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October 11th, 2015
Gathering for
Social hour @ 12:30pm
Meeting starts @1:30 PM
Mickey & Sherry Goldman
7176 Aviara Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92011
Speaker: Ben Plonski:
Laguna Koi Ponds
“Buying Koi in Japan”

Directions

From I-5 exit Poinsettia Lane east
towards Aviara Pkwy
.3 miles Turn right onto Poinsettia
Lane
.3 miles Turn right onto Batiquitos
Drive
Turn left onto Aviara Drive
Gate Code is 5050

This is Not a Potluck

Our Gracious Hosts will provide the
Main Entrée
Feel free to bring a Small Side Dish
or Dessert to Share



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Submit your article now to
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Committee Meetings

October 7th, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Sizzler @
I-15 and Aero Drive

**Become more involved.
Attend a meeting !
MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL
ACTIVE MEMBERS.**

November 4th, Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Sizzler @
I-15 and Aero Drive

**Become more involved.
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MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL
ACTIVE MEMBERS.**

December 2nd, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Sizzler @
I-15 and Aero Drive

**Become more involved.
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ACTIVE MEMBERS.**

New Members
Tami Fuller
Shirley Watkins
Jerry & Kathy Furnas

Renewing Members
Paul & Cheryl Atkiss
Charlie & Jennifer Hein
Vito & Nathalee Adragna
Shirley & Carl Elswick
Skip & Dianna Farnsworth

**Inquiries concerning our
Treasurer's report
should be directed to:
treasurer@koicsd.org**

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Speaker: Ben Plonski

November 8th, 2015
Social hour @12:30pm
Meeting starts @1:30pm
Vito & Nathalee Adragna
9016 Emerald Grove Ave.
Lakeside, CA 92040
Speaker: Dr. Galen Hansen
Judging Koi & Tips
on what koi to bring to the
show.

**December 15th, 2015
CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE**
Social hour @12:30pm
Meeting starts @1:30pm
Bonnie McIlvaine
1610 York drive
Vista 92084
Bring a gift get a gift!
Pot Luck & Bring your chair.



**For more information on
volunteering for the upcoming
show in 2016
contact: show@koicsd.org**

*The Pin Contest
winner has been decided!!!!
AND THE WINNER IS
(draw roll please)
"KOI" Jack Chapman
(I think his granddaughter helped with the art work)*

Upcoming Events 2015

16th Annual Golden Empire Koi Show



The Bakersfield Koi & Water Garden Society

October 16-18, 2015
Kern County Fairgrounds
1142 So. P Street, Bakersfield, CA

Show Chairman: Ron Unruh
ronunruh@koiusa.com
(661) 619-6353

Vendor Coordinator: Malise Unruh
maliseunruh@koiusa.com
(661) 378-6137

Fish Check In:
Friday noon to 7 pm
Saturday 8 am - 9:30 am

For show
hours visit:

Exhibit Hours:
Friday Noon to 7 pm
Saturday 10 am to 7 pm
Sunday 10 am to 5 pm

**October 16th-18th
Golden Empire Koi
&
Water Garden Show
Bakersfield**

**November 8th
Annual Photo Contest
See rules on page 6**

**BUS TOUR TO ORANGE
COUNTY KOI DEALERS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER. 21st.
8:00 am 'til approx. 6:30 pm
\$30.00 per person,
Does not include lunch.
See page 8 for more info,**

**Officially the Unofficial
2016 29th Annual
Koi Club of San Diego
Koi Show Poster**

**29TH Annual
KCS D Koi Show
at the
Activity Center, Del Mar
Fairgrounds
on the
5th and 6th of March 2016.**



The President's Corner

By Tamsie Pierce: October 2015

Whew.

The very tail end of the heat, sitting in the shade in one of the most beautiful koi pond settings in San Diego. A koi pond setting worthy of publication in San Diego Home and Garden magazine on a near future date, courtesy of Mike Poynor and his efforts as Publicity Chair last spring. Thank you Mike.

