

*Shasta Koi and  
Water Garden Club*

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# Talk'n bout Koi & Water Gardens

## 2015 Officers

**President:**

John Watkins

**Vice President:**

Bob Hart

**Secretary:**

Abby King

**Treasurer:**

Eda Ebe

**Member-at-Large:**

Marilyn Swanson

**Webmaster:**

**Newsletter Editor:**

Renee Ottzman

## *Shasta Koi & Water Garden Club's November Meeting*

*Will be held on*

*Saturday, November 21, 2015*

*At 10 a.m.*

*At the home of*

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

*530-347-1678*

*Directions:*

*From I-5 in Cottonwood, take the Bowman Road exit.  
Proceed on Bowman Road for approx. 1.2 miles to  
Broadhurst Road. Turn LEFT onto Broadhurst, go up the  
hill, 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 the right.*

## **Dredgings from the Pond:**

Dear Members,

! November is the month in which we celebrate the virtue of Gratitude. In keeping with that theme I would like to share some things for which I am grateful:

! I am happy to report that the Kohaku I took to the Fresno Show in September, the one I brought home with a severe infection, is doing well. The warm weather we have been experiencing has kept my pond water warm, and thereby allowed the fish's immune system to aid in combating the infection. That, coupled with some antibiotics, has left her looking completely healed, except for a few missing scales. It may take another summer growth season to replace those scales, but I am hopeful that she will show again.



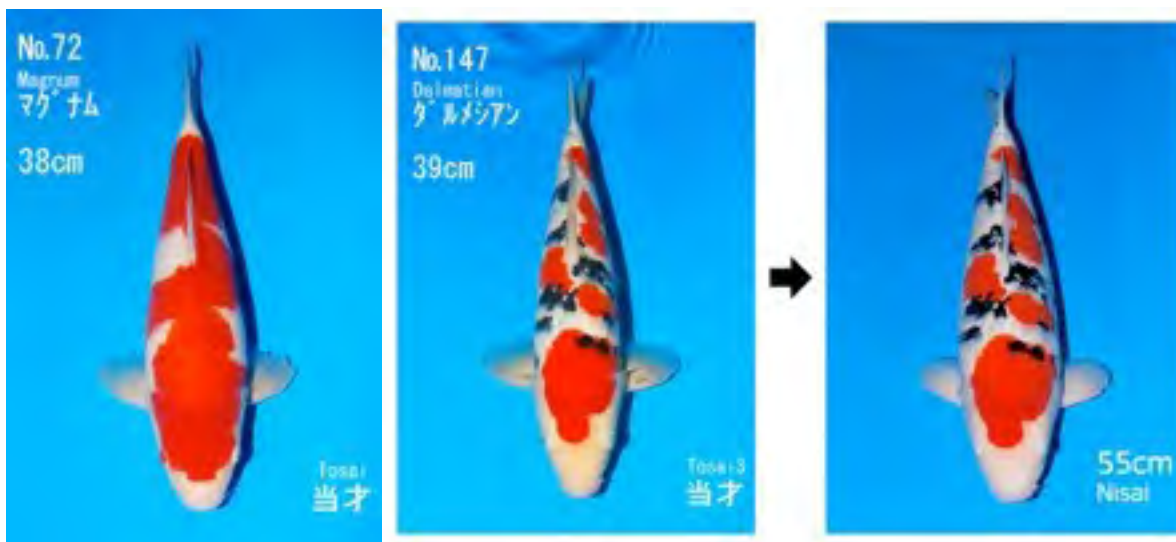
! My annual Fall, fishing trip to British Columbia was canceled due to poor weather, so I attended our club's October 17th meeting at the Hart's home. Those who attended were treated to a thought provoking presentation on circulation, oxygenation, and equilibrium in our ponds. Tom Tranbarger led the discussion and did a great job. Our Vice President, Bob Hart, led the meeting, and actually had an agenda. What a concept! I was thinking, "This guy would make a great president." When out of the blue, Bob volunteered to be our President next year. Thank you Bob!!!!

! We still need some other board members, especially a secretary, so I would be grateful if a few of you contacted Bob and volunteered your services.

