoi has provided the trophies for Mature Champion, Adult Champion, Young Champion and Baby Champion. So when you see representatives of these organizations, please thank them for their support. We are still accepting sponsorships for this event.

Show Trophies:

far left: Trophy
for Mature, Adult, Young and
Baby Champion (there are 4
total)

Middle: Grand Champion Tro-
phy

far right: Runner-Up Grand
Champion Trophy



President's Message by Jerry Kyle

We are half way through the year. A lot has been done but there is still much ahead for those who wish to get involved. So far this year I have had the opportunity, along with various other CKC members, to complete a KHA CE (Koi Health Advisor Continuing Education) Course, attend a KHA Lab in Portland for CE credits, enjoy the San Diego Koi Show and the SFBAKC Koi Show, and attend the AKCA Seminar in Tulsa where Gary Chin was one of the presenting judges. Others in our club have participated in additional events in other areas too numerous to list. The level of involvement for our membership is a personal matter and there are often too many opportunities to have the time and/or the stamina to participate in everything offered. Look in the KOI USA Magazine for a list of the many events offered around the country each month. If you want to be more involved contact me at jerold-kyle@yahoo.com. We have a Koi Show coming up Oct 1 - 2 and will have need for a few more volunteers to help us be successful. There is work for the skilled and the unskilled. The knowing and unknowing. It's a good way to learn new things and will be fun. Phillis needs help at the Club booth selling raffle tickets or answering questions about the club.

Some of the reasons we join the Camellia Koi Club are to learn more about caring for and showing koi. Some join just for the fun of meeting new people with common interests and seeing different ponds or getting different ideas for improving our own. Others use us to research options when building anew.

For those who like to see new ponds Eddie Labrado, one of our newer members, has invited us to hold the July meeting at his home and pond in Elk Grove. This will give us another opportunity to see a nice new pond in a gated community. Newer members can get new ideas and Eddie can pick the brains of the "old timers" for suggestions to make his pond even better. Jason will lead a discussion on quarantine systems and I will bring a home made barrel filter I made cheaply for others to see. Remember why you joined the club? I would like to see you there to welcome Eddie and his koi pond into the fold.

Next month is our annual koi auction at Mary Beth's pond. If you have some koi that have outgrown your pond or if you have just too many to keep (don't we all) please let Mary Beth know what you have to offer. This is an excellent opportunity for newer members who would like additional or larger koi to add to their ponds at great savings. Over the years, I have picked up some mature colorful pond koi for a fraction of what they would have cost at a dealer. For a few dollars I bought what would have cost hundreds of dollars at a retail dealership. This is a great opportunity to new members who need koi and is a way for other members to support the club while reducing their pond load to make way for new and different koi. Members offer their koi for auction and half the proceeds are donated to the club.

AKCA Annual Koi Seminar by Jerry Kyle

The Tulsa Koi Society was this year's host club for the 24th Annual AKCA Seminar which has become a must attend function for many koi enthusiasts. Held June 23rd through June 26th, the program was interesting and diversified. Native Americans shared a part of their culture, arts, and heritage. Presenters displayed their dress and their skills in a variety of dance. Their lineage included Sioux, Kiowa, Comanche, Caddo, Creek, Cherokee, Shawnee, Crow, Muscogee Creek, Choctaw, Tsimshian, Pawnee, Sac & Fox, Yuchi, Quapaw, and Ottawa Nations.

The first program offered was an AKCA Judges slide presentation. This year the presentation had changes which made the program more interesting. The presenters were in one room with the audience and a large screen. A slide show was presented with an explanation of what the judges would be looking for. Meanwhile, the judges and the koi tanks were in another room with closed circuit video and audio. After the presenters showed slides to teach the audience about judging details for a particular variety, the closed circuit video flashed close up pictures of the same variety of live koi being judged and the live judges explained over the audio link how they arrived at their decisions. The advantages quickly became apparent as the big screen allowed everyone a clear view of the process. The judges could move more freely and all the audience could better see the koi on the big screen. The big surprise was the introduction of "shadows." Each judge was assigned a volunteer "shadow" who was allowed to follow along with that judge and witness up front and personal all that a judge said and did. There was no shortage of volunteers to be shadows who felt honored to be chosen. This successful format will surely be repeated.

The seminar continued Friday with choices of programs including Koi Nutrition, Koi Breeding in the USA, Pond Building, Current Findings on KHV, Koi History & Heritage, UV's - How They Work And Why. For diversity one could chose to learn about Sekisui Rock Presentation or Bonsai. The day concluded with a huge screen projecting a live feed {TV} from Japan moderated by Joel Burkhart in Seattle. It was 6pm in Tulsa, 3pm in Seattle and 9am in Japan. Joel who speaks Japanese fluently moderated a question and answer session in real time. We could all see and hear each other. We learned how they were recovering from the devastating earthquakes and when asked how we could help were told simply, "Buy koi from Japan." The last question of the day was what do they think of long fin (butterfly) koi and do they think they will ever raise them and the reply was that long fin koi probably would never catch on. The laughter in the room even made the Japanese smile.

The vendor fair ran all day Friday and Saturday with numerous vendors {29} representing everything koi. Art, pumps, filters, nutrition, UV's, chemicals, water gardens, live koi, clubs, and more were all there with their representatives to answer questions and explain the advantages of their products.

Saturday began with more Live Koi Judging and moved on to include choices of a Koi 101 Class open to the public. Other choices included everything from Japanese Etiquette to Koi History & Varieties, Common Koi Medications, and How To Pick and Raise Koi for Show. The grand finale for the day was the dinner where a terrific display of Native American dances was performed and attendees were invited to join in. Recognition was given for various achievements by club members from across the country and the newest AKCA Judges were presented with their official certificates. Bert Ballou then presented the Certificates for Koi Persons of The Year. Sandy Sylvester received one for The Camellia Koi Club. Jerry Kyle accepted for her and also brought back to California the framed pictures of Koi of The Year for Steven and Deborah Wiese whose koi was chosen best by the CKC. Jerry also brought home the picture for CKC member Carolyn Swanson whose koi was chosen best by the Koi Club of San Diego.

For Sale

Koi For Sale: Jolene Nunes (twojjays@yahoo.com)

\$200

Showa-60cm(23.6")

Goshiki-55cm(21.7")

Ginrin showa(55cm-(21.7")

\$100

Shiro Utsuri-42cm(16.5")

Shiro utsuri-40cm(15.7")

Ginrin kohaku--39cm(15.4")

\$75

Sanke-36cm(14.2")

Equipment for Sale: Jim Phillips

A Q-tank System minus pump:

See this page and the following page for pictures.

150 gallon Rubbermade stock tank.

Filters on following page.

Call Jim for details.

Price \$400 for all. He will also sell these items individually.



For Sale





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Meeting: this Sunday, July 31

Eddie Labrado's 13,000 gallon pond

9801 Silvergate Lane

Elk Grove, CA 95624

(916) 714-5531

The gate code is: "#2005"

Topic: A Second Pond, a Q-tank, a Hospital Tank:

Which is right for you?

Directions:

Take 99 South to Elk Grove Blvd Exit

Turn East on Elk Grove to Bradshaw

Left on Bradshaw

Right on Silvergate

Use Gate code above