And thank you, Carol Costarakis and Rolf Haas for hosting our September meeting in such a green and relaxing place. There was enough of a breeze to keep us comfortable in the ample shade. Everywhere you looked there were examples of Carol's talent — from Max/Maxine sculpture hanging by the gazebo to the mosaicked tables to the sculptures peeking out from the plantings (a dragon by the large waterfall, a girl on a slide by the bog end of the pond, a hippo bench). This is a place to sit and relax and enjoy the life and peace it all conveys.

Spike Cover from Inland Koi Society was our speaker. Spike was instrumental in starting AKCA's KHA (Koi Health Advisory) program of which Jack Chapman is our own sterling example. He talked about Koi Organisation International (K.O.I.) and the resources available through its website. The link is posted for you on our Website. Or you can simply look it up with the name. Please note Organisation is spelled in the British way with an 's.' Thank you Spike for the timely resources and information.

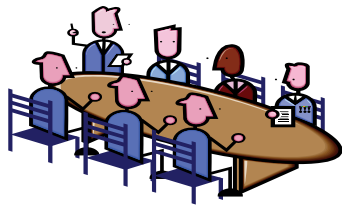
We're ramping up to an active fall. November 21 will be a bus tour to three koi dealers in the Orange County area. Plans are to leave about 8 am and return to the park and ride late afternoon, full of fish and camaraderie. Costs will be about \$30.00 per person. Here is a chance to get to Orange County without having to fuss with the traffic, see an excess of great fish without having to wait for the Koi show, and spend a whole day with fellow koi enthusiasts without having to move very far from your seat. Shirley Elswick and Susi Woods are taking reservations and will have both a signup sheet and further information at the October meeting. By scheduling the bus trip in November we will be able to visit dealers whose new fish from Japan will be out of quarantine and would love to inhabit your pond.

And although the Koi Show is not until March, things are beginning to take shape. We have a date and a place: Del Mar Fairgrounds, March 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2016. And the rest of the details are starting to fall into place. The pin design has been chosen. The hotel has been contracted. Now we need your help for all the rest. The show is the biggest event of our year, and has a reputation of being one of the top shows in the nation both because of number and quality of fish entered, and because it is so well run. Jack Chapman set a high standard last year with the 2015 show, and we want to top that with the 2016 show. There is something for everyone to do — whether you can only help out without leaving the side of your fish pond, or can spend all four days all day at the show, or something in between. At upcoming meetings there will be lists of jobs for you to consider and sign up for. We all started ignorant of how to put the show together, and learned from the experts — the real definition of OJT - On the Job Training. From muscles to unload and reload the shed, to walking the floor of the show to answer questions from the general public and keep small chocolate covered fingers out of the tanks, to selling raffle tickets to data entry in the computer system for the show results, now is the time to help.

Our next Show Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, at 7 PM at the offices of Dr. Bob Adler, guests are welcome. Or contact any of the Board members by e-mail or phone to volunteer. It's a cliché, but "many hands make light work" is still true.

And I hope I saw you at the annual Japanese Friendship Garden Filter Stomp - the clean out of one half of the filter for the garden koi pond. A great time to get legally muddy as well as observing in detail the Norm Meck design of a pond filter, one of the facets of our own ponds that works the hardest to keep our fish healthy.

I'll see you at the October 11 meeting in Carlsbad at the home of Mickey and Sherry Goldman to listen to Ben Plonski from Laguna Koi Ponds discuss "Buying Fish in Japan". By the way, Laguna Koi Ponds is one of the shops the bus tour will be visiting. Always a treat.



