



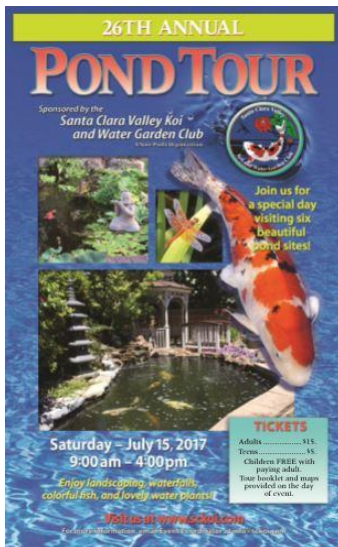
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**The next General Meeting June 20th, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125.**

Our topic for the meeting will be “Critter Deterrents”, a round table discussion on how to prevent critters from disturbing your pond or water garden including some video clips of critters in action.

**POND TOUR JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> – SIX BEAUTIFUL PONDS ON DISPLAY!**



We will also be previewing our 26th Annual Pond Tour Saturday, July 15, 2017. Save the date and volunteer for our biggest event of the year. We have a great line up of six ponds and we want to be ready to show them off. Get out the word to your neighbors, friends, relatives, and anywhere else such as social media, Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, and the like.

It takes the whole club to put on this fun and educational event and it is a great way to meet fellow members, pond hobbyists, and Koi keepers. We will officially list the six ponds shortly. Come to the meeting June 20th at 7:30 PM to learn more on how you can help. Don't forget our volunteer drawing for a two night vacation stay in Pajaro Dunes (near Santa Cruz) including two passes to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. We will also have our regular Q&A Session on pond and Koi issues. We had a good turn out last month and hope to see you all again this month. Bring a friend.

If you have questions about the pond tour email [info@sckoi.com](mailto:info@sckoi.com) or call Maus at 408 988 2926.

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## 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.

## Presidents Corner

The countdown has begun! We are now into the homestretch for our **26th Annual Pond Tour**. While Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> may seem like a long time from now it will pass in a flash. We still need YOUR HELP to make this event work. We are still looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to assist as ticket takers, docents, set up and assistance with posting information regarding the tour at local businesses, etc. Please contact either myself ([president@sckoi.com](mailto:president@sckoi.com)) or Eve Bretzke ([info@sckoi.com](mailto:info@sckoi.com)) for an "I want to help" dialogue. Thank you.

Also regarding the Pond Tour... specifically **Advertising**. If you would like to promote your business and help the club at the same time, placing an ad is a great way to accomplish both. Our prices are very reasonable starting at \$25 for a business card size ad in the pond tour booklet and going up to a back cover / Splash 1 year combo package. There are several ad options to choose from .. but time is running out. The deadline for submitting your artwork is Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Eve is requesting PRESS READY PDFs for your ads. For business cards we would scan your current card. You can email her ([info@sckoi.com](mailto:info@sckoi.com)) for more information and pricing. All advertising revenue is appreciated so Thank You in advance.

More info. The end of June marks the end of the Membership Year 2017. July starts the new Membership Year and with it comes the "**Call for Your Membership Dues**". The fee of \$30.00 for the year remains unchanged. This fee helps defray the costs of the library, refreshments, socials, club storage facilities, club event costs, insurance, web and internet fees and the various 'gotchas' that always seem to pop up. So please, open your checkbook now, write the check payable to "SCKWGC", mail it to our PO BOX 54368, SAN JOSE, CA 95154, or better yet, bring your check or cash to the next meeting. Either way, our club appreciates your financial support.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on June 20 to discuss the various ways to protect our fish. This will be a round table discussion, so bring all your ideas to share.

Maus Stearns

President, SCKWGC

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## Upcoming Events

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| Jun 20         | General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room                                    |
| July 11        | Board Meeting, 7:30 PM (moved to 2 <sup>nd</sup> week due to 4 <sup>th</sup> of July holiday) |
| July 14        | General Meeting and Volunteer Kick Off for the 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual SCVKWG Pond Tour       |
| <b>July 15</b> | <b>26<sup>th</sup> Annual SCVKWG Pond Tour, 9 – 4 PM -- SAVE THE DATE!</b>                    |
| Aug 1          | Board Meeting, 7:30 PM  |
| Aug 15         | General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room                                    |
| Sept 23-34     | 39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Central California Koi Society Koi Show                               |

## **Shout Out – Pond Tour July 15<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 4 am**

*We are asking all members and friends of the club to help get the word out about the pond tour. Post to Facebook, Nextdoor, social media, that would attract attendees to our event. Pick up some posters and promotional materials at the meeting.*

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## **Membership Drive – 2017/18 – Renew or Join 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 54368, San Jose, CA 95154 or bring your dues to the next meeting. Thank you for your ongoing support of our club. It is appreciated.

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## **“Sunrise” Water Lily [*Nymphaea odorata*]**



The “Sunrise” water lily is a perennial plant that is large, fragrant and canary yellow. The leaves arise on flexible stalks from large thick rhizomes. The leaves are more round than heart-shaped, bright green, 6 to 12 inches in diameter with the slit about 1/3 the length of the leaf. Leaves usually float on the water’s surface. Flowers arise on separate stalks; have brilliant yellow petals with yellow centers. The flowers may float or stick above the water and each opens in the morning and closes in the afternoon. The flowers are very fragrant. White water lily can spread from seeds or the rhizomes.

