

*Shasta Koi and
Water Garden Club*
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Talk'n bout Koi & Water Gardens

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*Shasta Koi & Water Garden Club's
next meeting will be held on
Saturday, February 21, 2014
at 10 a.m.*

*Terry & Karlene Stoker
19540 Broadhurst Road
Cottonwood, CA 96022
347-1678*

Directions:

*Take I-5 in Cottonwood, take the Bowman Road exit.
Proceed on Bowman approx. 1.2 miles to Broadhurst
Road. Turn LEFT onto Broadhurst, go up the hill and
take the first RIGHT to stay on Broadhurst. Continue
approx. 0.3 mile to the end of the cul-de-sac.
19540 will be on your right.*

Refreshments will be provided by the Tammy Cole

President's Message

Dredgings from the Pond

Dear Members,

We had a great meeting in January. The program consisted of a panel discussion on pond building. The panel consisted of Victoria Dolan from Sunset Koi, Kirk Hall, Tom Tranbarger and me. It was a lively discussion that included many questions and comments. It was great having Victoria attend since she has the experience of being involved in a number of pond projects. Even though we all already have ponds, it is good to revisit what fundamentals make a good pond. Often we can learn something, take it home and tweak our existing ponds to make them better.

My goal this year is to discuss the essentials of our hobby in hopes that it will result in healthier koi and more enjoyment for the pond owners. Our theme for February is be koi filters. This should be another lively topic. Have you ever considered that with the growth of your koi, the demands on your filter increase dramatically? A koi that has doubled in size, quadruples its load on the filter. So, if your pond was full of little koi and they have grown, you may have problems this summer. Plan to attend our meeting in February and gain new insight and ideas in pond filters.

As I mentioned in our newsletter last month, I plan to take some koi to the NorCal ZNA show which is being held in San Jose on Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1st. This show is poised to be the premier show on the West Coast this year and, as such, there should be some fabulous examples of high-end koi. If you ever wanted to see huge, beautiful koi, this is your chance. At our last meeting several of our members expressed an interest in attending the show on Saturday and visiting some of the koi dealers nearby. The show is being held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 399 Silicon Valley Road, San Jose. Champion Koi, Genki Koi and Reagan Koi are all within a short drive from the show.

Come to our February meeting for up-to-date information and maybe car pool rides for this fun and educational opportunity. I continue to welcome your ideas and topics for future meetings and, of course my invitation to visit my home and ponds is always open.

HAPPY KOI KEEPING - John Watkins, SK&WC President

SHASTA KOI AND WATER GARDEN CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Shasta Koi and Watergarden Club was held at the home of Renee Ottzman. The meeting was called to order by President John Watkins at 10:20 am. Approximately 15 people were in attendance. New members present are Kim and Jeff Pearson

MINUTES: The minutes of the December Christmas meeting were voted on and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John passed out copies of last year's budget and final income/expenses. Eda also submitted a projected budget for 2015. It was discussed and approved to continue the 50/50 raffle for purchase of a fish on the next dealer tour. The budget was voted on and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: It was announced that Eda Ebe will retain the treasurer's position for another year and Abby King has volunteered to become club secretary. A vote will be taken to confirm these positions at the meeting in February.

NEW BUSINESS: The 2015 dealer tour was suggested to be held the same weekend as the NorCal ZNA Koi Show in San Jose on Saturday, February 28. It was agreed this would be a great opportunity to visit several koi dealers and to see the koi show. A vote was taken and members agreed. Please attend the Feb. 21 meeting to sign-up for the car pool and to discuss times, etc.

PROGRAM: Victoria Dolan of Sunset Koi, John Watkins and Kirk Hall were present to discuss pond building with various materials and results. Victoria takes in consideration location issues such as topography, drainage, etc., along with size, filtration, predators such as birds, raccoons and otters. A minimum depth of 2-1/2 feet was discussed but Kirk likes 5-1/2 and recommends a shade cloth during summer months. The edge of the pond should be higher than the surrounding ground to avoid rain water runoff flowing into the pond. New ponders should take the time to understand the complete pond system including drains, pumps, filters, liner versus cement or gunite, etc. High-end ponds with valuable koi have gone over to gunite construction instead of rubber liners.

John asked Victoria to describe how to detect a leak in a pond. The first thing would be to turn off any water coming into the pond to see where the water levels off. The leak will be near this level. Look for damp areas around waterfalls. Many times a pond can have more than one leak.

Victoria was asked how to prevent a pH crash. She uses oyster shells to maintain pH in her pond.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Bob Hart, Vice President

Club News...

Dear Club Members,

A few items for your attention:

CLUB DUES. Yes, annual dues need to be paid for 2015. If you are planning to attend the February 21 meeting, you can pay our treasurer at that time. If you choose, you can mail a check for \$25.00 to Shasta Koi Club to P.O. Box 493425, Redding, Ca. 96049.

SK&WC Website. Jon Laubin took over from Armando as our webmaster. He is having some troubles and would like some help. If you are a web-techie and can answer some of Jon's questions, please call him at 347-9927. He will be very happy to hear from you.

March Meeting Host. We currently do not have a host for the March meeting. If you are new to the club and would like to show us your pond and host a meeting, this is the perfect time. Please contact John Watkins at 867-6020 or Renee Ottzman at 223-4274.

DIP RECIPE

Kevin Garvey hosted the BBQ in Sept. He has had many requests for his artichoke dip recipe and would like to share it with you. It is worth noting, he usually makes a double recipe and did so for the BBQ.

Artichoke Dip

- * 3 jars marinated artichokes (drain)
- * 1 can Ortega chopped green chilies

(when doubling the recipe, he uses 1 can hot and one can mild)

- * 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- * 1 cup mayonnaise
- * Dash of pepper, onion or garlic salt or Mrs. Dash, etc.

Mix above ingredients and place in a 9x13 pan. Cover w/shredded Parmesan cheese. Bake 30 min. or until slightly browned and bubbling.

Enjoy.

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>HOST 2014</i>	<i>REFRESHMENTS</i>
JAN	Ottsman	Ottsman
FEB	Stoker	Tammy Cole
MAR		
APR	Watkins	
MAY	Marveen Moore	Kirk Hall
JUN	Shanna Andrew	
JUL	Karen Wing	Wing
AUG		
SEP	HART'S (BBQ)	potluck
OCT	AUCTION	
NOV		
DEC	Christmas Party	

Hosting

If you are interested in providing the refreshments for any upcoming meetings that have not been filled, please e-mail Renee Ottsman.

ROttsman@ymail.com

Become a Member Today!

Our meetings are a time to socialize in good company about the Koi and Water Garden hobbies. Short programs about ponds, plants and Koi are a part of every meeting. We make trips to various shows and pond tours around the state. We hold our own Pond Tour every other Spring and Koi Auction in the Autumn. Meetings are every 3rd Saturday of each month at 10am at various members homes. We hope to see you there!



Want to Join?

membership application can be printed and you can mail your dues to:

Shasta Koi, PO Box, 493425, Redding, CA 96049

OR. Ever Better, your dues can be paid in person at the meeting.

Our intrepid treasurer will accept:

Checks or Cash (checks payable to: ***Shasta Koi and Water Garden Club***)



Membership Application

New Member

Renewal

Dues enclosed: \$20 per household, two adults (please do not mail cash)

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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