Notes from the Board

September 2015

Phyllis Spoor

Happy Koi Show/Fun Filled Koing



What an exciting year of Koing so far; looking forward to upcoming meetings including the September meeting at Carol Costarakis and Rolf Haas in San Diego. This will be a chance to enjoy their beautiful Koi Pond and Garden that is featured in San Diego Pond and Garden magazine. Also to see Carol's latest creations. There are plenty of opportunities to get more involved with the club from hosting a meeting or attending a monthly Steering Committee meeting or getting involved with the 2016 Koi Show planning from the start. Our brand new 2016 Koi Show Chairman Dr. Bob Adler is looking for show volunteers--both those from previous shows and new ones. There is plenty for everyone to do from very physical jobs to more office-type functions. We are still looking for somebody to fill the publicity spot. Shirley and Susi are proceeding with plans for an Orange County bus tour of the Koi vendors timed for right after the Japanese Koi come out of quarantine on November 21st. They are talking to Sundance Bus Company with an option for a 48 or 55 seat bus. They estimate the cost will be \$30 cost per person for the bus. Scotty Yee was approved to spend up to \$75 dollars on new Koi CDs/DVDs to keep us entertained on the bus. The tour will include visiting 3 or 4 dealers including Inland, Andrew's, Eastern and Laguna, but it was suggested that the limit should be 3 to allow adequate time at each dealer. Tour information will be presented at the September General Meeting in order to generate more interest.

Jerry's Vagabond Koi Rehoming/Rescue Program has been busy. He has been helping a club member with her pond--quality of water and sick fish. Jerry is reworking the pond. His Solar has been installed and is now fully operational. Vagabond should be seeing a welcome reduction in their monthly electric bill.

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 Ph: 858 444-5669. Note our website forms are temporarily offline. John reports we have 128 active families, 2 new members (we generally get some new members from Vagabond and community outreach activities), 5 delinquent 8 renewals and 3 transferred to inactive.

We have meeting/hosting opportunities available for January 2016 and June 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. The photo will be taken by professional photographer Bill Newell when at all possible. 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.

Linda Pluth our JFG Liaison reported that the pond Bio-Filter cleaning and UV replacement is set for Saturday, September 19th at 8:00am. It's a great time to come and enjoy the Garden before it is open to the general public.

Koi Show 2016-Dr. Bob Adler: Bob has scheduled the second Koi Show meeting for Thursday, September 30th at 7pm at his office in Hillcrest: **920 Washington St. San Diego, CA**

Please R.S.V.P. if attending. If you cannot attend please be sure to forward your interest to Bob so you can be included in any plans, emails etc.

Jack Chapman reported that the show contract with Del Mar Fairgrounds has been signed locking in the dates, activity center and cost. Linda and Jack have also procured 17 Murano glass vases to use as trophies for the show. They will be stored in Linda's garage. John has procured the Holiday Inn Express Del Mar/Solana Beach as the Show Hotel. The discounted rate for the Koi Show is \$99 per night (up \$5 from last year).

Show Computer Program: Al has set the meeting at his house to Beta test the new show program for September 12th at 1:00pm. Please attend and bring laptop computers. Paul Atkiss will not be able to attend. He will send his questions/concerns to Al to be checked out.

Webmaster, Jerry Meyers: Jerry has a new form service to replace Adobe Forms, but it is too archaic and limited to meet our website's needs. Please send any other software information for handling forms to Jerry for consideration. It was reported the Menus on the web page were not working. Jerry will check them out and if not working will report it to Go Daddy for them to fix. If you experience a problem with the website, please let Jerry know so he can promptly fix the issue.

Notes from the Board continued

Koi Auction 2016: Koi Auction Chairman Linda Pluth. Koi Auction location needed, please forward suggestions to Linda.

Koi Health Advisor, Jack Chapman: Problems with pond water quality and sick fish due to the hot water temperature (Aeromonas) and not doing their pond maintenance and water changes due to the water drought in our state.

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 have a vote and are encouraged to attend.

TIDBITS

New Show pin has been selected! Stay tuned for further updates as it progresses thru the development phase.

Congratulations to "Koi" Jack Chapman for his Salvador Dali-like rendition of his pin design.

Do Not forget the Photo Contest this November at the General Meeting. It is your only chance to have your picture selected as the possible design for the cover of the show booklet.

The annual photo contest is open to all active members of The Koi Club of San Diego.

You may e-mail the photos to info@koicsd.org and they will be posted to the site. The photos (limit of 5 per entrant) should be submitted digitally to our Webmaster for the website with his requirements as follows:

Picture file names: Simple file names are good. File names generated by most cameras are fine.

