

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

## 2015 Officers

**President:**  
John Watkins

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*Shasta Koi & Water Garden Club's  
Next meeting will be held on*

*Saturday, October 17, 2015  
At 10 a.m.*

*At the home of*

*Bob & Penny Hart  
21850 Vista Oaks Drive  
Palo Cedro, CA 96073  
530-547-3620*

*Directions:*

*From Red Bluff or Cottonwood: Take 1-5 North to the Anderson-Deschutes Road exit. At the new traffic circle take the Deschutes Road exit. Continue on Deschutes for approximately 9 miles. Look for Vista Oaks Drive on the left. Then go .03 mi. to 21850 on the right.*

*From areas in Redding, take CA-44E to the Deschutes Road exit. Proceed on Deschutes to Vista Oaks Drive.*

# President's Message

## Dredgings from the Pond

The last few nights have been cool, with morning temperatures in the fifties. Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Now is the time for action! Are your fish healthy from the warm weather temperatures of summer? Are there any sores on them that need attention? In prior years I have fed my koi medicated food as a preventative, their last meal before winter, to insure they had no internal or external infections. Something to think about.

I attended the Fresno Koi Show on September 25-27. There were 20 tanks full of beautiful koi. Nelson Castro from So. California brought 22 fish. He also went home with most of the major awards. He has some very large and very beautiful koi. I enjoyed meeting new people and getting new ideas on how to care for koi.

Those of you who missed our annual barbecue at the Hart's home really missed out. The Hart's have built a beautiful pond and they have a wonderful collection of koi. Their back yard and landscaping make for a perfect gathering place.

Lastly, Bob is a master with the grill. The tri-tip steaks were out of this world as were the side dishes brought by club members.

I have enjoying being your club president this year. I have learned a lot from you and have formed new friendships. However, I will be retiring this position at the end of the year. Who will be our new president?

Sadly, most of our meetings this year have been poorly attended. The burning question as we approach 2016 is, who will lead our club next year? Is the Shasta Koi & Water Garden Club going to survive for another year? We need your input. This year we tried monthly meetings but, while some were well attended, most lacked attendance.

I invite all of you to write or call me with your ideas.

Sincerely,

John Watkins

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# Club News...

*Dear Club Members,*

## BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2016

*Please be thinking about becoming a board member. So far we have not pushed too hard but it's coming time to have members volunteer to take our club into next year.*

## SEPTEMBER BARBECUE

*Thank you to everyone who attended the barbecue at Bob and Penny Hart's home. It takes a lot of work and planning to put on the barbecue as well as to prepare and cook the meat, and make everyone feel at home and welcome. The Hart's have hosted this event for our club for many years!*

*Thank you, Bob and Penny. Your efforts and ongoing contributions to our club are very much appreciated!!*

*The turnout this year totaled 12 people with a few late arrivals. No one took pictures so I have nothing to show you. However, Bob and Penny's pond and fish are so beautiful, I'm including a picture taken during the 2012 barbecue.*



## NO AUCTION in 2015

*If you have koi you would like to find new homes for, please take a picture of the fish and send it to me.*

*I would be happy to send out a club-wide e-mail with the picture to see if anyone is interested in your fish.*

## MEETING HOST NEEDED

*We are looking for someone to host the November club meeting. Please contact John Watkins at 867-6020.*

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## KOI UP FOR ADOPTION

*I have been dealing with a leak in my pond for several months now. On a daily basis I've had to add water which has been substantially eating into my water allotment. We are in the Bella Vista Water District and they take their fines and overages very seriously.*

*Several months ago, a golden lab fell into the pond. I was home at the time and was able to pull her out, but in the meantime she had been frantically trying to pull herself out with her back feet and claws. I think this was the start of my problems. The sides of the pond are very steep and she would not have been able to get herself out without my help. I have a net over my entire pond but her weight carried her right through it, so now I'm left with a major problem.*

*I have a few choices, none of which will be easy to accomplish, so I've come to the conclusion I need to find new homes for my koi and close the pond.*

*I have a beautiful Plug and Play filtration system which I purchased from Sacramento Koi several years ago which keeps my pond and water crystal clear. I've been extremely happy with the ease and economy of its operation, so this will be going as well.*

*I'm really sorry to have to give up my koi hobby, as they have given me countless hours of enjoyment.*

*Now that you know my sad story, I have eight koi, most of which I purchased through the Kodama Koi Farm auction in Hawaii.*

*If you are interested in any of these koi, please call me 223-4274. I will also be at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting if you would like more information.*

*They include:*

*3 - Kohaku, one 8 yrs old, and two at 5 to 6 yrs old.*

*1 - Kujyaku, born in 2009*

*1 - Shiro Utsuri, born 2009*

*1 - Yamabuki Ogon, approx. 13 yr old*

*1 - Showa*

*1 - Orengi Ogon from Steve Eckart's collection.*





<b><i>MONTH</i></b>	<b><i>HOST 2015</i></b>	<b><i>REFRESHMENTS</i></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	
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

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