



Splash

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Election of 2018 Officers!



This month we will be electing our slate of officers for 2018:

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

Voting materials will be available at the Holiday social December 3rd, and provided to all current members. Voting closes December 15. We will install officers at our January 16th General Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: Please RSVP for the club's Holiday Dinner hosted by the Maus and Cece Stearns Sunday, December 3rd at 5 PM. The club will provide the main course and we ask members to bring a dish to share. We will have a gift exchange (gift under \$15) and collect toys for Toys for Tot

NEXT MEETING: January 16th, 2018 at 7:30PM, Willow Glen Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125. No general meetings in November / December. Holiday Potluck Social December 3rd, 5 PM. Please RSVP to info@sckoi.com or 408 206 4796 by Nov. 30th.

SONOMA FIRE KOI RESCUE PROJECT UPDATE: Over 160 Koi were rescued from the wildfire burn zone, the most injured survivors are being cared for at UC Davis. Many of the rescued Koi been temporarily housed and cared for until they can be returned to their owners. Sixty-six rescued Koi have been adopted. Thank you to our membership and sponsors for caring for these aquatic fire victims!

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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.

President's Message

It seems hard to believe that yet another year is coming to its conclusion. The seasonal pace of the holidays is upon us, accelerating the normal rhythms of life from the hectic to OMG! Yet despite this frenzy there are periods of respite which provide the opportunity, if not the obligation, to reflect upon ourselves, our families and our friends. It is to the later that I address this message. To me, this club, our club, has provided a wonderful forum where good things happen when you meet strangers. I have made new acquaintances and new friendships. All have provided a unique texture to my life which otherwise would have gone missing as just being 'unknown'. There have been headaches, but those also are part of the pallet. Having said that, it is my sincerest hope that as time unfolds that our ponds are crystal clear and algae free; our fish are healthy and vigorous; that ammonia, nitrates, nitrites, ph and filtration are in perfect balance and that all bad luck, including but not limited to, raccoons, big birds, bugs, parasites and random WTF's bypass us completely. Oh, and also "Thank You" for your fellowship.

In other club business, our nomination committee has presented its slate of officer nominations for 2018. Club elections will take place in December. Voting materials will be available at the holiday potluck social, and distributed to our membership accordingly. Officers will be installed at January's general meeting.

I am hoping to see you at the December pot luck dinner. If not, have a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season and we will see you next year.

Maus

Sonoma Fire Koi Rescue Project Update



Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club was called in to assist FEMA / ASPCA with Koi rescue for the Sonoma Fire victim's koi ponds October 23rd. We responded. Members donated time and resources to assist by setting up temporary holding tanks and providing equipment and supplies for the rescued Koi.

Many Koi fire victims have been temporarily housed and cared for until they can be returned to their owners. Sixty-six rescued Koi have been adopted. Thank you to our membership and sponsors for caring for these aquatic fire victims!

If you would like to help support these efforts please send donations to: SCVKWG, Sonoma Fire Koi Rescue Project, PO Box 54368, San Jose, CA 95154. Donations are tax-deductible.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 21 NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- Dec 3 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Maus and Cece Stearns home. All members welcome and encouraged to attend. *Note change of date / time. No board meeting Dec 5th.*
- Dec 3 Holiday Social Potluck, 5 PM, Maus and Cece Stearns home. Bring a side dish to share. We will have a gift exchange (\$15 max) and collect donations for Toys for Tots. For more information contact Cece at 408 206 4796. Please RSVP by November 30th.
- Jan 2 NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH - NEW YEARS HOLIDAY
- Jan 16 General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room.
Topic: Installation of Officers and Club Roadmap for 2018.
- Apr 28-29 Cherry Blossom Festival

Club Business

Election of 2018 Club Officers: We will have our election for 2018 officers in December. Voting materials will be available at the holiday potluck social and sent to members not in attendance. We are pleased to present the following slate of candidates: President: Maus Stearns; Vice President: Mel Bretzke; Secretary: Diane Stelma; Treasurer: Cece Stearns. Board Member: Rita Hughes; Board Member: Thank you to the Nominating Committee for your assistance with this process.

