



Splash

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Next Meeting is Tuesday August 15th at 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125.

Mark Stallcop will be our speaker. His topic will be "Easy Pond Makeovers – The Secret of Giant Faux Rocks. Make a Big Impact on your Pond Without Making a Big Impact on Your Wallet".



Mark will talk about some of the many things he has added to his pond in as little as a weekend that you could do too. Learn about giant faux rocks that will give your pond a dramatic look, rock bogs that clean the water and add beautiful flowers. Streams that bring tranquil sounds to your yard and ideas for simple Aquaponics that don't make you look like Hippy. Mark will walk us through what is needed to make a faux rock, basic steps for building and the artistic tricks that make them look real so you don't have to take two years of art school.

Mark and Shirley were House 1 in this year's tour and receive a lot of interest in their very large 7ft high rocks they built in their yard. Many people could not believe they were fake until they walked behind them and saw for themselves the concrete blocks they were made of. Mark and Shirley's pond is only 2 years old but since it was built they have added and expanded it more than 8 times. They love their pond and are willing to share their insights and tips on how they expanded their pond without rebuilding or replacing what they have already built.

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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 2017 pond tour was not only a great day for the attendees, the pond owners, and the volunteers, but also for the club's pocket book! The net profit for the club was up from last year's tour by over \$550. We want to thank Hikari, Connie's Pond & Koi and all the sponsors for their generous donations making our Pond Tour Booklet just spectacular.

As you know, it takes many hours of preparation to make our tours happen. We are now scouting for new ponds for our 2018 tour. If you would like to volunteer your pond or you know of someone that could be interested, it's not too early to let us know. You can contact us at info@sckoi.com.

And then there was the BBQ...

I think all the club volunteers that attended the thank you BBQ can say they didn't leave hungry! There were over 28 of us enjoying the BBQ'd burgers, dogs, and chicken, salads, deviled eggs and much more. Rita's secret baked bean dish was a hit and Frank's mini quiches are a favorite of Cece's. Looking around at the group having a good time reminded me of what our club is really all about. It obviously centers on our mutual hobby of koi keeping, but it's also about the comradery and fun times that are a byproduct of being in a club such as ours.

And then there was the cake! And watermelon...

As is customary, the magnanimous pond owners that allowed the public to come into their yards were honored with individual plaques expressing the club's gratitude for all the effort put forth in prepping their ponds and yards for the event. Each pond had a unique style which added flavor to the tour. Thank you all.

So who won the 3-day 2-night stay at the Pajaro Dunes Resort on Monterey Bay? All the member volunteers were put into a drawing, and the winner was Drum roll ... John Hughes. Congratulations John, you are now officially Irish.

Again, Thanks to all.

Maus

President, SCKWGC

Upcoming Events

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| Aug 15 | General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room |
| Sept 2-3 | Camellia Koi Club's Sacramento Koi Show 'A Taste of Excellence', Old Sugar Mill Wineries, Clarksburg, CA. For more info email sniebank69@gmail.com . |
| Sept 5 | Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Frank Mullaney's home |
| Sept 19 | General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room |
| Sept 22-24 | 39 th Annual Central California Koi Society Koi Show. Fresno, CA. For info call 559-970-8508 or email cencalkoi@gmail.com |
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Annual Membership Drive – 2017/18 – Renew Today!

This is the time of year for our membership drive. 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 renew / 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 supporting our club.

Plant of the Month - Water Poppy [*Hydrocleys nymphoides*]



The Water Poppy (*Hydrocleys nymphoides*) is a compact, day blooming tropical lily that is native to South America. It is a floating aquatic, with Short-lived, lemon-yellow flowers that will bloom in the summer with red and brown centers. The leaves are oval, solid green occurring along 2-3' long stems that send out roots at each node, allowing for easy division. It is usually evergreen in warmer climates winter hardy in USDA Zones 8 to 11. The Water Poppy is ideal for planting in tubs and kettles.

Easily grown in calm water in full sun. Winter hardy to USDA Zone 8, in a pond it can spread up to 6 feet. The Water Poppy will survive in water up to 12 to 15" deep, but prefers shallow water conditions 4" to 8" depth. They also thrive in small tubs and kettles in the full sun. Pot in round, shallow, solid containers of 3 gallons or more, in 6-18" of water. If overwintering is desired, bring plants indoors before first frost to a shallow tub or aquarium in strong light. If your lily is wintered inside, in the spring, set it out in full sun. Keeping it there until the water in the pot is approximately 80°F will get it to bloom sooner. Wait until the leaves have started to grow and the pond temperature is above 70°F before submerging the lily pot back in your pond. This prevents the plant from going into shock.

Source: <http://aquaticaquariumplants.blogspot.com/2012/03/water-poppy-hydrocleys-nymphoides.html>

Koi Persons of the Year – Santa Clara Koi and Water Garden Club

We are pleased to announce our club's Koi Person of the Year for 2017. This honor goes out to Maus and Cece Stearns. Maus and Cece have really stepped up to lead our club this year in their roles as Club President, Club Treasurer, and Pond Tour Chairman. The club membership thanks you both for your time, patience, and support to the club for this year's leadership and event management.

