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January 10th, 2016

Lenore Wade
1405 Comet Court
El Cajon, 92019

POTLUCK

Please bring your Chairs

Gathering/Social Hour: 12:30 PM
Meeting Starts: 1:30PM

Speaker:

Jerry Myers
Everything
Longfin

Directions

I-8 East (1.3 miles east of CA-67)
take exit 19 onto 2nd Street
Turn Right onto N. 2nd Street
.5 mile Turn Left onto E. Main Street
500 ft. Turn Right onto Melody Lane
.2 mile Turn Left onto Comet Court
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Committee Meetings

January 6th, 2016
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Place: Sizzler @
 I-15 and Aero Drive

**Become more involved.
 Attend a meeting !**

**MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL
 ACTIVE MEMBERS.**

February 3rd, 2016
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Place: Sizzler @
 I-15 and Aero Drive

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March 2, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm
 Place: Sizzler @
 I-15 and Aero Drive

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New Members

Brent & Cierra Goren
 Michael Brooks & Dan Gilbreath

Renewing Members

Tom & Tee Wright
 Jack & Dayle Zwart
 Barbara Jenkins-Lee
 Bonnie McIlvaine
 Al & Tamsie Pierce

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 Treasurer's report
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General Meetings

January 10th, 2016

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 El Cajon, 92019
 Speaker: Jerry Myers
 Everything long fin

**POTLUCK
 Please bring your Chairs**

February 14th, 2016

Greg Ruth
 14036 High Sierra Rd.
 Poway 92064
 Speaker: Greg Ruth
 Do's and Don'ts of Pond building,
 what I have learned.

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Active Club Members can pre-order their 2016 Show Tee Shirts for \$15.00 (sales tax included). To qualify for the discounted price your order must be paid for and received by January 15th. After January 15th the 2016 Show Tee Shirts will be \$18.00 (sales tax included). All pre-ordered 2016 Show Tee Shirts will be delivered at the February 14th monthly general club meeting or may be picked up at the Show.



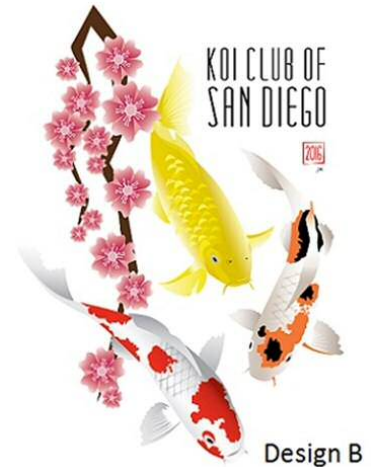
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Upcoming Events 2016

March 5th & 6, 2016
29th Annual Koi Show,
Activity Center
Del Mar Fairgrounds

Saturday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Awards Banquet @ 6:00 pm

Sunday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm



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Design C

See our website
[https://
 www.koiclubofsandiego.org/
 home.html](https://www.koiclubofsandiego.org/home.html)
for more information.



The President's Corner

By Tamsie Pierce: January 2016

The koi community in San Diego has always had one or two ponds with a premier collection of koi. And when we have been very very good we are invited to visit them. For years there was one in Rancho Santa Fe stocked by, among other places, trips to Japan by the owner. One year he brought back his wife's request, a genuine green-scaled koi.

Now, we have the home of Bonnie McIlvaine and her exquisite taste in koi. Bonnie's formal pond displays some of the finest koi in San Diego, well kept, well appreciated, and the picture of health. If only we all could have such a beautiful pond with such great fish. Recognition goes to Bonnie's great taste, Roland from Toyoma Koi for supplying the fish and James Van Jen of KoiLand for pond maintenance. We have been lucky enough to visit these fish in their homes and see them win awards at the show.

Despite the Holiday activity crunch, we had a great turn out at Bonnie's house for the Annual Holiday party and White Elephant gift exchange. The rain pretended it was done for the day and we had clear blue skies. After we were all safely home, it came again. Once more, the club meeting was an assurance of beautiful weather. After a generous potluck lunch, and recognizing Bonnie's presence on the cover of the current issue of Koi USA (which makes her our very own cover girl, does it not) the meeting was turned over to Santa Jack Chapman who conducted the Gift exchange, ending up with two excess gifts. Let's get him a calculator next year, shall we? Or maybe someone left early.

