



Splash

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Next meeting is November 15th, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125.

Election of 2017 Officers!



This month we will be electing our slate of officers for 2017 as follows:

President	Maus Stearns
Vice-President	Mel Bretzke
Secretary	Diane Stelma
Treasurer	Cece Stearns
Director	Rita Hughes
Director	Frank Mullany

Please bring any input you may have for our 2017 programs and events. We will be forming a pond tour committee in January and also one for the Cherry Blossom Festival. We are also looking at setting up some programs on Aquaponics and a site visit to an operating aquaponic system. As always, we will also have our Q& A session and social time.

SAVE THE DATE: We will also be gathering RSVP's for the club's Holiday Dinner hosted by the Maus and Cece Stearns Saturday, December 10th at 5 PM. The club will provide the main course and we ask members to bring a dish to share. More details to be announced later.

The club will not have a regular meeting in December. Next meeting is January 17th, 2017.

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

- Nov 1 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Frank Mullany's home. All members are welcome. (Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month)
- Nov 15 General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room. Speaker: TBA Topic: TBA
- Dec 6 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Frank Mullany's home. All members are welcome. (Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month)
- Dec 10 Holiday Dinner Social: 5 PM
- Jan 3 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, All members are welcome.
- Jan 17 General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room.
- Feb 7 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
- Feb 21 General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room.
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Water Plant of the Month – Creeping Jenny [Lysimachia]



Rounded, light green leaves form a mat along the edge of the pond in shallow water and beautifully drape over rocks in a stream. Creeping Jenny grows about 1 to 3" in height and is a favorite among water gardeners for its low-maintenance characteristic. You'll love its bright color against the cool waters of the pond. Hardy in Zones 4-10. Plants spread by rhizomes and self-seeding in optimum growing conditions to form large colonies. Stems may root where leaf nodes touch the ground. Plants tend to be less invasive if grown in lean, somewhat dry soils, however best performance is in moist fertile soils.

Best yellow color in full sun. Foliage is lime green in shade. Profuse, cup-shaped, bright yellow flowers (to 3/4" across) appear in early summer. Tolerates limited foot traffic.

Reference: <http://aquaplant.tamu.edu/plant-identification>



What Do Koi Fish Symbolize?

Some History...

During this very harsh winter, Japanese farmers in Niigata could not fish and could not sustain any crops. As a result, the farmers began building ponds in which to raise koi in order to feed their families. During this time, many farmers began noticing different color mutations on the skin of the newly bred koi. So they carefully chose the most beautifully colored fish and bred them in separate ponds to keep as family pets. Koi continue to be bred as pets and enjoyed for their wonderful coloring. Today, there are over 100 different color types of koi fish. "What do koi fish symbolize?". By knowing Koi's long history, you can understand why people revere this beautiful fish so deeply.

General Symbolism

Many of the attributes of the koi symbolize several lessons and even trials individuals often encounter in life. The koi fish has a powerful and energetic life force, demonstrated by its ability to swim against currents and even travel upstream. Some of the characteristics associated with the koi include: good fortune, success, prosperity, longevity, courage, ambition, and perseverance.

Many of the above described symbolic meanings of koi fish stem from the Chinese legend of the Dragon Gate in which a koi fish swam upstream, through waterfalls and other obstacles to reach the top of the mountain. At the top of the mountain was the "Dragon Gate". The legend says that when the koi finally reached the top, it became a dragon, one of the most auspicious creatures in Chinese culture.



Coloring Symbolism

The fish's coloring also has something to do with its symbolism. Certain colors represent certain aspects or outcomes in life.

- Kohaku - This koi has a white body with red spots and symbolizes success in your career.
- Kumonryu - There are two main variations of this koi. One variation is a koi with a white body and black spots and the other is an all black body. This Kumonryu koi symbolizes life changes and transformations.
- Ogon - This solid, silver colored koi symbolically represents success in business and wealth.
- Kuchibeni - This white and red patterned koi is often referred to as the "lipstick" fish, because the red coloring around its mouth makes it appear as though the fish is wearing lipstick. Kuchibeni koi represents love and long lasting relationships.
- Yamabuki - The Yamabuki koi is gold in coloring and symbolizes riches and wealth.

Yin Yang and the Koi Symbol

In feng shui, the koi is tied to the yin yang symbol. In fact, the black and white tear drops of the yin yang symbol are said to be representations of two koi, one male and one female. The eye of each teardrop is symbolic of the constant watchful eye of the koi. The koi is synonymous with harmony and happiness. The two yin and yang koi complete each other and create a perfect balance of the negative and positive energies of chi energy, which is the life-force of all things on earth.

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

The club has put together its slate of officers for 2017, began working on programming, and setting up for next year's pond tour July 15th, 2017. Our members attended a Koi fish event at Kelly Park and their Japanese Friendship Garden October 29th and have been invited by the local ZNA chapter to help celebrate the close of the koi season and look towards next 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 – November 2016

The November board meeting was held Tuesday, 11/01/16. Cal, Frank, Maus, Cece, Diane, Kay, Rita, Mel, and Eve were in attendance. We reviewed club business and reviewed our membership which is now over 40 (Yeah – thank you to those members who renewed). Planning is underway for our Holiday Dinner Party hosted by Maus and Cece and will take place December 10th at 5 PM. As always, we welcome all members to be involved with club business and are looking forward to many nice events and activities in the New Year.

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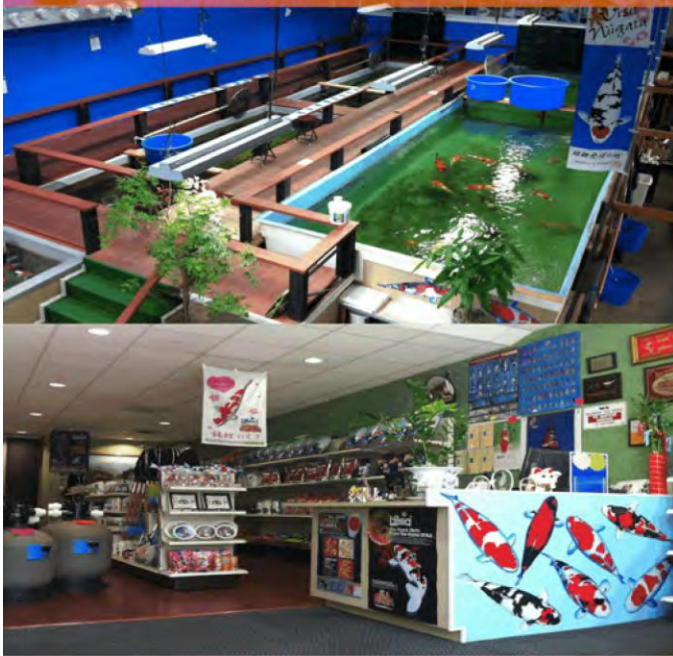
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