



Splash

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Next meeting is Friday **July 15th at 7:30 PM at the Vineland Branch Library, 1450 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118.**

POND TOUR KICK OFF MEETING



We have finalized most of the details for 25th Annual Pond Tour Saturday, July 16, 2016 between 9 AM and 4 PM. Please save the date and consider volunteering for our biggest event of the year. We could use a few more volunteers for the PM shifts. It takes many volunteers and it is a great way to meet fellow members, pond hobbyists, and Koi keepers while supporting the club. Thank you to all those who are opening up their homes to show ponds, and all the other volunteers that make this event possible.

We ask that members and friends to keep getting the word out about this special event this Saturday. Post to Facebook, Nextdoor, social media, and any other place you can think of that would attract attendees. The pond locations are in Willow Glen and Sunnyvale. All volunteers get free admission to the pond tour. Check out the website for more information at www.sckoi.com.

On Sunday, July 24th 1PM to 4 PM the club will host a "Thank You" BBQ for all volunteers and pond owners at Cherry Hill Koi and Watergardens, 351 Spar Avenue, San Jose, CA 95117.

If you have questions about the pond tour email scvkwg@sckoi.com

Visit us on the web at: www.sckoi.com

Club Meetings:

The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month except July (Third Friday) and December (No Meeting). At meetings we get acquainted with members and guests, address any pond issues that people may have then enjoy a pond or water gardening related presentation. Afterwards we enjoy refreshments and open discussion.

Upcoming Events

- Jul 15 Pond Tour, Kick Off Meeting – Friday July 15th, 7:15 to 7:45 PM, Vineland Branch Library, 1450 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118. This will be a quick meeting for preparation for the pond tour the next day. **Plan to attend if you are a pond owner or volunteer.**
- Jul 16 **25th Annual Pond Tour, Saturday, July 16, 2016, 9 AM to 4 PM.**
- Jul 24 **Pond Tour “Thank You” BBQ** at Cherry Hill Koi and Water Gardens Sunday, July 24th from 1 - 4 PM. Location: 351 Spar Avenue, San Jose, CA 95117.
- Jul 28-31 2016 Santa Clara County Fair -- The club will have an educational display about Koi and promote our club. Volunteers needed.
- Aug 2 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Frank Mullany’s home. All members are welcome. (Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month)
- Aug 23 General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room. Speaker: TBA Topic: TBA
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Water Plant of the Month – Canna [Canna Species]



True aquatic Cannas available in yellow, orange, and pink. They bloom all summer and have a growth height of 24-48". Cannas do well in sun to part shade in a water depth of 1 to 6" with a growth spread of 36".

Cannas are among the most colorful summer bulbs—as flamboyant as their tropical American ancestry—with ruffled spikes tapering to refined buds. These perennials come in a vast variety of color and boast immense, often-veined, paddle-shaped leaves and sheathing leafstalks in shades of green or bronze.

With their great reedy canes and palmy foliage, cannas would be magnificent even if they never bloomed. However, they keep blossoming from late spring or early summer to frost.

Membership Drive – 2016/17 – Renew Today

Our annual membership drive has begun. Club dues are \$30.00 per year (from July 1 to June 30). If you join after our annual membership drive your dues will be prorated at the rate of \$2.50 per month until the next membership term starts. To join, send your name, address, phone number and email address along with your check for dues to SCVKWG, PO Box 9006, San Jose, CA 95157 or bring your dues to the next meeting. Thank you for supporting the club.

Koi Selection Tips

By Eve Bretzke



Understanding how Koi develop will help you select young fish you may choose to keep and develop over time in your pond. Here are some basic guidelines on how to select Koi fish for your pond or water garden.

When it comes to Koi your preference for quality over quantity should become more evident as you learn more about what makes a choice specimen. When selecting a Koi to keep for you own collection it is most important that you “like” the fish. This is purely a personal preference. Forget about whether the Koi will be a show winner. The

question is do you want to own and develop the Koi. Another thing to look for is the body shape or conformation of the Koi. Is the body shape full? Does the fish look powerful and balanced in its shape: head, body, tail tube, fins.... females have fuller body shapes and are as a rule, more expensive. Males develop their colors quicker. Color balance is another element of selecting a Koi. Frequently fish will have an attractive pattern when they are smaller in size. However, what looks good today can look unbalanced when the fish increases in size.

The color of a Koi is often used when selecting fish. Base white (Shiroji) may not improve as well as other colors as a Koi is developed. Look for clean white color. Black (Sumi) can be very deep and dark on younger fish and may not be desirable. Strong black color can sometimes take over the fish and then fades later in life. When selecting Koi look for underlying black coming through on smaller fish, look for smaller spots with nice patterns. Black color on Koi expands over the fish’s and can change the overall appearance as the fish grows. Red (Beni or Hi) is developed over time. Some people want to see red on the Koi when very small. What is better is consistent softer reds when the fish is small. Look for diamond patterns in the scales to get an indicator of how deep the red will become. Fish that are red and under 10 inches are likely male and may finish developing their colors early. Red as a color on Koi also tends to shrink, this is where the balanced patterns become unbalanced over time. Colors can sometimes disappear entirely.