Lenore Wade conducted her drawing for a lap quilt, two pillows and a purse, the proceeds of which went to Jerry Myers' Koi rescue. Thank you, Lenore, for your thoughtfulness and support. And we are all looking forward to visiting your pond at our January meeting.

Now is the time to sign up to help with the show. This is our big event of the year, and we can't do it without you. We have the reputation of putting on one of the largest, best run shows in the nation. Here is a chance to learn from the experts. Direct experience, not just hearing or reading. Stand and listen to the judges talk about their selections on Sunday morning, follow the judging itself on Saturday morning, or simply participate in the "tategoi" judging contest on Sunday noon time where several young fish are gathered and once the general public (and you, of course) have ranked them all from 1st on down. Then one of the judges will assess the fish and provide the official ranking so we can determine the contest winner. Then you have the opportunity to bid on those little guys. There will be a phenomenal assortment of koi available from vendors. All in one place. Almost as large an assortment of fish as we saw on that successful bus trip last month.

Over all, this is our chance to show how great the club is. We've had members from all over the US. A Texas couple visiting who were particularly pleased we had patience for those who call a Kohaku a red and white fish. Several members from outside the San Diego County borders who have joined and commute considerable distances to attend meetings and help out at events. Many who have commented about just how friendly the members are, willing to open our homes and ponds to visiting koi fanciers and willing to share our experiences and information with our ponds. And the show is a chance to spread that welcome into a wider community. Come and join us - for an hour, a day, or the weekend. We can use your muscle, your expertise, and, over all, your willingness to babble on to strangers and friends about how great the hobby of koi keeping is.

And since I mentioned the bus tour, a big THANK YOU to Shirley Elswick and Susi Woods for a successful event. Great company, great dealers, great organization. If only all fish buying trips could be this much fun and this successful at finding just the right new babies for our ponds. Let's do it again.

We're in a new year. I hope one of your resolutions was to get involved just a little more in the day-to-day activities of the koi hobby. Whether it be taking a position on the board or hosting a meeting or bringing a friend to a meeting.

See you at the January meeting at the home of Lenore Wade in El Cajon.

2016 SHOW tee shirt order form is on our website, <https://www.koiclubofsandiego.org/home.html>
Click on the shirt you want. Print the order form and get the order to treasurer@koicsd.org. (website has more details)



Notes from the Board

December 2015

Phyllis Spoor

Happy Koi Show/Fun Filled Koing



By Linda Pluth (in the absence of Phyllis Spoor)

What an exciting year of Koing so far; looking forward to upcoming meetings including the December Christmas Gift Exchange at Bonnie McIlvaine's to enjoy her beautiful ponds, Koi and estate in Vista. Jack will preside over our usual white elephant gift exchange. If you want to partake in the gift exchange bring a wrapped gift for about \$25. One gift per person attending. Also, at the December meeting the lovely Koi blanket, pillows, and bag hand made by Lenore Wade will be raffled off as a fund raiser for Vagabond Koi. Jerry should have pictures of the items posted on the website.

The Koi Dealers Bus Tour organized by Shirley Elswick and Susi Woods was a huge success and a great way to kick off the holiday season. Thank you Shirley and Susi!!!!

To renew your membership, order name badges or request the snail mail newsletter version please contact our Membership Chairman, John Svelan, at membership@koicsd.org or phone: 858 444-5669. Note our website membership PayPal payment system is temporarily offline. John reports we have 124 active families (we generally get some new members from Vagabond and community outreach activities).

We have meeting/hosting opportunities available for July 2016 going forward. It is your choice if you want to have potluck, provide just the main dish or complete lunch. As a Thank You from the Club, a framed picture of the meeting hosts and their pond will be presented to the host at each meeting in addition to the hosts having first pick from the drawing table. The photo will be taken by professional photographer Bill Newell when at all possible and featured in the Club Newsletter. If you would like to host a meeting please contact Susi Woods at: venue@koicsd.org. We are also looking for speakers or program ideas starting July 2016 going forward. If you would like to speak/present or have suggestions for speakers or topics please contact Scotty Yee at program@koicsd.org.

