



Koi Ahoy

Camellia Koi Club
Sacramento

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The Camellia Koi Club **NEEDS YOU!!!** by Mary Beth Avila

Yes, it's that time of year. A time that makes small children cry (and some adults), makes ladies swoon, and fills the hearts of many club members with dread.

This year, your club's President, Treasurer, and 2 Board members are stepping down to open up opportunities for others. "Opportunities," you scoff, "if it's so great to be in these positions, why are they stepping down?" Well, after 2 consecutive terms (that's 4 years folks) your President and Treasurer would like to see some new blood on the Board (not literally, of course).

When new people join, they bring new ideas, different perspectives and this usually adds greatly to the tone of the Board. Over time, a Board can become stagnant and be detrimental to the club if the same people hold the same positions year, after year, after year. There is also a "burnout factor" that neither your President nor I want to approach. Change is a good thing, really.

"But I'm too busy to take a position on the Board," a comment heard so often I could scream. We are ALL busy!! We all have lives outside of the koi club and agreeing to take on one of these positions is not signing an unbreakable 2 year prison sentence, ah, I mean term of office. Your departing Board members will be happy to give you plenty of help or advice.

A few hours, a couple times per month is usually all it takes if you organize it right. Some months will take more time than other's especially before a big event like the pond tour, but it balances out. I must admit that taking the position of Treasurer, 4 years ago forced me to become more organized and this reflects into my personal life as well. It's been along time since my husband has called me L.M.M. (Last Minute Mary). See, there can be a beneficial side to being on the Board.

So think about your koi club. What direction you would like to see it head towards. How you CAN be a part and help it get there. Rearrange some priorities in your personal lives and step up to the plate folks. Your club **NEEDS YOU**.

In fact, why wait to be asked, volunteer at the next meeting. Otherwise the Election Committee (of which I am heading) will be calling and bugging you at home, and I promise you that they will be just as annoying as any telemarketer. **DO YOU REALLY WANT THAT?**

Come on people, do it **FOR THE CLUB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Call me: Mary Beth (916) 991-0511

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Special Notice regarding the Spaghetti Feed from Diane Dahlberg:

The club is supplying the spaghetti and drinks.

Club members are asked to bring salads or desserts.

Please call Diane at (209) 333-0403 and let her know what you are bringing.



Minutes: Board of Directors by Diane Dahlberg, Secretary

The meeting of the Board was called to order on September 14, 2004. In attendance was Garry Chin, Bob Caruso, Janine Caruso, Marilee Marshall, Jerry Kyle, Phyllis Kyle, Diane Dahlberg, Carla Cassinelli, Jason Sargeant, Duane Carlson. Absent was Mary Beth Avila.

The meeting began by accepting the meeting minutes for August. No treasurer's report was given due to Mary Beth's absence.

Program Activities

- September pot luck location was discussed. It was decided to be held at the Dahlberg's in Lodi and will be held on September 26, 2004. This will be a spaghetti feed with a salad bar. We are asking that members bring their favorite salad bar fixings or a dessert to add to the meal. Please call Diane Dahlberg (209) 333-0403 with item being brought. Come show your support of our club.
- October we will be having the KHA'ers present a program on "Winterizing Your Koi" and Jim and Annette Phillips will be hosting the meeting at their home.
- In November, we are planning a spectacular Koi Show that will be held at Green Acres Nursery in Rocklin. Bob Caruso is chairperson for the event and is asking for people to help by signing up for tasks. We have confirmed the Judges and are securing deposits for rental of show tanks from the Santa Clara Valley Koi and Watergarden Club. There is still much to get organized and many jobs that we need help with. AKCA Koi of the Year was discussed and was decided that we will award this honor at our Koi Show in November.

Treasurer's Report

		Expenses:	
Beginning Balance	\$10,779.20	July Meeting Host (D.Carlson)	30.00
		Equipment (J.Phillips)	397.66
		August Meeting Host (M.B.Avila)	30.00
Income:		Total Expenses:	457.66
New Members	67.50	Ending Balance:	\$10,560.39
	67.50		
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Misc.	36.35		
Total Income	238.85		

Minutes (Continued from page 2)**New Business**

- Holiday Dinner options were discussed. We are still trying to get a location set and a caterer agreed upon. Garry proposed that we approve to budget costs for rental of a facility and catering. He proposed the costs for the dinner be set at \$15 dollars per person with the club covering the extra costs. Jerry moved that we accept the budget and Jason seconded the motion. All board members agreed.
- KHA program is starting for anyone interested in becoming a KHA. See Garry for details.
- Garry proposed that we help support the KHV research group by donating money that will help fund research. The Board approved donating \$500 to AKCA for this endeavor. Garry will present this proposal at the September for General membership approval.

