



Koi Ahoy

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President's Message -Jerry Kyle

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Sometimes things just turn out right and we all benefit. This is one of those times. Duane and Melody Carlson have offered to host this month's meeting at their home. Two years ago it was a featured koi pond on our CKC Semi-annual Pond Tour. I remember the landscaping, arbors, patios, ponds, and rose gardens as an inspiration. The visit allowed me to take many ideas away and reaffirmed the original reason I was interested in joining a koi club. Besides meeting many interesting people, I see many interesting ponds and learn something from every one. I encourage club members who may not have visited this pond to make a point not to miss this meeting. Those of you who have visited before will return because you never get tired of a beautiful setting and you may even bring a friend to show off our club.

Jason reminds us that the weather will be warming up and bringing with it various koi health concerns. He was planning on having the Koi Health Advisors talk to us about this at last month's meeting but it was so cold we postponed it. This is, perhaps, better timing anyway. There are going to be concerns as the water temperature warms up and cools down only to warm up and down again moving into spring. What do we do when that sore develops or the koi start jumping around as if they wanna get outta there? Ask a KHAer. The KHAers are a valuable addition to our club and it is this time of year they can be particularly helpful. If you have a question, this is the time to ask a KHAer.

Dan Alarid reports the Pond Tour committee has narrowed the list of accepted ponds to be on the tour to the final 16. Who would have thought we would reach a point where we had to make such hard choices and expand our pond tour to a two day event. The results will let us view ponds from simple and nice to extra large and/or most elegant. They are all very nice but I'll let Dan tell you about it. Every pond will need a couple of club members there to represent us and pass out membership applications to those interested. Be sure to let Dan know if you can help. You personally can help us make this fund raiser successful. Dan and the committee will appreciate your help. Do it for the good of the club or the free pizza party for the volunteers.

The CKC has a small Lending Library and a list of its offerings can be seen on our web site. At the request of members the library will be set up at this month's meeting for all to review. This might be a good time to take a look at what can be borrowed and enjoyed at no cost to members. The only rule is you must arrange to return borrowed items the next month. Come review the books and tapes available.





Pond Tour Update - Dan Alarid

Pond Tour Update

16 Ponds have been approved for this year's pond tour. Eight in the north area and eight in the south. Pond owners will be notified of their selection shortly. The north pond tour will be held on Saturday, May 20th and the south pond tour will be held on Sunday, May 21st.

Duane Carlson is in the process of designing and printing tickets for the tour. He is also preparing the correspondence for the tour committee.

Sandy Sylvester and Bob Pershing are working hard on the programs for the tour. Advertising is being sold to vendors to cover the cost of printing. Dan Alarid and Jeanenne Pershing have been contacting vendors and several advertisements have already been sold.

Aki Higashi has agreed to do the publicity for the pond tour again this year. He did a great job last time.

Pauline Sakai and Jeanenne Pershing have agreed to coordinate the volunteers for the tour. Please contact them directly if you wish to be a docent or volunteer in any capacity for the pond tour.

NORTH PONDS

John Allen
5912 Camray Court
Carmichael, CA 95608

Steve Lebastchi
8925 Vista DeLago Court
Granite Bay, CA 95746

Diane Coit
15 Hoy Lake Court
Sacramento, CA 95833

Nick and Doreen Contes
4820 Black Rock Drive
Sacramento, CA 95835

Pam Baugher
6516 Asthton Court
Granite Bay, CA 95746

Scott and Bonnie Salem
1997 Robin Brook Way
Roseville, CA 95661

Tony Fraji
4657 King Ranch Place
Granite Bay, CA 95746

Steve Walker
8585 Park Vista Drive
Granite Bay, CA 95746

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**Ramblings** -by Jerry Kyle (Written for the www.camelliakoi.org web site for the public)

It's time to get to work. Again. It's winter and as I look out the window through the cold and rain the Koi see me standing here and come to the pond surface to pucker up their lips and throw me kisses. OK, OK, maybe what they are doing is saying, "Feed me, feed me," but it looks like kisses. A spray bar stretches across the end of the pond spraying water that will one day go over the falls. The falls are still not built. Still. The foundation is in and the base wall is up and the plumbing is ready and the raised basin that will catch the falling water before it then spills over into the main pond is waiting for its liner and the falls to feed it. Still.

How long has it been? Don't ask. Five years ago I wanted to build a koi pond and joined the Camellia Koi Club in order to be invited into backyards that I would otherwise not have been invited to see. I was searching for ideas. I joined to see the koi and the ponds and to learn what I could do to build a successful pond and do it right the first time. Five years ago I joined for the knowledge of koi but I stayed for the people.

The people were a surprise bonus I had not counted on. Butchers, bakers, candlestick makers, and everyone from working stiffs like me to company presidents are here. All have a common interest. They like jewels. Koi are the jewels of the garden. The only difference between the people is how fancy the crown is that they use to display their jewels. The sameness of the people is their willingness to share the beauty, share ideas, and share the love of promoting good koi husbandry within this hobby of ours. This is a fraternity where people from all walks come together with this common interest and support each other in these interests. Sometimes I feel the koi are just an excuse to be part of this brotherhood that makes me feel so good.