Treasurer, Paul Atkiss: The initial vendor and entrant receipts for the 2016 Show are being received and the fairgrounds and other major contracts have been negotiated .

Linda Pluth our JFG Liaison reported that with the passing of Charles Forman a longtime friend, Koi Club member and devoted JFG Koi Pond docent on free Tuesdays (and Saturdays) we are down to just 3 JFG pond Docents-Shirley Elswick, Phyllis and John Spoor. We need at least 1 more-preferably 2-for the free Tuesday morning pond duty. If you can't do it on a regular basis and would like to occasionally pitch hit when a regular can't make it please let Linda know. It is a very rewarding duty in a beautiful garden with beautiful Koi. Also, the Garden has lost the main contact with our club, Dave Strickland, due to skin cancer. We will miss his advice and assistance. Two koi purchased during our bus trip have been added to the Garden. Also, Jack Chapman has been selected by the JFG to display his extensive collection of Japanese Memorabilia in the Tea House during February, March and April of 2016.

Koi Show 2016-Dr. Bob Adler: Bob has scheduled the next Koi Show meeting for Wednesday, December 16th at 7pm at his Hillcrest dental office at 920 Washington St., San Diego, CA. Please R.S.V.P. if attending at show@koicsd.org. If you are not available to attend be sure to forward your interest to Bob so you can be included in any plans, emails etc.

Jack will receive the exhibitor tank request packages and assign them for the show. Exhibitors from over 200 miles away, with advance permission from the Show Chairman, will be able to bag their koi before 3pm on Sunday. But no trucks/cars are allowed in the building until the show closes to the public. The Koi will have to be bagged and carted out from the inner tank area and loaded on transport vehicles outside the building.

Koi Show 2016 Judges-Matt Rhoades: All judges are signed and confirmed – 2 from ZNA and 2 from AKCA. International ZNA Judge – Harry Beck from South Africa will be the head judge. He already has his visa and plane ticket. Matt is handling their transportation and lodging needs.

Publicity, Mike Poynor: Tamsie suggested to Mike to put our show in the calendar section of the Auto Club magazine "Westways" which has a huge circulation. Mike followed up and made it happen. Also John suggested to our vendor chairman, Greg Ruth, to put our show announcement in Pond Trade Magazine which has now been done with Mike's press release. This is what teamwork is all about!!!

Show Computer Program: Following the last program testing the program is being updated in advance of additional testing; the Club appreciates the hard work provided by Todd Ruth to create the Club's new Show program. Show computer and photo training will be scheduled in January.

Website Master, Jerry Myers: Jerry has revised/enhanced the front page to make navigating the website easier/more straightforward. He has added a section for the 2016 show with the Entrants Registration and Tanks, wet and dry booths to the site. They are tracking what ones are reserved and how many are available.

Board notes cont...

Vagabond Koi Rescue/Rehoming-Jerry Myers: Jerry has reserved a booth for Vagabond at next year's Koi Show. Booth will be paid from Vagabond funds, but he is also looking for sponsors (like last year). He has donated some of his Vagabond Koi to the Japanese Friendship Garden's canyon pond. Jerry with the help of John Svelan, Tom Wright and Vito Adragna relocated some jumbo Koi from Orange County to a new home in San Diego.

Koi Auction 2016: Koi Auction Chairman Linda Pluth. Koi Auction location suggested by Tamsie is David Curtwright's Nursery in Escondido. Linda and Tamsie will investigate this site after the holidays to determine if it will be big enough to handle all of our tanks, canopy, chairs, access to water, etc. and report back at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Koi Health Advisor, Jack Chapman: Winter mode, not much happening.

Please feel free to attend the Steering Committee meetings if you would like to have input on the many exciting activities under discussion including the 2016 Koi Show. Check our website for the next steering committee location. www.koiclubofsandiego.org (just to make sure we are still at The Sizzler off Aero Drive). The meeting starts at 7 PM but many of the members meet at 6 PM for dinner and socializing. All Active members are encouraged to attend and have a vote on all issues at the meeting.

SHOW NEWS!!!!!!

As you know we present "The Greatest Show on Earth" And as always we are looking for people to help out in all phases of the show, from packing the trucks at storage to unpacking them at storage and everything in between! It is always a very rewarding feeling to step back and watch the general public enjoy what we accomplish every year.

