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Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club, Volume 40, No. 8 – August 2023

Pond Social Saturday, September 9th 6 – 9 PM

Lee and Linda look forward to hosting the club's Pond Social Sunday, September 9th from 6 PM to 9 PM at their beautiful home and garden in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose.

There will be a garden tour of beautiful and exotic plants. Lee will answer questions covering the tropical garden, flowers, and Koi pond and show us some of his famed Plumeria! Please let us know what type of dish you plan to bring.



We look forward to see everyone soon. RSVP by Sept. 7th to info@sckoi.com for event details.

Join or renew today! Membership Drive in Progress

We hope that you have enjoyed the club's programs and events this past year. We offer regular events and continuing education for Koi Keepers, Water Gardeners, and DIY aquaponic enthusiasts. Dues are \$40.00 per year per household (up to 2 adults/ 2 children) and help the club provide Koi rescue options, technical support, community outreach, and ongoing education.

Send dues to: SCVKWGC, PO Box 54368, San Jose, CA 95154. Be sure to include name and contact information. We can take online payments using Zelle. Email info@sckoi.com for Zelle info. Thank you to our members and friends for your friendship.

Upcoming Events

Sept 9	Pond Social - Lee and Linda's pond and tropical garden, 6 PM to 9 PM
Sep 19	General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom
Dec	Annual Holiday Social / Fundraiser

Visit us on the web: www.sckoi.com

Club Meetings and Activities:

The club typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month except December, and February. During the summer season the club hosts socials in lieu of meetings. At our events we get acquainted with members and guests, address pond issues, and enjoy discussions on Koi and water garden related topics, occasionally we have outings to places of interest for our members. Our website lists the latest updates for meetings, socials, and events. Guests are welcome to visit, but we ask that they pay dues if they attend regularly. We are a non-profit organization.

Presidents Corner

It has been so nice to share the summer season with members and friends. Since spring we have enjoyed the Koi shows, the festivals, the tours, and the pond socials. This month we wrap up our annual membership drive which covers July 2023 to June 2024. Dues help the club provide regular meetings, events, education, and Koi community support. Thank you.



We have another pond social coming up on Saturday, September 9th between 6 PM and 9 PM. Members and their guests are invited. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 7th. If you are thinking about becoming a member, this is a great opportunity to meet our group and learn about pond keeping, Koi, and tropical plants.

Our next general meeting is September 19 at 7:30 PM. We will have program details when available. In the meantime your board is planning future events and keeping club business moving forward. I wish to thank each of them for their support and time they give to the club, especially over summer when we all have had challenges outside the club. We look forward to getting together at the upcoming social.

As always, if you have any questions about Koi, ponds, or water gardening we are available to help. Email info@sckoi.com or attend one of our meetings

Happy Koi Keeping,
Eve Bretzke

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Aquaponics 101 – Food Growing Technology



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

Aquaponic gardening is a complex but fun way to integrate a living ecosystem into your garden.

There is a lot to know about this type of farming before beginning but that does not mean you should be intimidated.

Aquaponics give rural and urban gardeners the opportunity to produce a large amount of food in a relatively small space. On top of that, it allows them to do so in a sustainable manner. Using the waste product of one resource to fuel another is one way we can make our world better.

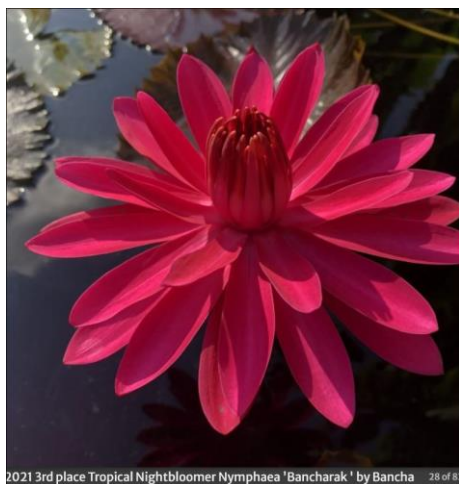
Aquaponics gives commercial growers and hobbyists alike the ability to experiment with the future of horticultural sustainability.

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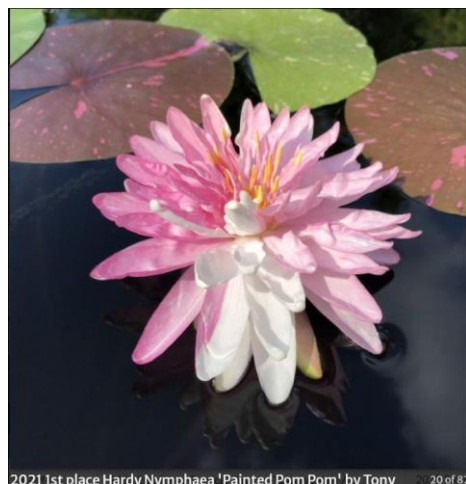
Summer 2023 Update – Waterlilies that have won best in class in recent seasons...