Koi are expected to be bright with beautiful reds and deep blacks. A white koi should be pure white and not have specks of grey. Color is also an indicator of good health. Bright colors will turn dull or look greyish if Koi are in poor health or are exposed to poor water conditions. A fish that has dull color or has scales or spots that are graying might be sick or live in water that is unhealthy. So, when selecting a Koi think about what colors and patterns the fish has now, and what these colors and patterns may evolve into. If you are going to select a Koi to add to your collection make sure it is healthy and ALWAYS quarantine.

Monthly Club Report to Associated Koi Clubs of America (AKCA)

The club is hosting it's 25th Annual Pond Tour on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 9 AM to 4 PM showcasing six beautiful ponds in the Santa Clara Valley. We are looking forward to a great event. The club plans to host a booth at the upcoming Santa Clara County Fair July 30-Aug1, 2016.. Our club voted on our Koi of the Year for the AKCA Contest and nominated our Koi Person of the Year.

NOTE: The above report will be added to AKCA board Minutes and will be posted on AKCA website for all to see under our name as Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club. Check <http://www.akca.org> and click on Koi Clubs.

Board Meeting Review – July 2016

The July board meeting was held Tuesday, 07/05/16. Cal, Frank, Mel, Eve, Maus, Cece, Diane, Kay were in attendance. We reviewed club business and worked on preparations for the annual Pond Tour July 16, 2016. The "thank you" BBQ event was discussed along with having an update on our membership drive. We welcomed several new advertisers for the Pond Tour booklet and the Splash newsletter. Thank you!

Koi Fish Facts

<http://www.fish-species.org.uk/koi-fish/>

Interesting Information about Koi Fish Species

There are over 32,000 different Fish Species in the world. A person who studies Koi Fish Species is called an ichthyologist. So welcome to all ichthyologists! All Koi Fish Species are vertebrates (have a backbone) and most breathe through gills and have fins and scales. Many species also have a variety of protrusions or spines on the head.

Why do different species have fins?

Fish usually have seven fins. Each of the fins on a fish are designed to perform a specific function:

Dorsal fins - The dorsal fin is located on the backs of fishes. Dorsal fins lend stability in swimming

Ventral fins - The ventral fin is located on the pelvic area of fishes. Ventral fins lend stability in swimming

Caudal fins - The Caudal fin is located on the tail area of fishes. Caudal fins propel through the water

Anal fins - The Anal fin is located on the anus area of fishes. Anal fins lend stability in swimming.

Pectoral fins - The Pectoral fin is located on the breast area of fishes. Pectoral fins are for locomotion and side to side movement

Adipose fins - The Adipose fin is an extra fleshy fin on the back behind the dorsal fin as in salmon, smelts, and lanterns to lend stability in swimming

Cephalic fins - The cephalic fin are the "horns" of manta rays and close relations

The most popular type of Koi fish is the Gosanke also known as the Big Three and are made up of the Kohaku, Taisho Sanke and Showa Sanke varieties.

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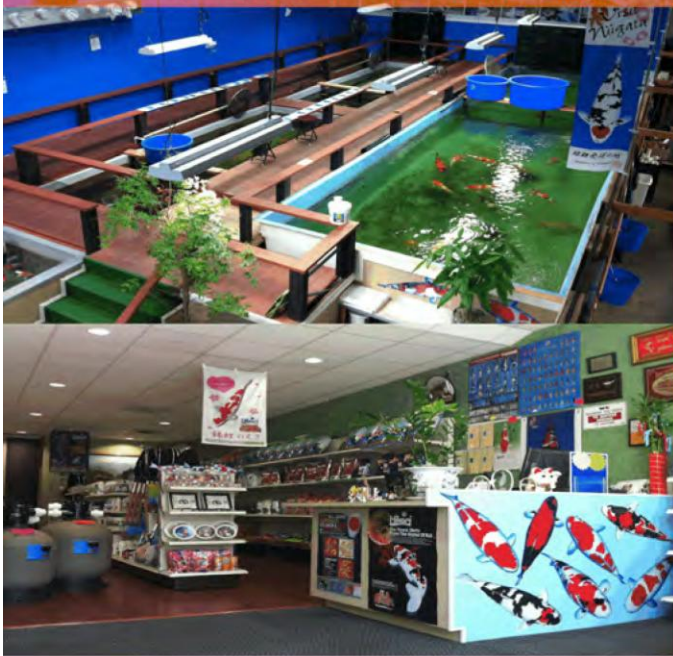
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