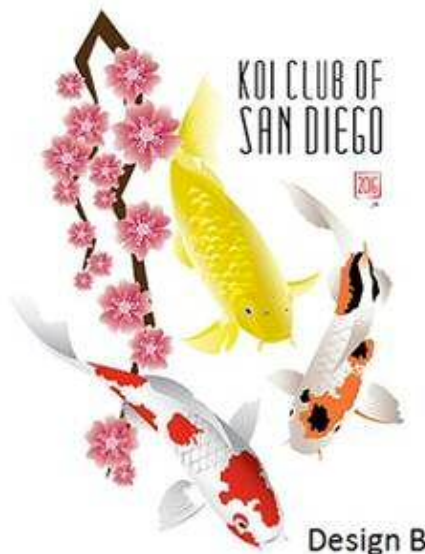
With that in mind if you would like to VOLUNTEER to help, please contact Dr. Bob Adler at show@koicsd.org , or Paul Atkiss at treasurer@koicsd.org and they will be happy to assist you.

NEW THIS YEAR!! A DAILY PRIZE DRAWING FOR SHOW VOLUNTEERS

New and exciting this year there are **3 different designs** for the front of our Show Tee Shirts. Two designed by our own **Jamie Kanés** (look for her booth at the Show) and one by Lydia Liu (daughter of Ken Liu owner of Barstow Koi Farm). The back was designed by Hikari and features the Show pin design. Visit our web site for complete pre-order detail and get your tee shirts for only \$15.00 if paid by January 15th. After the 15th our tee shirts will be \$18.00



Design A



Design B



Design C



Back of tee design by Hikari

See our website, <https://www.koiclubofsandiego.org/home.html>, click on the shirt design you like to print the order form. Get your order form and payment to our treasurer. Bring to the January meeting or mail prior to January 15th to

Paul Atkiss
10364 Rue Riviere Verte
San Diego, CA 92131.



Koi Club of San Diego Ponder Profile

Lenore Wade
El Cajon, California

Lenore Wade is a fairly new member to the Koi Club of San Diego but not at all new to the hobby. As long as Lenore can remember she has always raised fish and with the help of her family she is now enjoying a dream come true. Of course with every dream there is usually an interesting story.

Lenore has been a resident of San Diego for over 50 years and recently retired as a school teacher (but not just your average teacher). Always seeking adventure, Lenore moved to Russia for 13 years where she taught English to dozens of students with whom she still remains close.

While volunteering at Balboa Naval Hospital, Lenore met her late husband who had shared with her his love of Koi that he had come to admire while serving in the Navy stationed in Japan. From that point Lenore always wanted a koi pond and was further encouraged by her brother who also raises koi in Northern California. Now that she is no longer teaching she decided to stay home for a while, renovate her backyard into a playground for her grandkids and of course build that koi pond.

When she mentioned her idea to her local family, her two sons-in-law stepped up and with the help of long time club member Dean Strasser, designed and built a beautiful 2500 gallon concrete pond complete with a beautiful waterfall and sitting bench. The pond water is crystal clear thanks to an 80 watt Emperor UV and 6,000 gallon Ultima II filter. All waste water is recycled and her large yard full of beautiful plants really appreciate that!

With every new pond there are always challenges, what some refer to as the “new pond syndrome” and this pond was no exception. One thing that was learned was that wintertime is probably not the best time to start a pond system as the bio-filter, which is the most important element of the system, takes a little longer to develop when the water is cold. Nitrifying bacteria that removes the ammonia is virtually asleep. It was slow going at first and a few fish were lost but Lenore didn't give up. By that summer, with the help of San Diego Pond and Garden and Jerry Myers' Vagabond Koi Rescue Program, her new pond was a thriving home for 15 koi including two Chinese Hi Fin Sharks. Of course her grandkids have since named all of the fish and Lenore swears that each koi has a different personality. All told her koi are healthy and happy and enjoy munching on their winter diet of Manda Fu, wheat germ and lots of love!

Recently Lenore showed her appreciation to Vagabond Koi by donating the proceeds of some of her beautiful hand stitched pillows, purse and quilt held as a drawing in December. Thanks Lenore so much for sharing your pond and your story with us and for supporting the Koi Club of San Diego!