As we wind up another great year of koi keeping and club activities we also want to thank all of our members, sponsors, and board members. If you are interested in getting more involved in 2018 with the club or would like to show your pond, or know someone who would, let President Maus Stearns know at the next meeting or drop him an email at president@sckoi.org.

Plant of the Month – Blue Flag [*Iris virginica*]

Blue flag and other irises often are perennial plants that are found in shallow water along shorelines and in wet areas. Stems grow in clusters from the base, usually single or double-branched, and can be from less than a foot tall to over 3 feet. Leaves are sword-like or blade-like. Flowers are on an elongated stem that usually rises above the leaves. Six-petaled iris-like flowers (actually 3 petals and 3 sepals) can be bluish-purple to violet in blue flag to white, yellow, or copper-colored in other iris species. Flowers are fragrant. Irises have shallow roots and can spread from the roots.

Source: Texas A&M Aquaplant Directory,
<http://aquaplant.tamu.edu>



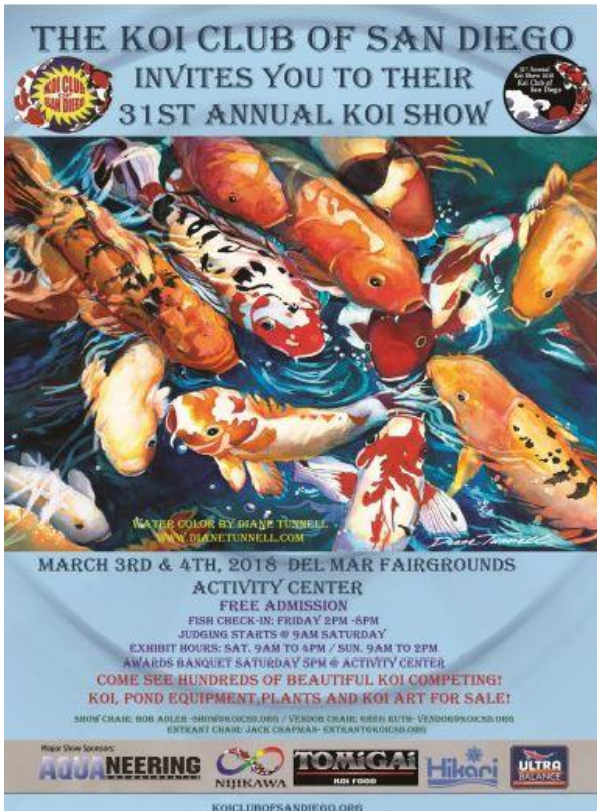
Board Meeting Review – November 2017

The board meeting was held November 7th. Most board members were not able to attend. Next board meeting December 3rd, 4:30 PM at Maus and Cece Stearns home. The club will hold elections for the 2018 slate of officers listed under club business above.

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

Our regular club meeting was held October 17, 2017 at the Willow Glen Public Library. Our club President, Maus Stearns, was back in form beginning our meeting with an overview of upcoming events and meeting status during the holidays. He also mentioned the importance of getting our thoughts focused very soon on the planning and organization for the 2018 Pond Tour. A question and answer session followed with one of the most interesting being a large pond with a serious overload of mosquito fish. The treasurer's report was then presented by our Treasurer, Cece Stearns. We then viewed a film set up by our Website Director/Editor, Eve Bretzke, entitled How to Pick Koi Fish at Koi.com through the Aquarium Co-Op's Zack McElroy. Presentation included the selection of young Japanese Koi via the color, patterns, shape and more including comparison of size variation in breeds of same age koi. It was quite interesting. Snacks and a brief social capped the meeting. There will be no general meeting until January of 2018. . NOTE: The above report will be added to AKCA board Minutes and will be posted on the 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

NOTE: The above report will be added to AKCA board Minutes. Prepared by Diane Selma, Club Secretary



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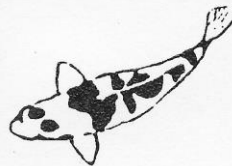
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