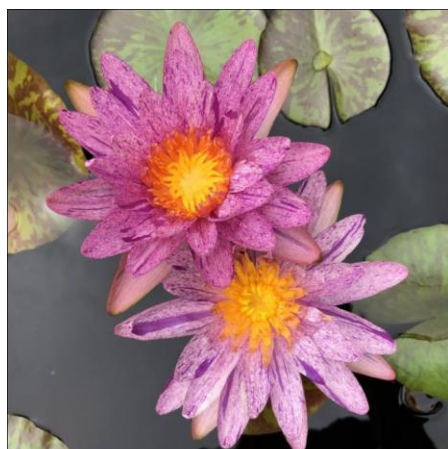
2022 2nd Place Hardy ISGN, 'Matthew Koch' by Florian Henaux 15 of 82



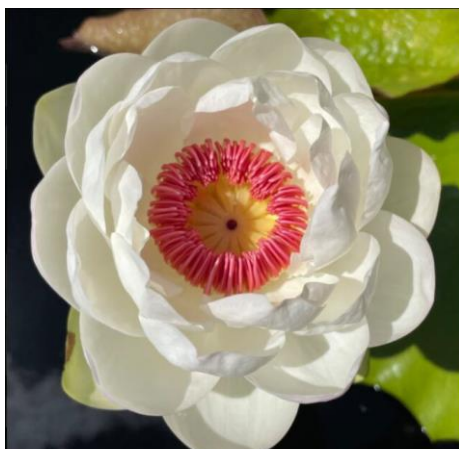
2021 3rd place Tropical Nightbloomer Nymphaea 'Bancharak' by Bancha 28 of 82



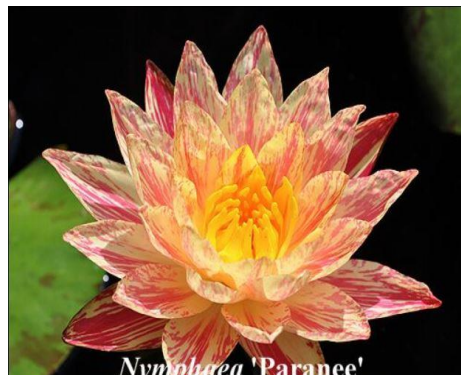
2021 1st place Hardy Nymphaea 'Painted Pom Pom' by Tony 20 of 82



2021 Best Overall winner Nymphaea 'Purple Zebra' by Pornchai Sukkasemsamranit 19 of 82



2022 1st Place Tropical ISGN, by 'Wode Xin' by Tianlong 16 of 82



Nymphaea 'Paranee'
2018 IWGS Best New Hardy Waterlily - 2nd Place

IWGS Members Benefits for Club Members

The IWGS international fellowship of water gardeners includes new water gardeners keen to learn, experienced water gardeners eager to share, commercial growers, hybridizers, botanical garden and university professionals, hobbyists with wide ranging experience, aquatic plant specialists, fish specialists, manufactures of water garden products, installers and retailers, and others who appreciate the delights of water in the landscape.

The IWGS database currently comprises over 3,000 plant names, and more than 1,000 photographs, continues to grow, with new varieties being added constantly.



IWGS documents and shares knowledge of waterlilies, lotuses and other aquatic plants. Visit www.iwgs.org for more information and images of waterlilies and water gardening.

Defend Against Dirty Mucky Water This Summer

Defend against dirty, mucky water this summer by keeping up with the following tasks:

- Filtration, the first line
- Healthy oxygen supply
- Full system check...make sure pumps and other equipment are running efficiently and reliably according to the needs of the pond and its fish load.



Water temperature can be kept cooler by adding additional aeration, aeration reduces water temperature by mixing air with the body of water, thus creating a cooling effect. Aeration is always a good idea when keeping Koi, especially in the warmer months.

Remember the bacteria! Your pond may need help replenishing it's bacteria colonies in the biofilters, especially if you recently cleaned the filter pads and equipment of all their existing bacteria during a cleaning.



Adding maintenance doses of pond bacteria product is a great way to help keep your pond looking good during the warmer months. Better water clarity results in clearer water and happier fish.

***Got gunk, get it out.
Got algae, control it.
Got debris, remove it.***

2023 Club Business

Next board meeting scheduled for September 5 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Our meeting will focus on planning our fall schedule wrapping up our membership drive. Get those dues over to our treasurer for processing. We thank all of you for your ongoing support of our club. We hope to meet our goal of 35 memberships by September 1st.

Research shows people join koi clubs hoping to get more enjoyment from their hobby. With regard to club meetings, members generally like two things best: Learning about things that can improve their enjoyment of Koi and related topics and socializing with others who enjoy the hobby.

Our main goal these days is to enjoy our Koi and water gardening hobbies along with our friendships with fellow members. That's our focus -- it's that simple. If you are interested in volunteering for a board position, want to host an event, have an idea... let us know.

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Business card size	\$40 per year
Quarter page size	\$99 per year
Half page size	\$125 per year