John Svelan
Membership Chairman
Koi Club of San Diego

Photo by Bill Newell



KHA KORNER

by
"KOI" Jack Chapman

Quarantine/Isolation/Hospital/Holding Tanks

Hope everyone's holidays were the best and you're ready for a great year to enjoy your koi and pond to the maximum during 2016!! Several club members purchased new koi, including myself, on the club's great bus trip in November (special thanks to trip organizers Susi and Shirley) and during the trip I was asked several questions about quarantine, which led to this article after I made some dumb ___ mistakes setting up my own quarantine/isolation/holding tank over the past 5 weeks. Ya, I tried a new way, for me, to reduce the bio filtration set up time and used a two-year old test kit for NO2 when checking basic water parameters prior to adding koi – **REAL DUMB ON MY PART!!**

So from the top. All of us should have a plan of what we will do prior to introducing new koi to our ponds. I treat it as a risk assessment evaluation and what I'll do or not do to mitigate that risk before you or I add new koi to our ponds.

So what is the range of possibilities to choose from?

Highest Risk – Buy koi from anywhere or anyone at any time of the year and just add them to your pond.

All points in-between

Lowest Risk – Full quarantine with multiple treatments for just about everything known to cause disease or illness in koi.

Now before you laugh – most of us are backyard koi hobbyists and the investment to provide the lowest level of risk is a decision we choose not to make, but there are a number of hobbyists whose dollar value of their koi collection makes low risk an attractive consideration or necessity and finally do any of us want to lose part or all of our koi collection to illness and disease introduced by a new arrival regardless of monetary value?

Things to consider when making quarantine decisions

Who do you feel confident about buying koi from and why??

You want to know everything about your new koi before purchase – really!!

Dealer–Breeder history/bloodline/age/sex/anything about its expected future/has it only been with its fellow offspring since birth or exposed to other koi/what test and treatments have been conducted/how long has the dealer had the koi and what water parameters is it currently residing in?? What's your history with this dealer? Just to get you thinking.

Do you have - are you ready – do you want to quarantine and what do you want to consider doing???? When considering quarantine, I always recommend a container of at least 100 gallons and 500 gallons is not out of the question. I've had success with a 350 gallon tank of which 50 gallons is the filter (pre and bio). And yes it's 3 feet deep. I can't stress enough that the unit should be fully functional when you add koi!! A lot less problems for you and the koi (especially if sick koi). For me, I have the bio material inside my main pond's bio-chamber and only have to move it to the isolation tank and turn on the pump/extra air/UV/heater and salt if needed and I'm in business after adding a net to cover the unit (jumpers common). Yes, my pond parameters and possible critters come with the bio-material. A risk I'm willing to take!! When a "Q" tank is used often you can put a couple koi in the unit and run it full time. When a "Q" tank is seldom used and advanced seeding in your bio is not wanted or not practical then you can just start from scratch with an understanding of the ramifications (water testing/water changes etc.) and time required to bring the filter to fully functional. Lastly, if you make your koi purchases at or around the same time of the year as most of us do you can prepare your "Q" unit a few weeks prior to the buying season, which is what I did this year (be it poorly). Of course the highest risk goes to just adding a new koi to your pond – enough said. So that leaves us with what are you going to do to your new koi? Think shotgun and make individual risk assessment decisions.

Air: Extra air always a good idea especially with sick koi. I have an 18 inch water fall weir with an 8 inch fall and an 80L air pump with 10 air stones (8 in the bio and 2 in with the koi) and yes I'm at saturation with a current fish load of five. Don't need a lot of air turbulence in small main tank for koi to deal with.

Heater: You want a sick koi to heal in the shortest time then it's got to be at 74 to 76 degrees!!!!!! For new koi purchased in the fall heat will be needed if you plan to test for the virus KHV. I have two 800 watt heaters – one in the prefilter and one in the main unit with koi, and the temp is at 76.1F. Special Note: My fall "Q" is also a grow out tank for new tosai the first year of life NO WINTER – get you about two or even three extra inches of growth (or so they say).

Light: If you "Q" your koi in the garage or other out building you will need to provide some additional artificial light during normal day light hours.

Koi Health cont...