Picture size: Use your camera's highest resolution. A larger size picture does not equate to high resolution, they are two different things. Camera phones are somewhat limited in their resolution for the most part unless you have a newer phone. The resolution we are looking for is 180DPI and above, with 300 DPI being the best for print and enlargement. We need high resolution to enlarge the winner's photo for print publication and judging. Dots Per Inch (DPI) is the number of individual dots that can be placed in a line within the span of 1 inch. A picture with low resolution when enlarged becomes pixilated (you can see the individual pixels or Dots) The Webmaster will screen all photos to determine their suitability. If a picture consists of people, you may need each persons approval in order to have your picture used for publication.

Pictures can be viewed on the website. If you submitted a photo but do not see it on the website, it is being processed or may have been vetoed by the Webmaster for not following the above rules. If not accepted you will receive an email as to why. If you object to the reason you may present it to the steering committee at the next meeting for their review. You may also bring the picture with you to the November meeting.

Judging will be done by all members attending the November 2014 general meeting with the winner to be announced at the December 2014 Christmas Party. Judging will be based on content, artistic and technical merit.

The winner will receive bragging rights, an enlarged canvas mounted print of the winning picture and a \$25 gift certificate for use at the next Show. So put on your thinking caps, keep those batteries charged and take your camera with you wherever you go. You never know when an opportunity will present itself. Happy clicking!!

Webmaster notes: A large sized photo does not necessarily mean high resolution. Your camera needs to be set to the fine (highest resolution) setting. After your photos are submitted, you will be sent an email asking you to view and verify your photos. The winning photo becomes property of the Koi Club of San Diego and may be used to promote the club and the photographer will receive credit for their photo. The club reserves the right to edit the winning photo as necessary for publication. The winning photo may be selected for the cover of the 2016 Show Booklet. All photos will be posted and printed for judging as is. If necessary submissions will be resized for printing and viewing purposes. If you would like to change or replace an entry please send me an e-mail with the new photo and which photo you would like to replace.

THE FINAL DATE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR PHOTOS TO THE WEBMASTER FOR POSTING AND PRINTING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 5TH 2015. **INFO@KOICSD,ORG**

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK! JERRY MYERS WEBMASTER

Final note: Pictures should be printed on **8.5 x 11** photo paper for best results. Arrive early to submit your photo if you are printing it yourself.



**2015 Show
Tee Shirts & Pins
On sale- contact
Paul : treasurer@koicsd.org
Tee Shirts--\$15.00 each
Pins--\$5.00 each**





KHA KORNER

by

“KOI” Jack Chapman

Summer Time Around Your Pond

So with all this hot weather lately and pond temps in some backyards going into the mid 80's and some even higher, I've had a few calls about feeding and other tidbits about the effects of warmer pond temps. The key to koi health is good water quality and pond water temperature is one of the key factors. Koi can survive in water from 35 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit, but prefer 65-77F. Koi are suspected to suffer additional stress when pond temps swing more than 5 degrees F during the day and this is an issue with ponds in our area. Know your pond temp!! Take it early in the morning and late afternoon. Koi can suffer from sudden temperature shock leading to death but that occurs most often when going from warm to colder water quickly (that's why we float them in bags for at least 20 minutes when adding them to a new pond). And – YES, koi can even suffer from sunburn when the pond environment presents the wrong circumstances.