Submerged portions of all aquatic plants provide habitats for many micro and macro invertebrates. These invertebrates in turn are used as food by fish and other wildlife species (e.g. amphibians, reptiles, ducks, etc). After aquatic plants die, their decomposition by bacteria and fungi provides food (called “detritus”) for many aquatic invertebrates.

Source: <http://aquaplant.tamu.edu/plant-identification/alphabetical-index>

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## **Koi of the Year – Santa Clara Koi and Water Garden Club**

We had two nice entries into the Koi of the Year contest for our club that will represent us in an upcoming KOI USA magazine article along with winners from other AKCA affiliated clubs. Thank you to all members who participated. The entries will represent our club in the “AKCA Koi of the Year” contest.

## Board Meeting Review – June 2017

The monthly board meeting was held Jun 6, 2017. The board discussed regular club business and upcoming events. We have been focusing on the planning for our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pond scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>. We have great line up of six ponds. The club moved its storage locker contents to a more affordable location due which will help with reducing fixed costs for the club.

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

We had our regular meeting May 16 and featured Cal Hansen speaking on “Aquaponics”. The board is finalizing the club's Koi of the Year and our Koi Person of the Year nominations so that they can be submitted to the AKCA. We had a booth at the Annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival April 29 -30, 2017 which was well received by the festival and the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival management. We are busy planning and working on our annual pond tour to be held July 15, 2017.

*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.*

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## Do-It-Yourself Backyard Aquaponic Systems

*Backyard aquaponics as a hobby is emerging as more people wish to experiment with it...*



Aquaponics is a hybrid food growing technology that combines aquaculture (growing fish) and hydroponics (growing veggies in non-soil media and nutrient-laden water).

Aquaponics is intended to be a production system that incorporates principles of water conservation and sustainable vegetable production. Systems vary in size. The systems are usually fresh-water based.

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## Feeding Koi – Some Summertime Basics

By Eve Bretzke

Now that summer is here Koi want to feed more frequently. Right now as koi keepers we need to balance the fish, the water's oxygen levels, and the demand for it. We need to monitor the beneficial bacteria. More active fish need more food because they are burning more calories. The pond's biological reduction system works to break down fish wastes. Warmer water carries less oxygen and may impact your Koi. Most ponds will balance naturally over time. Observe and monitor.



Overfeeding Koi to grow them out in the warm months is desirable but if you go too far the water quality deteriorates and there can be a sudden bloom of bacteria that will cloud the water, stress the fish, and use up the available dissolved oxygen. Feed multiple times a day. Feed in small amounts. Koi do not have stomachs; digestion takes place in the long gut and the more food that is offered at a sitting the smaller the percentage assimilated. This is especially so at low temperatures. The remaining food is

passed, partially digested through the digestive system to place an unwanted loading on the bio-filter.

Remember that what and how much you feed Koi is temperature dependent. Be sure your Koi can eat the type and size of food you feed. Not sure what size pellet food to use? Most Koi can eat the medium sized pellet without issue. Pellet size is dictated by the size of the smallest mouth in the pond, for example, a one year old koi will not manage a 0.5in diameter jumbo pellet.



Store all Koi food in a cool dry place in an airtight container and never hold over any surplus from one season to the next. Other foods can be given as treats to vary the feeding routine for your Koi. Whole lettuce, oranges cut in half, slices of watermelon, earthworms from chemical free soil and prawns in the shells provide the Koi extra flavors and variety. Overfeeding causes more problems than underfeeding like making a mess of your pond with an excess of waste and over load your bio-filter.

Wondering why one type of Koi food costs more than another? High protein formula Koi foods are more likely to contain fish meal, which provides desirable unsaturated lipids (oils). Other ingredients common to most foods are ash (a source of minerals), fiber (of doubtful value to koi), moisture and vitamins. Some Koi foods may also have immune stimulants, probiotics, color enhancers and various exotic additives, such as crushed crab and lobster shells, propolis also known as 'bee glue' and powdered montmorillonite clay. Be sure to read the label on the package to better understand how nutritional the food you are using is.

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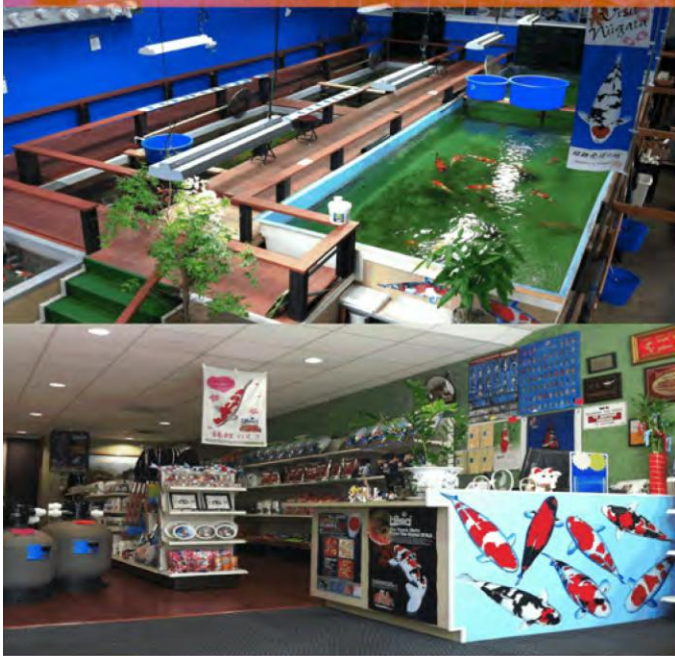
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