Pictures from Annual Club Koi Auction



Sacramento Koi Show

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Nov. 6 & 7, 2004

Koi Vendors
Exotic Plants
Pond Equipment

Location:

Green Acres Nursery,
901 Galleria Blvd.
Roseville, CA

Contact Bob Caruso
Registration & Details
916-434-9215

koi@cwo.com

WE NEED HELP!!!

It's that time. Committee's are being formed and people are stepping up to help put on the primer koi show in Northern California.

Please take the time to be a part of this fun and educational event. We need volunteers to help set up and tear down show tanks for our show on the first weekend in November. "Many hands make light work", so if you are a new club member or have never been an active participant in putting on a club function, now is your chance. Please contact Bob Caruso (916) 645-3562 or Gary Chin at (916) 922-2525. Now is the time to volunteer. We will need help with registration, set up and tear down, water quality management, and a host of miscellaneous stuff. Don't be shy, we need you.

**Ramblings** by Jerry Kyle

Learning, learning, learning. Well, that's why I joined this club in the first place. But the more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know. I guess that is what learning is all about. Building this pond has been and is a continuing learning experience. If anyone is contemplating building a pond I heartily recommend that before they start that they have some of the KHA guys and gals take a look at the plans. Take every opportunity to pick their brains before and during the building process. It costs nothing and your questions are welcomed. Even though I passed the KHA Certification exam I ask questions. Always looking for a different perspective. Trying to decide between using 1 1/2" or 2" return lines I asked another KHAer for input. In this case it was Jason. Turns out that since he became certified a year before me, he was eligible to take a KHA Continuing Education course and had a course computer disk with a "game" on it that allows one to visually (with the click of the mouse) alter the pipe size, length, and configuration and instantly see the change in water flow resistance and/or the increased need in pump power to keep everything working as planned. No math skills needed. No engineering formulas or skills needed. No hydrology skills needed. Just point and click. With all the lengths and bends needed to have below surface returns and no through the walls connections, the program indicated I needed a 5 hp pump. A few modifications and a 3" pipe and a 1/4 hp pump handles it. All determined visually. Because I was not afraid to ask. Ask.

This club has more KHAers than any other as well as some non-KHAers who have been around long enough to gain much practical knowledge. Don't be afraid to ask. That is why we have the KHA Program. For YOU to ask. October's meeting will be at Jim's pond. Jim is also KHA Certified. The club KHAers along with Jim will be presenting a program on getting ready for winter. When the water warms up next spring, if your koi do not have problems it may be related to how well you prepared your fish for winter. Jim has such a fine pond it has been featured on past pond tours. It is a fine location for you to visit and ask your questions. Since we belong to this club to socialize, share knowledge, and to see some fine koi in some fine ponds, we need to put the October meeting on our "A" list of things to do.

Speaking of the "A" list, this month's meeting on Sept 26th, is the Camellia Koi Club annual Pot Luck. I stopped by Diane and Bo's pond recently. WOW, what a difference a summer makes! The system is now fully cycled, the fish have grown, and plants in the bog garden have exploded with growth. Bo has finished the elevated back patio and the pond observation deck is roofed. The back yard no longer looks "new." It is established and makes Diane feel justifiably proud. If you saw this pond and yard a few months ago be advised it is not anywhere near the same. It is all grown up. This is a nice location for a party. It will be well worth the drive to Lodi. Bring a friend. Bring your appetite. See you all there.



President's Message by Garry Chin

Ahhhhh September the time of year when leaves are starting to put on their fall colors; there is a distinguishable chill to the morning air. The days are slowly getting shorter and shorter the evenings cooler and cooler. This is a very unpredictable time of the year with the daily temperature high and low going through large fluctuations from day to day compared to those experienced during the summer months. This month the water temperature stays warmer for longer periods than the air and cools more slowly. September may also be the last opportunity for your koi to fatten up in anticipation of the winter months, and for you the time to make preparations to help your koi get through winter as healthy koi. For the Camellia Koi Club this time of the year features such activities as our Annual Pot-Luck, the Election of Officers, our Koi Show as well as our regular General Meetings and other miscellaneous items.

Potluck: Diane and Bo Dahlberg will be hosting a Spaghetti Feed/Salad Bar at their home (1601 Autumn Way, Lodi) on September 26th beginning at 1:00pm. They (with assist from the Kyles) will provide the Spaghetti and club members are to bring fixings for a salad bar or a dessert. Please call Diane at (209) 333-0403 to let her know what you are bringing.