Common Parasites: Dr. Johnson D.V.M. and others still hold that salt will eliminate several common parasites and the levels used in Japan have been increasing over the past few years. Point three percent is still listed as therapeutic, but I've experienced koi professionals using higher percentages (.4 to .6 for a short duration) when dealing with common parasites. Should this fail there are additional treatment regimens for the more common parasites. Salt is very helpful when dealing with sick koi.

Others: Flukes (skin and gill parasites); Argulus (lice), Lerneia (anchor worm) and Ergasilus (gill maggots); Fungus; Intestinal worms; and Bacterial infections to include the gills all have separate treatments should you decide for full shotgun effect to achieve the lowest possible risk factor when adding koi to your pond.

I trust now you have a better idea of why I ask so many questions when purchasing a new koi. When my new koi purchase has been treated with a high salt treatment in Japan and scraped for parasites by my dealer and treated with salt, Chloramine T and fluke treatments – plus my own scrapes and gill snips taken after I get home are parasite free – I only treat for what I find which is usually, BUT not always, nothing. When the group of koi I pick from has been tested for KHV, I keep the heaters on and expose the koi for at least 21 days and look for signs of the disease. I've only seen three cases (two by necropsy) of intestinal worms over the last 11 years as a KHA so I accept the risk and do not treat for them in my new koi purchases, but this treatment is suggested by our local Dr. Todd Cecil D.V.M. as part of his list to obtaining the lowest possible risk prior to introducing a new koi to your pond.

So the above is intended to get you thinking about reviewing how and what you might consider before adding your next new koi to your pond.

In general for us in southern California when buying new koi October to March we purchase a koi that has been stressed and transported several times when we get it home. Stress is a well-known factor in reducing the immune response in koi and it's already reduced due to lower water temps during the winter months. Put simply you want to eliminate anything the new koi might bring with them to keep your established pond disease free. Towards the middle of "Q" I would add a pond koi to help the new koi adapt (develop immunity) to **small** doses of anything in your pond that could make your new koi sick. I like adding small amounts of pond water as part of water changes along with the pond koi and see if either develops problems, while they're each working on their individual immune responses as needed.

I'll close with my error in practicing what I preach. I got started setting up my "Q" tank a couple weeks late and added some new open cell foam to the bio-chamber at the same time I transferred my box of spring flow material from the main pond's bio-chamber. To help achieve a fully functioning bio before adding koi to "Q" tank, I seeded (added) Dr. Tim's Ammonium Chloride Solution for Fishless Cycling daily for about 14 days keeping the NH₃ level at about .5 ppm and had the heaters set for 75 degrees. Six days before adding koi to "Q" tank, I stopped adding ammonium to tank and it returned to Zero in three days. I also lowered the temp to receive koi. No water changes were done as I was seeding the system to shorten "Q" cycling. I was so locked on the NH₃ being zero and my TWO YEAR OLD Nitrite test kit reading was always ZERO that I added koi to the "Q" tank. The following day, I got a new NO₂ test kit and did a full range of tests on the water quality **SOMETHING I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE DONE BEFORE I ADDED THE KOI to the "Q"**. Results NH₃ = 0.0 NO₂ = 5+ NO₃ = 100 and rest of the tests were all okay. So I salted the system after doing a 66% water change (6 degree change in temp) and repeated this procedure three more times over the next two days, before I got the water parameters where they belonged. Not sure where my brain was – I think it was out to lunch BIG TIME JUST CRAZY!! To make matters worse after this was over and I reengaged my brain I could have shortened this very stressful time on my koi by moving them to heated main pond water in my transfer tank with O₂ and done a single 100% water change in "Q" tank refilled and heated back to 75 degrees and just returned the koi to the "Q" tank and this could have been done the same day I discovered my stupid error. Did not really want to share this story but came at the right time and just reinforces the need to follow the most basic tenants to water quality. It's not rocket science.

So I hope I've given you some information to consider what you may want to do or not do before adding your next koi to your pond. As always there is a host of information on this subject in koi books and on the web and I encourage you to learn more as I could not fully begin to cover this important subject.

