



**Santa Clara Valley Koi
& Water Garden Club**

Splash

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Grand Champion



84 cm (33") Kohaku

This magnificent fish won the top award at the recent ZNA NorCal Koi Show. Owned by Danh Phan from Houston, this great koi was not only beautiful, but very friendly coming over to greet her many admirers.

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Club Meetings:

The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month except July (Third Friday) and December (No Meeting) in the Willow Glen Public Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125. Check the web site Calendar for updates and a map. At our meetings we get acquainted with any guests, address any pond issues from guests or members. We generally follow this with a presentation which is usually related to pond or water gardening. Finally, we enjoy refreshments and open discussion.

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Membership

Club dues are \$30.00 per year. Our fiscal year starts July 1, so if you join before that date, your dues for the remainder of the current year will be prorated at the rate of \$2.50 per month.

To join, send your name, address, phone number and email address along with your check for dues to:

SCVKWG
PO Box 9006
San Jose, CA 95157

Treasurer's Report

Since the Splash is widely distributed and available online, the Treasurer's Report is no longer published.

The report is available from the club Treasurer.

Refreshment Volunteers	
Meeting	Volunteer
April:	Lee Hayward
May:	Rita Hughes
June:	Jack and Linda Christiansen
July:	open- need a volunteer
August:	Eduardo Massa
September:	Nadine Jacobson
October:	Linda and Alan Merrifield
November:	Sue Zaslav and Marty Liss
December:	Party

If you are unable to meet your commitment, please contact Linda Merrifield as soon as possible at: lmerrifield@comcast.net.

Hopefully someone will step up for July!

March Steering Committee

The March meeting was held Monday evening, 3/2. The March/April speakers were identified. We hope to have Susan Zaslav back to speak about Master Gardening in April.

I indicated that Nualgi would like to present on their new algae prevention solution at one of our meetings.

Lee Hayward has proposed a Pond Social for May 16. Please keep an eye out for further announcements.

Frank and Calvin saw a very nice koi identification poster in the Koi USA booth at the recent koi show. They suggested this would be a good backdrop for some of our events.

A motion was made and approved to purchase the poster for \$80. Frank will make the purchase.

We also discussed badges. Frank indicated that a nice badge would be \$5.50 plus \$2.75 for magnetic fasteners. A decision was not reached on what to do about badges yet.

Some folks have inquired about offering PayPal to make renewal or ordering a membership easier. I agreed to investigate that possibility.

Eve is planning a Storage Clean-cut Event for April 12 from 1:30 to 3:30. We hope as many of you as possible will come to help.

The purpose of the event is take a detailed inventory of our storage and dispose of non essential items and junk. This will allow us to use a smaller storage space and save a considerable amount of money.

The Pond Tour was also discussed. A couple of ponds have been tentatively identified. Ponds in the north eastern part of town have not been identified yet, although I am still hopeful we can do so in April.

As Rita suggested we will display some posters in local koi shops soliciting ponds and also solicit by email.

March Meeting

Our regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday, Mar 17.

Guests and Attendance

We had a pretty good turnout with 20 folks making it out. We did have one guest Whit Stipe.

Pond Problems

He has just moved into a home with a pond and is having problems with leaks. Not a fun thing at any time, but especially critical during a drought.

He was able to speak with Mel about his problems and hopefully they can work through them.

We had the usual algae discussions as the days warm up. I gave a brief talk on Nualgi as a possible remedy.

Alan reported that he had removed the oyster shell from his pond and his fish have stopped dying.

Club Business

The Pond Social at Lee Hayward's pond was announced for the 16th of May. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Alan will speak on his experience as an animal control officer at the SF Bay Koi Club meeting at the Merrifield residence Saturday, 5/23 starting at 12 Noon.

Eve presented the Treasurer's Report and announced the Storage Cleanup on Sunday, 4/12 from 1:30 to 3:30.

Presentation

With business out of the way, we announced our speakers from Yuki Teikei Haiku Society. Roger Abe, a San Jose Park Ranger currently assigned to the Japanese Friendship Garden and Ed Grossmith.