Election of Officers: It is the time of the year that the Camellia Koi Club reaches out to its members and asks them to volunteer some of their time by becoming an Officer of the club or a member of the Board of Directors. You need not be a "Super Koi Techie" to serve, just some one who cares about the club and is willing to help support our hobby by helping to keep the club going. Each year two officers and two Directors are elected for two-year terms. This year the Officers up for election are the President and Treasurer. In accordance to the By-Laws of our club, this is the time of year that I am required to appoint a "Nomination Committee" composed of not less than three (3) members including a chairperson of that committee. This committee will meet prior to the October meeting and chose candidates for the officers and Board of Directors to be presented to the membership at the October meeting. These folks will be calling you to ask if you would serve the club by being an Officer of the club or Board of Director member. So I hope you will take the time to consider stepping forward and helping the club. Just ask Jerry Kyle how much FUN he has had the last few years serving your club in various positions. As for myself, I have had a great time the last four years serving as your President. However, it is time for new blood.

At the October General Meeting the Nomination Committee will announce their results and we will then check to see if someone in the club has someone they would like to nominate for an Office. If there are no other nominations then we will vote the slate presented by the Nomination Committee. If there is a nomination by a club member then the election of Officers will be at the November Koi Show by Secret Ballot. Installation of the 2005 Camellia Koi Club Officers will be at our Holiday Dinner.

Koi Health: At the October General Meeting our Koi Health Advisors will be presenting a program on "Getting Your Koi Ready for Winter".

Koi Show: This year will be on November 6-7 at Green Acres Nursery in Roseville, just down the street from the Roseville Galleria. Bob Caruso our Show Chair has a list of tasks that require volunteers and if do not mind rolling up your sleeve and volunteering a few hour of your time to make this
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**Pres. Message, Continued**

event a success, please call him at (916) 645-3562. This is the first club event where volunteers will be compensated for their time by being given a "FIN", club "currency" that may be redeemed for costs of club activities. In the next few days you will be getting a copy of the Koi Show packet with lots of detailed information about the Koi Show and showing your koi.

AKCA Koi Herpes Virus Fundraising: Associate Koi Clubs of America is raising funds so that grants may be given out in the research of Koi Herpes Virus. As a result, each of us received a donation letter with the September/October issue of KOI USA asking for donations to this cause. To those club members who are not aware, Koi Herpes Virus (KHV) is a deadly viral disease of koi that was found to be in this country and locally in our area. The virus is suspected to have come in to this country with imported fish. Several research centers have studied this virus and have published articles about this disease. At 68-85° F, KHV causes severe damage to gills, kidneys, skin and epithelial tissues; death is fast and mortality is high. The impact to koi whether pond quality or high end show koi include eating until almost dead, no or minimal internal damage apart from the normal adhesions found in old female koi, damaged gills (often covered with white, yellow bacterial growth), rough skin with little mucus, and DEATH. This dreaded disease has wiped out hundreds of thousands of koi worldwide. Locally, it has wiped out the koi stock of people in the business as well as the ponds of koi keepers who are club members and non-club members.

Our Board of Directors feels that research into KHV is so important that it has voted approval of a \$500 donation to AKCA's Koi Herpes Virus Fundraising, predicated on approval by our General Membership at the September club event. Thus I will seek your approval for this expenditure at the home of the Dahlberg's at the September Spaghetti Feed/Salad Bar.

KHV will impact all of us one way or another, so making a donation in this manner in essence is a donation coming from all Camellia Koi Club Members and our community. It is very important that the various organizations that are working in research in KHV be funded.

Koi Health Advisor Program: AKCA has another class going and if anyone is interested in becoming a KHA, please see me for details.

Spaghetti Feed/Salad Bar:

I hope to see all of you at the home of Diane and Bo Dahlberg for this "fun" event, and bring a big appetite!

Ken Gray is moving and has a few koi for sale: Please call him at (916) 685-3051

- **Kujaku 22" female - - very nice -- 3 years old**
- **Kohaku 22" female**
- **Kohaku 17" female - - very nice - - 21/2 years old**
- **Shiro Utsuri 16" female - - young and sumi still coming up**
- **Yamabuki Ogon 17" -- very nice**
- **Gin Rin Shiro Utsuri 14" sex?**
- **40 watt UV sterilizer -- New- -used 5 days**



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Club Calendar

September 26: Spaghetti Feed at Diane & Bo Dahlberg's, 1601 Autumn Way, Lodi 95242 (209) 333-0403 1:00—3:00

Directions:

I-5 South to Lodi/Rio Vista Exit (CA-12)

Left onto CA-12 East

Right on Lakeshore Drive

Left on Newport Drive

Left on Camphor Way

Right on Alder Tree Way

Right on Autumn Way

October 24: Meeting at Jim Phillips

November 6-7: Koi Show at Green Acres Nursery

December ?: Holiday Party at ?

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