Above 78F water starts to lose the capacity to hold oxygen (see last month's article on Oxygen). Higher water temps also increase the toxicity of ammonia, chlorine and heavy metals. This can become an issue if doing none to small (say less than 10%) water changes a week as you will be adding more water at these higher temps to just replace evaporated water **WHICH DOES NOT DILUTE ANY WATER TOXICITY YOU GOT GOING ON IN THE POND**. By only replacing evaporated water, you are just slowly increasing the concentrations of the bad stuff. Add to this the summer feeding of higher protein foods and more of it during summer and the water quality can start to really suffer which means your koi environment can go to _ _ _ _ . Last but surely not least, warmer water increases a lot of the bad guys (pathogens) activity - making your koi's immune system more vulnerable and the other important water quality factors imperatively more important during the growing season and associated higher water temps adds to this environmental issue. So with the above in mind feeding during higher pond temps is the most often asked question I get on the phone. Past articles have covered koi nutrition and frequency of feeding in association with pond temps. Hey – read the info on your koi food label. But additionally I'll share with you how I would propose to deal with temp issues and feeding schedules above 77F. I feed 7 to 9 times a day - small amounts of the daily total requirement (2 to 2.5 lbs. per day – 2.5% of total koi body weight) when my water temp is 74 to 77F. My limited experience has formed the following plan for feeding when my pond temp reaches 78F. For 78F = reduce total daily feeding to 2% of total body weight staying at 7 to 9 feedings. For 80F = 1.5% body weight and 5 to 6 feedings a day and replace high protein food with all season food. I've never reached 82F but my plan would call for me to further reduce to 1% total body weight with 2 or 3 daily feedings of all season and add a wheat germ feed. At 84F my plan would be feed every other day whatever they would eat in 7 mins in a single feeding. At 85F I would just stop feeding and they will eat what's available in the pond and on its surfaces. Hopefully some serious thought has occurred to reduce or never have your pond temp go to 85F. At about 80F you will observe a change in your koi's summer behavior: they just SLOW DOWN doing all things koi and their activity just becomes even slower as the temp continues to rise. You will quickly see uneaten food which will only make your water quality worse. They will reach a point (about 85F) where they just stop eating on their own. Just think what higher temps do to us as humans!! Enough said and my best to you and your koi.

Oh nuts– I forgot the majority of you are not growing koi to take them to a koi show but just enjoy having a pond with koi and the social benefits of being a club member – trust me, you make up the *majority* of club membership. So for those of you in the majority think about the following: What would you like to see happen to your koi collection? I suggest you inventory your koi –measure a mid-size one and estimate the length of each koi. Then go to the length and weight chart and figure your total koi body weight. Feed during the summer at 1% of body weight for simple subsistence with little change to length and weight and may suffer some loss in color – 1.5% to save the color and see minor change to length and weight – 2% (with correct feed) improve color and a noticeable change to weight and length – 2.5% now your cooking but watch your water quality and 3% because you now want show quality improvements. These numbers were center-of-the-road for mixed sex and age of koi. You go up for koi under 3 years of age and down for koi over 6 or 7 years old. So when the heat hits (as noted above) cut back on daily total feed weight and feed selection accordingly – I like the all food gone in 7 mins or you're feeding too much. I hope this helps you develop a feeding plan and schedule based on pond temp. But- don't forget your water quality especially during summer when ADDITIONAL maintenance and water changes become vital to your koi's health.

Continued on next page

Speaking of koi – we got the club bus trip to visit 3 koi dealers on November 21 and if you're in the market for a new koi it would be a great opportunity as the new Japanese crop will be available for purchase. However it's an all things koi day with friends and there is no requirement to buy a koi. So if you are thinking I don't need any new koi so no reason to go on the trip – just think of the fun you will have helping the other club members spend their money – it's just a fun day for all. I hope to see ya on the bus.

r/koi jack

SPECIAL NOTICE:
The wheels on the bus go round n round

MEEP! MEEP!
Get on Board!

1st pickup at 8:00am is @ I-805 & Governor park and ride.

2nd bus pickup point is a park and ride just a bit south of 76 and 5.



BUS TOUR TO ORANGE COUNTY KOI DEALERS

BUS TOUR TO ORANGE COUNTY KOI DEALERS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER. 21st-- 8:00 am 'til approx. 6:30 pm
\$30.00 per person, *does not include lunch.*

Sleeping in on Saturday? Why not do something totally different!

Get up early and come on a bus adventure with a bunch of your koi buddies to three koi dealers in the **Orange County area. You don't have to worry about gas, driving or parking. Leave the driving to the Sundance Bus Lines and have fun getting there. Please get your money to Shirley at or by the October General Meeting to make sure you have a reservation locked in. If you cannot be at the October meeting, contact Shirley to make an arrangement for your payment.**

Please make checks payable to: Koi Club of San Diego.

Any questions , more information, or to RSVP please contact Shirley Elswick at [sfelwick@cox.net](mailto:sfelswick@cox.net) (619-222-9825) or Susi Woods at susiwoods1@hotmail.com. Don't be left out!! Do it NOW!!!!