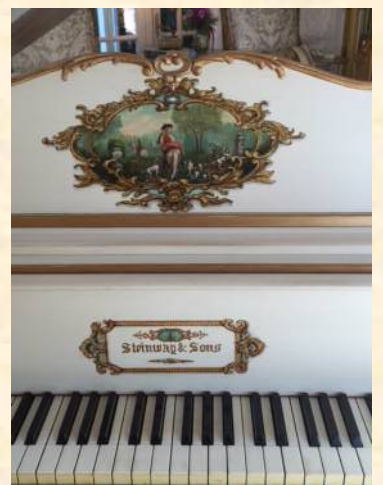
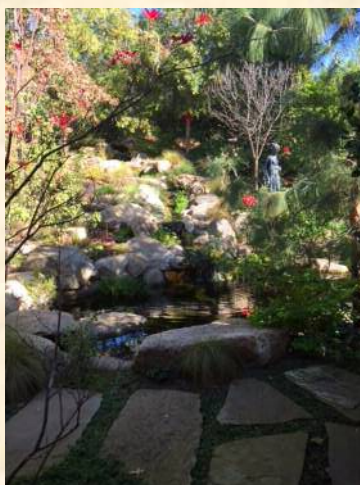
r/koi jack

Editors note: While not actually connected to QT of your koi it is something one needs to be aware of, stray electrical current from faulty equipment. I have been helping a club member with the rebuild of their pond. This pond has had issues for years and the owner decided to shut it down and rebuild it. While removing large rocks from the water fall area on one side of the pond I found 4 sets of pond lights, or more exactly the wires for the lights that were buried under the rocks and below water level. There is much to be said about stray current and the effect it has on fish, not to mention that tingly feeling you get when you climb into a pond with this issue.

If you would like to see what the fish must feel take a low volt wires and put a lead on each side of your tongue and hold it there for 4-5 hours every day of the year and let me know if there are any side effects. (DO NOT DO THIS)

Jerry

Christmas Meeting
THANK YOU BONNIE



**Thank you Bonnie for
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AND

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**Photos submitted by
Linda Pluth**





**Koi Club of San Diego
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29th Annual Koi Show
March 5th & 6th, 2016
Del Mar Fairgrounds
Activity Center**

**Fish Check-in
Friday: 2pm-8pm**

**Exhibit Hours
Saturday: 9am-4pm / Sunday: 9am-3pm**

Judging Starts @ 9am Saturday

Awards Banquet:

Saturday @ 5pm

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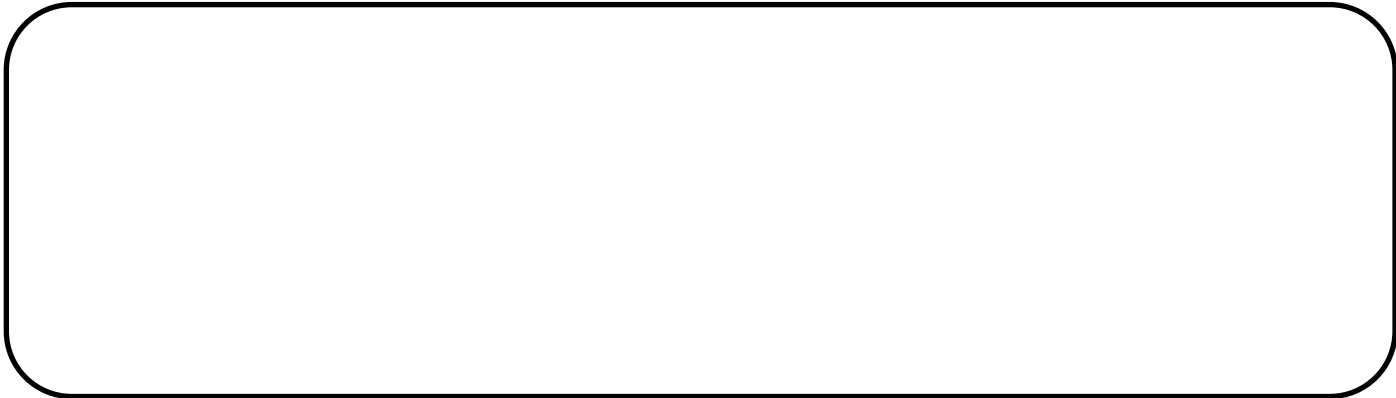
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2016 San Diego Koi Show – Tee Shirt Pre-Order Form



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Design
Hikari

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