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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, July 18, 2015
At 10 a.m.*

At the home of

*John & Debbie Watkins
6374 Park Ridge Drive
Anderson, CA 96007
530-867-6020*

Directions:

*From **Dersch Road**,
Running between Deschutes Road and Airport Road, turn
onto **Park Ridge Drive**.
6374 Park Ridge will be on the right.*



Dredgings from the Pond

Wow! Is it hot enough for you? And how are your koi doing? Have you checked your water temperatures lately? My front pond is always warmer than my back pond, because it gets more sun. I checked it last night and the temperature was 85 degrees. That's enough to dampen the appetite of any koi. The back pond has the shade of trees and was 80 degrees. I am watching my koi closely to gauge their appetites. Koi eat less when water temps get too high. There are some things we can do to bring down the water temperature.

Several of us attended the AKCA Wet Lab in Sacramento last month. It was time well spent. Nicholas Saint-Erne, DVM gave us a great over-view of how to have healthy koi. Many of the same topics we have discussed in our club meetings this year were presented by Dr. Saint-Erne. I don't think we can hear these topics too many times, if we are striving for improved koi health. If you compare koi health to a 10,000-piece puzzle, every time we study, hear again, or learn through experimentation, we find another piece to the puzzle. That is what makes our hobby so interesting. It is not a one-and-done, and it is not easy, if we truly want healthy koi. However, a great sense of accomplishment can be achieved as we work to make life better for our aquatic pets.

The show koi in my back pond are responding to my attempts to improve their water quality and nutrition. They continue to grow and I hope to have three fish ready for the Fresno Koi Show on September 25th.

I invite you all to come to my home this month, July 18th. Enjoy the beautiful views and bring your questions on rearing koi. We will try to pass on some of the information received at the wet lab.

Happy Koi Growing, John

Koi Tutorial...

Dear Club Members,

Japanese Terms

I had no idea when I got involved with koi keeping I would be learning Japanese in order to understand and appreciate the beauty of the fish. I'm sure you have heard people speaking about their fish using Japanese terms to describe a fish's finer points.

As a quick tutorial, I found an article in KoiUSA's (May/June 2010 issue) by Brian Sousa reviewing these terms.

Beni (ben'knee)

Holds the impression of a strong red color.



Gin Rin (geen'reen)

Gin means "silver." Rin means "scales." Scales glitter in silver on Shiroji (white back-ground) caused by metallic deposits in the scales. Kin Gin Rin (the proper term) is often described merely as Gin Rin.



Hi (Hee) Red-literally. Scarlet.

Ippon Hi (ee pohn'hee)

Unbroken red, a continuous hi pattern with no break from head to tail.

Kindai Showa (*keen dye show'wah*)

Kindai means modern; modern showa. The term describes a Showa that has a lot of Shiroji (white background).



Shiro (*she row*) White.

Shiroji (*she row'jee*)
White background.

Sumi (*sue'mee*) Black.



Brian Sousa is the operator of the Koi-Bito Forum and of the "Kokugyo Network" which exports koi directly from Japan.

Kiwa (*key wa'*)

Sharpness of all the edges of the pattern.

Motoguro (*moh toe goo'row*)

Sumi (black) at the base of the pectoral fins.



Sashi (*saa'she*)

Refers to the blurry line between the front of the hi plate or sumi and the shiroji. Refers only to the kiwa towards the head and does not occur in the kiwa towards the tail. One scale wide is ideal.

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<i>MONTH</i>	<i>HOST 2015</i>	<i>REFRESHMENTS</i>
JAN-17	Ottsman	Ottsman
FEB-21	Stoker	Cole
MAR-21	Watkins	Watkins
APR-18	Sunset Koi	Ottsman
MAY-16	Karen Wing	Wing
JUNE-20	No meeting	
JULY-18	Watkins	Watkins
AUG-15	Kim Pearson	Pearson
SEPT-19	Club BBQ-Hart	Potluck
OCT-17	Koi Auction	
NOV-21		
DEC-19	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?

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

Shasta Koi Club, 23694 Springwood Way, Millville, CA 96062

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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