SUCCESSFUL BIO-FILTER CLEANING AT THE JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN, SEPTEMBER 19TH

The Koi Club of San Diego members came together early on Saturday morning for the annual bio-filter cleaning. Our thanks to Jack Chapman, John Svelan, Matt Rhoades, Paul Atkiss (thank you for the donuts), Dr. Bob Adler, Scotty Yee (who also brought donuts and took the photos), Kathy Wachter-Poynor, Tamsie Pierce, Al Pierce, Dean Strasser and Linda Pluth for being quick and efficient so that we finished at 9:50 am. A little bit of a glitch started off the day with the main road being closed for another marathon run but we all finally made it into the Garden. The UV lights were also replaced which helps the pristine water stay incredibly clear—very unusual in a public pond in full sun. Thanks to all of you who made a difficult job fun and easier! Hope to see most of you (and others) next year.

Thank you to our intrepid crew of filter stompers!



Tamsie, Bob, John, Linda and Scotty



Bob, Tamsie and Linda



Dean and Al



Matt



Tamsie, Kathy, Linda and Bob



Linda and Jack



John, Dean and Al



Was that open, close ,open or close ,open ,close?



Helloooo down there

Hats off to Linda Pluth and “Koi” Jack Chapman for their unwavering dedication to the filter maintenance of the Japanese Friendship Garden Pond.

Editor

<http://www.niwa.org/> (Japanese Friendship Garden web addy.)



Koi Club of San Diego Ponder Profile

Mickey and Sherry Goldman
Carlsbad, California

Originally from the Midwest, Mickey and Sherry Goldman came to San Diego over 20 years ago where both established professional careers. For a dozen years they lived in a beautiful condo in Del Mar and when they needed a little something to spruce up their patio they decided to have a small pond built. Of course if you have a pond you must also have a few fish and as luck would have it they had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Takemi Adachi, local koi expert and founder of California Koi Farms. Takemi explained to them the difference between a water garden and a koi pond as well as the difference between a pond fish and a quality koi. That part really caught the attention of Mickey and Sherry as healthy and friendly quality koi were exactly what they were looking for. The condo and patio pond worked out well but two years ago they decided to relocate to a beautiful single family home in the city of Carlsbad. But what about the fish?

Since it was obvious that the new home must include a koi pond, they worked with an architectural landscaper and designed a beautiful 6,000 gallon pond complete with waterfalls, stream bed and plant bog. They also worked with Mission Pools of San Diego who were able to build the dream pond that they had always hoped for. During the year of planning and building their beautiful koi were being pampered by Takemi at his place in Fallbrook.

At long last Mickey and Sherry saw their dream pond bubble to life and the koi were happy to finally be home again. The pond is a work of art. The beautiful waterfall runs into the stream bed creating loads of oxygen, through the plant bog and into the main pond. The plant bog was especially essential as Sherry loves to grow many varieties of water lilies with gorgeous blooms and her other unique plants adorn the outside perimeter of the pond.

Initially there were a few new pond issues that needed to be worked out and that's when James Van Jen of Koiland was called on for his expertise. James installed a William Lim ¼ hp Wave Dragon pump, an Ultima II filter and 80 watt UV light that keeps the pond crystal clear. Koiland continues to maintain the pond today in its pristine condition.

Although Mickey and Sherry have never entered one of their fish in a koi show, they have accumulated a magnificent collection of 15 koi that others would love to exhibit in any show. They have fish from almost every variety including longfin but the favorite is definitely a Gin Rin Chagoi named Diva who sparkles in the sunshine and struts her "Diva" self.

Mickey and Sherry are avid supporters of the Koi Club of San Diego and we are looking forward to our upcoming meeting at their home. Thank you so much for sharing your home and your Ponder Profile!

John Svelan
Membership Chairman
Koi Club of San Diego





Ponder Profile photos by

Bill Newell

If you are interested in pitching in to help out at the 2016 Koi Show, contact Bob at show@koicsd.org

As show time nears we will be adding more contact information as we build our show committee.



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