Spring is coming and I promised this will be the year it all comes together. The filter system, falls, catch basin, and pond followed by the landscaping. Do I need a bridge? How many benches? Because I keep learning of improvements from others who share this interest in all things koi I now realize it may never be completely finished. There is no such thing as the perfect pond but I will try to incorporate as many of the ideas I have gathered from my new friends as I can so we can all be proud of the results. I started out to build a pond and while it is true that I did most of the work, it is not really my pond anymore. It is a little bit of every koi pond that I have visited. There truly is a little of something in my design that I took away from each and every pond I visited over the years belonging to this club. However, I think the biggest thing this pond reflects is the spirit of our club members. Thank you all.

This year through the outreach of the AKCA Certified Koi Health Advisors, our upcoming May Pond Tour, and fall Koi Show & Vendor Faire we will have the opportunity to meet others we may help in this hobby as I have been helped. That is what we are all about and we need to encourage others like ourselves to join our club and reap the benefits we all so much enjoy. Those are the benefits of our healthy koi and the benefits of knowing and enjoying one another.

**Pond Tour** —Dan Alarid (continued from page 2)**SOUTH PONDS**

Paul Scott
4461 69th St.
Sacramento, CA 95820

Jan Fetler
10449 Corfu Drive
Elk Grove, CA 95624

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5340 Bassett Way
Sacramento, CA 95823

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9801 Silver Gate Lane
Elk Grove, CA 95624

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890 Parklin Ave
Sacramento, CA 95831

Dan and Cheryl Alarid
9442 Sierra River Drive
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Harold Coburn and Troy Fajerson
82 Sandburg Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95819

Doug Peccianti
4064 Las Pasas
Sacramento, CA 95864

Upcoming Koi Events in Our Region**March 18-19**

ZNA Southern California Chapter Koi Show
Gardena Civic Center
<http://home.earthlink.net/~filmlabrat/>

March 25

PS Koi Annual Spring Event
Lunch at Noon
Martinez, CA
<http://www.pskoi.com>

April 1-2

1st Annual Bay Area Koi Show
Wyndham Garden Hotel, Pleasanton, CA
<http://www.abaksgenki.com/>

April 22-23

Koi Health & Water Quality Seminar with
Dr. Eric Johnson in Reno, Nevada
\$60 Sat. 8AM-5PM Book early, space is limited
Contact Mona (775) 267-3458 trackone@charter.net

Treasurer's Report —Marilee Marshall

End of January 2006 Balance: **\$6605.20**

February Income: **\$225.00**

February Expenses: **\$150.66**

End of February Balance: **\$6679.54**

If you have not received the new passwords for the Camellia Koi Club website, please contact the webmaster at dammmm6@sbcglobal.net.

**Board of Directors Minutes** —*Duane Carlson*

CAMELLIA KOI CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Date: Feb. 26, 2006

The meeting, held at Flora Tropicana, site of the March 2006 monthly general meeting, was called to order by President, Jerry Kyle at 12:10 pm.

Officers present were President - Jerry Kyle, Vice President - Jason Sargeant, Secretary - Duane Carlson, and Directors - Gary Fabian, Jack Flockhart, and Phyllis Kyle.

Absent were Marilee Marshall and Jim Phillips.

There were no guests present.

There were no past Board of Directors meeting minutes read.

Treasurer Marilee Marshall could not attend so there was no treasurer's report.

Business discussed.

1. The proposed Camellia Koi Club 2006 Budget was presented in detail by Jerry Kyle.

Carry forward from 2005 \$ 6,867.91

Estimated income for 2006 \$21,775.00

Estimated expense for 2006 \$17,770.60

After some discussion by the board, Duane Carlson motioned and Jack Flockhart 2nd, to accept the proposed budget. Motion was passed

2. Jason Sargeant spoke briefly of the need for locations for some of the general monthly meeting. Duane Carlson offered his home for the March 26th meeting. Jason made note and will check if that will work for his program schedule.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane Carlson, Secretary



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Club Calendar

**March General Meeting will be on Sunday March. 26 from 1:00-3:00.
(Board Meeting at noon)**

**Home of Duane and Melody Carlson
10255 GRANTLINE RD
ELK GROVE, CA.**

**TOPIC: Tour and KHA led discussion on reducing springtime pond
and koi health care problems**

**DIRECTIONS: From US 50 travel North on Folsom Blvd which after
crossing the river becomes Folsom Auburn Rd. Proceed to Douglas
Blvd and turn right. Continue 4/10 Mi and turn right on Dambacher Dr.
Take first turn left which is Pendleton Dr and continue to Spooner Ct.
Left into Spooner and you are there.**

**From US-80 travel east towards Folsom about 5 1/3 mi and cross
Folsom Auburn Rd to continue 4/10 mi to turn right on Dambacher
Dr. Next left onto Pendleton and left again on Spooner just like the
folks coming from US-50. You will see the koi sock hanging. Go down
the side to the back yard/patio/koi pond/rose garden/ etc.**

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