! My year as your president is coming to a close, and I am thankful for all those who helped along the way. My biggest helper was Renee Ottzman. Renee has done a wonderful job of putting together our newsletters, and keeping us all informed of what is going on. "Thank you Renee!"

! Of course I want to thank each of you who have opened your home to the club for one of our monthly meetings. Our most well attended meeting was held last Spring at Sunset Koi. Who can forget the excitement and beauty of those 'Jumbo Tosai'?

! Lastly, I am grateful to those members who in the spirit of friendship attended as many meetings as their schedule allowed. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and forming bonds of friendship that only come by spending time together. We still have two meetings ahead of us, before the end of this year. I will miss this month's meeting, as I plan to be in Japan. However, I look forward to seeing all of you and our annual Christmas Party. Until then: "Every day is a gift. Let us be Thankful."



*I look forward to meeting all these fish for the first time this November 15-21 in Japan.*

! Fall is the harvest season for koi in Japan. I have been watching this spectacle on the internet. The Japanese breeders drain their mud ponds and remove the koi to be kept indoors for the snowy winter ahead. Koi hobbyists and dealers from all over the world flock to Japan to watch the harvest, and buy the freshly harvested fish. In addition there are koi shows and auctions being held almost weekly, so it is a very exciting time to be in Japan. I will take lots of photos and report next month.

Happy Koi Keeping, John

# Club News...

Dear Club Members,

BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2016

Great news, Bob Hart will advance from VP to become our club president in 2016 and Eda Ebe has volunteered to stay on as our club treasurer. At the November meeting, club members will confirm these positions in accordance with club bylaws.

We will be calling current members to ask for volunteers to complete the board. Please consider taking one of the open positions which include:

Vice President

Secretary

Member at Large

Although not a board-member position, we are also looking for a newsletter editor to take over for Renee Ottzman.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES for 2016

At the last meeting, a lot of attention was given to the fact that last year our club did not have an event to make money. Except for club dues, no income was generated. We would normally have had a pond tour and a koi auction which are our primary money-making events.

Discussion went on to consider having both the pond tour and the auction in 2016. To have a successful pond tour we will be looking for five ponds to show. If you are interested in having your pond on the tour, please let us know. If you have shown your pond before and would like to do so again, we welcome you. All ponds mature over the years and are more beautiful so a second or third showing would be welcomed.

If you have a new pond, please consider showing on the tour because new ponders are always looking for ideas! We look forward to more discussion as we move into 2016.

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## CLOSING MY POND

By R. Ottzman

*I mentioned in the last newsletter that I had a significant leak somewhere in my pond. A golden Labrador fell into the pond a month or so ago, so I was thinking the leak was generated by the dog while trying to climb out. No telling where the puncture might have been, but I was losing an inch of water a day.*

*We have Bella Vista Water and are mandated to stay within our allotment. If you don't, they charge hefty fines. Trying to make up for the water loss in the pond turned into a problem right away.*

*It's not an easy decision to abandon a hobby you've enjoyed for almost 15 years, but we finally decided it would work better for us to close the pond. Here's the interesting part, after draining the pond and using the water everywhere we possibly could for the yard and trees, we discovered the leak was actually in the waterfall.*

*We were using a Savio filter as part of the waterfall which has a drain valve on the bottom. While taking apart the waterfall and digging out the Savio, we found lots of mud and muck which revealed the leak was*

*under the filter. We would NEVER have found it!!*

*It's a good thing we have a tractor because my husband got busy using it to pull out the heavy liner and then to refill the huge hole in the yard. We still had the dirt we'd taken out when constructing the pond so put it right back where it came from. Two days after finishing up, it rained!*



*I miss my beautiful fish and hearing and seeing the water. It's going to be a while before I stop checking on them every time I pass a window to the back patio.*

*I was down to eight koi when this all came about so I was very happy when Marilyn and Terry Swanson adopted four of them while Steve Boero got the remaining four. They will be well cared for which takes some of the sting out of letting them go. Thank you to everyone who helped educate me about koi and for being a part of a great club. I'm going to miss you!! RLO*

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>HOST 2015</b>	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>
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	Hart	Hart
NOV-21	Stoker	Cole
DEC-19	Christmas Party	

## Hosting