

Koi Ahoy

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Koi Ahoy's New Editor

Beginning next month, the Koi Ahoy will have a new editor: Ellen Evans. Ellen has graciously accepted my offer to edit the Koi Ahoy. We will be working together on the newsletters for the next few months so that the transition can be smooth and Ellen can get support while she learns how to work in Publisher, how to interface electronically with Kinkos to print the newsletter, and how to use the email program that Jason gave us this year. It is a big job and Ellen is anxious to "learn the ropes." This article will explain my decision to leave the editor position. and also introduce you Ellen.

I was getting stale with the Koi Ahoy and thought some new blood would help breathe life back into it. When I took on the job three years ago, I was fairly new to koi keeping. My idea for Koi Ahoy was to learn the art of pond design, filters, ORP, netting fish, etc, etc, and pass this information on to you via the Koi Ahoy. This has been an exciting thing for me. Ken Gray would spur my interest with a provocative article and off we would go. Now, I am putting more time and effort into the violin and I am reading less about koi and the Koi Ahoy has suffered. Ellen will bring a new excitement and a new view to Koi Ahoy. The club will benefit.

Ellen has been a member of the club since 2003. She and her husband, Kirk, have built their own pond and have had it for two years. Ellen is a member of the bonsai club and combines her love of plants and Japanese gardens with her love of koi. (After the koi auction next Sunday, Ellen is giving a bonsai demonstration at the State Fair.) She has a bachelor's degree in plant science and a master's in horticulture. She and Kirk want to be on the pond tour next year. Their pond has many educational features including a very attractive bog filter that doubles as a q-tank. Join me in welcoming Ellen.

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President's Message by Jerry Kyle

Thank you, Eddie Labrado, for inviting the club to your home for last month's meeting. I enjoyed seeing so many long time members and so many new members all together sharing your joy and pride of a pond that will only get more beautiful with age. Thank you CKC members for the fine turn out to welcome a newer member to the club. Many join the CKC to display (koi shows) and/or to promote this fine hobby. We enjoy building and/or improving our ponds and are always interested in seeing another koi pond. We enjoy sharing what we have created and especially like seeing what others have accomplished. It does not matter if it is large or small with a big waterfall or no waterfall. Ponds may represent a large investment or sweat equity. What they have in common is they are all different and there is something to be learned from each.

Will you, like Eddie, host a meeting at your pond? The club reimburses you \$30 for refreshments and often others pitch in with a little something to snack on. Like you, we want to see different ponds. More experienced members enjoy helping and giving advise, if asked, on all things koi or all things pond. Less experienced have a fine opportunity to learn all they can to make their pond or koi quality better or to garner ideas to perhaps build a new pond.

Where do you fit in? Will you help? If you have never had a meeting at your pond you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Let me or Jason S. know if you are interested in hosting a meeting or have any questions. See you at Mary Beth's pond at the next meeting. Plenty to learn there.



Board of Directors Minutes July 31, 2005

The meeting was held at the Eddie Labrado's home and pond prior to the general meeting. Jerold Kyle, pres, opened the meeting with Jason Sargeant, V.P, Marilee Marshall, Tres, and Directors Duane Carlson, Jack Flockhart, Phyllis Kyle in attendance along with Garry Chin, Koi Show Chairman, Jim Phillips and Melody Carlson. Marilee gave the Treasurer's report and then confirmed that the reservations have been made for the Holiday Luncheon at the Del Web Ballroom for December 4 at 1 pm. The Board had recommended that the evening dinner that we have had the last few years be moved to an earlier hour. The normal meeting time of 1 pm is expected to be less conflicting with other commitments of club members. Instead of Holiday dinner it will be called the Holiday Luncheon and plans are being made to make it a buffet. It was announced that Dennis Marshall's rate of recovery is excellent and he would like to continue as webmaster. Any plans to make changes in the program were tabled. Jason reported that the Annual CKC Koi Auction will be held at Mary Beth's and that anyone who needs to reduce their number of koi needs to let MB know and bring them to the meeting.

Jason confirmed the agenda for the balance of the year: Auction meeting at Mary Beth's for August, no meeting for Sept as the following weekend is the Koi Show, Koi Show Oct 1 – 2, Oct and Nov meeting sites to be determined. Possible meeting topic on waterfalls being considered. Garry reported plans are well under way towards a successful Koi Show. Additional show tanks are being ordered and there are already entrants and vendor requests. He said Bob C. has agreed to be "arm twister" again and will be making calls. Jerry asked that we start thinking about officers for next year. He is particularly interested in having some newer club members on the Board of Directors and asked if anyone is interested in helping to contact him.

Ramblings by Jerry Kyle

When you look at your koi in the pond are you happy with what you see? Is your fish load larger than it should be? Have all those young koi you bought a few years ago to enjoy watching the development of pattern and color as they grew larger and larger gotten so big there is too much koi for your system to properly support? Is everything fine but there is no room for additions and the SACRAMENTO KOI SHOW & VENDOR FAIR is arriving soon on October 1 and 2 and there are going to be vendors there offering some quality koi which you might like to add to your collection? Do you need to find a home for some of your "babies" so you can take the next step up in this hobby and try to raise some Tategoi so you have something special to enter in next year's show? Or, on the other hand, are you newer to the hobby and have economized with your newer pond with smaller younger koi and you yearn for more or at least a couple of larger koi to make your pond look more complete? If so, and you belong to the Camellia Koi Club, you are in luck.

I joined the club about five years ago to meet others that had koi ponds with the idea of learning about building a koi pond from people who had "been there" and "done that" thereby having more knowledge on the subject than I had been able to find. Before I even had the hole dug the club had a koi auction at Pauline and Lilly's house. I acquired two koi which I released in my sister's lily pond temporarily for safe keeping until my pond was ready. They ended up somehow getting over the dam, down the waterway, and into the ¼ acre pond below but, that is another story. What happened is that family, neighbors, and friends visited the pond and were surprised and enchanted by the beautiful koi. Over the years I have added more koi to the pond as well as my own pond from the annual club auction. The savings on the very first koi more than covered the cost of a year's membership in the club. These koi are not going to win grand prize in a koi show but many are more beautiful than the ones I see in various public Japanese Gardens around the country.

The club auction which is generally an annual affair is open to club members only. It helps us find good homes for our extra koi, helps the club make a little much needed money, and affords newcomers the opportunity to get some nice koi at much less cost than at a dealer. Everyone wins. Some nice koi get good homes, the club gets 50% of the money raised, and club members get very good "deals." If you have a koi needing a good home please let Mary Beth know so she will have a tank ready at the auction and if you know someone who is interested in joining the club let them know to do it soon if they are interested in bidding.

I have never regretted my decision to join this club. I joined for the knowledge and stayed for the people. These are people who are knowledgeable, caring, helpful, and fun to be around and people who are always looking for a way to help others in this terrific hobby. Did I say we have fun? I'll see you Aug 28th at the fun auction.

Koi Auction this Sunday at Mary Beth's!



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Club Calendar

Next Meeting on Sunday

General Meeting : Koi Auction 1:00-3:00
Mary Beth Avila's Pond
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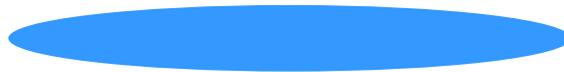
Directions: I-80 to Elkhorn Blvd. Exit toward Greenback
Go West on Elkhorn
Left on 22nd Street

September: There will be no meeting in September

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

November: To be announced

December 4: Holiday Luncheon at Del Webb Ballroom
1:00 PM



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