Maus and Cece Stearns represent our club in the Koi Person of the Year that will be listed in an upcoming KOI USA magazine article along with others from AKCA affiliated clubs. Thank you from all our members, supporters, and friends!

Koi Shows – Great Opportunities to View a Variety of Koi

By Eve Bretzke

Two Regional Koi Shows are planned for September. If you are interested in seeing beautiful Koi displayed and judged by experts in the hobby attending one of these shows would be a great experience.

The Camellia Koi Club's Sacramento Koi Show 'A Taste of Excellence', will take place September 2 – 3 at the Old Sugar Mill Wineries, Clarksburg, CA. The other Koi show is the 39th Annual Central California Koi Society Koi Show. Fresno, CA being held Sept 22-24, 2017. For more information check our events page.



39th Annual Koi Show
Central California Koi Society

September 23-24, 2017

Free Admission

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Koi Competition & Judging
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Raffle & Silent Auction
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Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

- Raffle & Silent Auction
- Judging Starts – 10:00 am
- Koi Auction – 1:00 pm
- Awards Banquet – 6:30 pm (Tickets \$45)

Sunday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

- Raffle Drawing – 12:30 pm
- Silent Auction Winners Announced – 1:00 pm

Exhibitors & Banquet, contact: Rosimeri Tran, CCKS President, 559-970-8508, cenalkoi@gmail.com
For Sponsorships, contact Show Chairs: Richele Kleiser 559-312-3892 or Lisa Lamoure 559-341-1412 cencalkoi.com

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A Taste of Excellence 2017

We're Back!

Camellia Koi Club will be hosting an AKGA Koi Show at The Old Sugar Mill Wineries Tasting in Clarksburg, CA This Labor Day weekend, September 2 & 3, 2017



- Koi Auction
- Awards through size 9
- Raffle
- Artisans
- Koi Dealers and Vendors
- Wine Tasting!
- UC Davis Veterinary Medicine will be represented.
- Dr. Jesse Sanders, DVM, CertAqV will be there too.

We need your support.
Reserve your tank for the show now, **Only \$60!**

There's also space left for **vendor booths**. Booths will be on the lawn and in the shade.
Prices start at only **\$350**.
See www.CamelliaKoi.org or Email Bob...TheNewMrBob@gmail.com

What are Koi Shows all About?

Koi hobbyist members of these clubs will be entering their best quality show koi fish to compete for trophies and prizes in many show categories. Size classifications will range from under nine inches to more than 30 inches. Judges will evaluate the koi fish entered into the competition to determine which are the rarest and in the highest demand. The judges will walk along rows of tanks to select the winning koi fish based on size, pattern, color and presence from the many koi fish on display to the public.

"The koi competition gives our hobby maximum exposure and helps introduce the beauty and appreciation of koi to new people in order to grow the hobby, said Carmen Caputo," president of a regional koi club chapter. "It's also a way to keep enthusiasts interested in learning more about selecting koi, pond maintenance and koi health," he said. Among the koi already admitted into the competition are Kohaku (bright snowy white with red markings), Showa (jet black base color with red and white accents), Platinum Ogon (solid white color with a brilliant metallic sheen), Shusui (white with an orange belly and blue scales along the back), Sanke (pure white adorned with red and black markings), Yamabuki Ogon (metallic gold color), and Doitsu (mirror-like scales along the back).

During the koi show, judges will walk through to highlight what made the prized fish unique and champion quality in their opinion. Expert judges may come from as far as Japan, others will be more local. All koi will be available for public viewing during the show.

Koi Shows – Great Opportunities to View a Variety of Koi (continued)

Nishikigoi, more commonly referred to as simply, koi are freshwater fish of the temperate zone, scientifically classified as belonging to the carp family, which originated in Central Asia and were brought to Japan from China about a thousand years ago. In the early part of the 19th century, some color mutations appeared in the freshwater fish. By cross-breeding those mutations repeatedly, a red-colored mutation appeared, and further cross-breeding led to the creation of multiple colors. These colorful fish, now kept by avid collectors throughout the region in elaborate private back yard ponds will be meticulously transported to the show for the competition. These koi show events will also feature vendors who cater to koi enthusiasts selling pond fish, koi food, koi medicine, pumps and associated merchandise.

Do-It-Yourself Backyard Aquaponics 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.

Board Meeting Review – August 2017

The monthly board meeting was held August 8, 2017 with four board members in attendance. The board discussed regular club business and the pond tour. The main focus was wrapping up our 26th Annual Pond tour that was held July 15th. Our six ponds had over 200 attendees and were well received by the visitors.

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

We had our regular meeting July 14th which was focused on preparations for our 26th annual pond tour that took place the following day, Saturday, July 15th. Pond owners, volunteers, and others were in attendance. There were no other items on the agenda for the July general meeting.

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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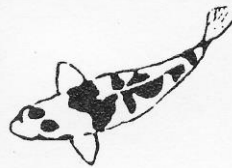
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