



Splash

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Spring into Action for a Stress-Free Pond!

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 20th, 2018, 7:30PM. Willow Glen Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125.



Our topic will be preparing our ponds for spring and how to minimize issues during this time of year. March has been a mix of sun and rain so far. Many of us are looking forward to getting back to our ponds and water gardens as the weather warms.

Now is a good time to plan improvements, take inventory of pond maintenance supplies, check plumbing and electrical systems, and make sure filters are working properly. Hope you can make it out to the meeting.

We will have our Q&A discussion, refreshments, and signups for the Cherry Blossom Festival April 28th and 29th. Come out and cover a 2 hour shift at this pleasant community event representing our club.

As the weather warms up take some time to check over your Koi, and make sure your water quality is good and that you have fresh Koi food for the upcoming season. Rita has her Koi Food offer going now so be sure to check in with her if you would like to place an order.

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL: Volunteers needed, sign up at the meeting.

POND TOUR: We need six ponds. If you have a pond or know of a pond that you would like to see on this years tour send an email to president@sckoi.com. We also are in need of volunteers to plan the event. The scheduled date is July 14th.

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

- Mar 20 General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Willow Glen Library Meeting Room.
- Apr 7-8 ZNA Koi Show, San Jose, CA – Wyndham Garden Hotel, San Jose, CA
- Apr 10 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Maus and Cece Stearns home. All members welcome.
- Apr 28-29 Cherry Blossom Festival, Memorial Park, Cupertino, CA. Volunteers Needed.
- Jun 23 - 24 AKCA and KCSD Wet Lab and Banquet, Four Seasons Hotel, San Diego, CA
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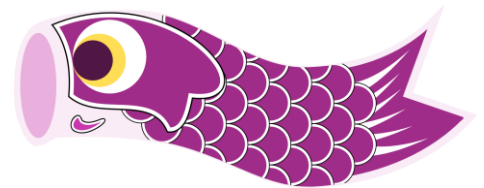
Editors Corner

Hope everyone is doing well.

This month we begin to get back into our yards. Spring time brings with it both the hope of a new season but also leaves us with the debris of the winter that needs attention. Our topic will be preparing our ponds for spring and how to minimize issues during this time of year.

We will also be finalizing our plans for the club's booth at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Cupertino April 28-29. We are asking for volunteers to take a shift at the club booth. This is a great event and has many nice exhibits, food choices, and arts and crafts. Also check out the events section of this newsletter for some upcoming events that you may be interesting in attending this Spring.

This month we are also looking to finalize our six ponds for the pond tour scheduled for July 14, 2018. If you have a pond or know of a pond that could be showcased for the tour let President Maus know. His email is president@svkoi.com.



The winds may fell the massive oak, but bamboo, bent even to the ground, will spring upright after the passage of the storm. -- Japanese Proverb

Water Plant of the Month – Innula [Elecampane root]



A genus of about 100 species of flowers and a few shrubs found in temperate zones. Characteristics include: enormous broad dock-like leaves, rough leaf texture, large mounded base of plant, buds open to beautiful yellow, fine-rayed daisies 5 - 6 inches across / 6 foot spreads in late summer. Plant is suitable for planting at the back of a border, or in a wild meadow or prairie-style garden. Grow in full sun.

The Innula is a perennial giving the gardener a lot of value for their dollar because they come back year after year. Inula is an herbal perennial that has value as a medicinal as well as an ornamental presence in the yard. There are several types of Inula plant useful to the landscape and home. Also known as Elecampane root. Can be used in container gardens. Some types of Inula plant are native in North America.

Reference: www.wikipedia.com ; [Practical Rock and Water Garden by Peter Robinson](#)

Did you know?

- Koi are bottom feeders by nature and omnivores. Algae and aquatic plants are their diet, too.
- Duckweed is a noxious pest in a pond, not a "treat" for your fish. Azolla and Duckweed can cover pond surface, eliminating oxygen.
- Water Hyacinths start dying because koi are eating their tender trailing root systems. They start to bloom when they become crowded.

Source: *Microbe-Lift Pond & Aquarium Newsletter, March 2018*

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

Our monthly club meeting was held February 20, 2018. Our club President, Maus Stearns, opened our 2nd meeting of 2018 with an overview of the calendar year ahead looking specifically at our two major events, the Cherry Blossom Festival in April and our Pond Tour in July. Plans for the Cherry Blossom Festival are moving forward. As for our club's annual pond tour, we are concerned that we may not be able to hold the pond tour due to lack of enough volunteers to take on the many tasks involved. The board may choose to substitute the pond tour with another summer event if we are unable to get enough support. A decision will be made in the coming months. Warm weather is returning and we hope to see more members and friends at the next meeting March 20th.

NOTE: The above report will be added to AKCA board Minutes and will be posted on AKCA website <http://www.akca.org> and click on Koi Clubs. Prepared by Eve Bretzke

Events 2018 - Spring

These events are upcoming and in our general region and may be of interest

San Francisco Flower & Garden Show at the Cow Palace, April 4 – 8

The 2018 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show returns to the Bay Area Wednesday, April 4 through Sunday, April 8 for the 33rd annual event. This year's theme "Return to Paradise" is very fitting as the Show returns to the historic Cow Palace for the first time in 10 years.

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Garden Market and Spring Celebration at Martial Garden Park, Spring Garden Market:

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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June 23 & 24

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Wet Lab Seminar and Banquet

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