Roger took the floor first and gave us some background on the garden. He explained how the teahouse located by the lower pond, which had been used for several years as a restaurant, had been renovated and is now used as an event center. It is rented out for numerous events, meetings, weddings and parties.

He pointed out that they have a bulletin board at the garden that might be useful for publicizing our activities. Cal agreed and indicated he would provide information to be posted.

During a ranger training in the early '90s the idea of using poetry in the parks as a way to engage people was raised. Roger felt this was a good idea and in '92 help arrange the first poetry reading in the garden.

This led to his involvement with Yuki Teikei Haiku Society (YTHS). YTHS was found in 1975 by husband and wife, Kiyoshi and Kiyoko Tokutomi.

Over the years this group has grown and support a variety of activities, publishing a bi-monthly newsletter and an annual members' anthology.

They hold an annual haiku contest and a Haiku Retreat at Asilomar. In each season throughout the year, YTHS members gather to write and exchange haiku.

In May they hold a Teahouse Reading in San Jose's Japanese Friendship Garden; in July, on the seventh day of the seventh month, the celebrate Tanabata. In the Fall there is a moon-viewing party; and in December, a Winter Holiday Party.

Roger explained that haiku are traditionally short poems following a 5-7-5 syllable form containing kigo or seasonal word and a break or cut before the final line.

He then gave us a brief description of the origins of haiku. Like so much of Japanese culture it originated in China with longer forms practiced by the nobility.

Renku is a collaboratory form of poetry. Sort of competition, where someone starts with a short phrase, a

hokku. Then someone else responds with another phrase building on the first until they have a complete poetic work.

Gradually lower classes began taking this up and hokku evolved into haiku. Roger than proceeded to read some the YTHS haiku for us.

After this Roger introduced us to Ed Grossmith. Ed practices an art form called haiga, a combination of haiku and images.

Ed played a DVD collection of his haiga reading the poems as we went along. If you missed the program or wish to view it again, you'll find the link on our website's Presentation Library.

For more information on haiku or Yuki Teikei visit their website at: <http://youngleaves.org/>.

Dessert

This month's goodies were provided by Jerry Kuszak. A delicious and healthy assortment of strawberries, vegetables and dips. As usual discussion continued for 30 or 40 minutes until the lights were dipped as a signal it was time to call it an evening so this old man could get to bed.

What Turns You On

Let us know what you'd like to hear about at our meetings or in the Splash. Just drop a line to scvkwg@gmail.com with your ideas.

Blast From the Past

Hard working guys back in the day!



Club Members Workng at Hakone 3/92



Manny Fontes & Carl Friedenstine Fishing!



Manny, Jay Edlman, Gene Rosner, Bob Suggs & Jerome Luebcke Cleaning the Pond

Genki Nishikigoi Growout Contest


A promotional poster for the 3rd Annual Genki Koi Grow Out event. The poster features several key elements: a large koi fish labeled 'MANJU' with the text '96 CM 6 YR OLD' and 'MANJU SISTER OF LION QUEEN (TIME ALL JAPAN GRAND CHAMPION)'; a smaller koi labeled 'LION QUEEN'; a photo of a man in a red shirt labeled 'DAISUKE MAEDA SPECIAL SELECTION FOR OUR EVENT'; and a photo of a blue bucket containing several small koi labeled 'ACTUAL EVENT MANJU BABIES'. The event date is 'EVENT DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH 10AM - 5PM'. The logo 'MOMOTARO-KOI' is prominently displayed in red. A button says 'CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS'.

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Even if you're not in the market for a new koi, or least one of that quality, you can take advantage of the discounts on lots of other merchandise, enjoy a nice lunch, meet some great koi people, take in the mini koi show of last year's purchases and hear the informative talks on koi development and judging.

Genki will be the place to be that day. You can find them at 1850 S 10th St, San Jose. Check out their website or call (408) 295-4500 for more information.

Upcoming Events



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Washi Ningyo

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Saturday April 25th and Sunday April 26th, 2015
10:00am to 5:00pm
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2015

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KHA Wet Lab Instructors
Nick Saint-Erne, DVM
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