



Splash

Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club, Volume 40, No. 9 – September 2023

September is here... Autumn is in the air...

We have our General meeting Tuesday, September 19th via Zoom. We plan to discuss our fall activities and have a round table discussion on automatic Koi feeders. Join us for a lively discussion. We will also welcome new members.

This summers season of club pond socials has been a big success! The club was hosted by amazing members and pond owners who opened up their homes for SCVKWG members and their guests to visit. Thank you for your hospitality!



This month the club's pond social was held at the home of Lee Hayward. We enjoyed visiting Lee's tropical paradise which was truly amazing. The garden showcases Lee's love of Plumeria plants and all things tropical. We felt like the club had been magically transported to the islands for a delightful evening with good food and friends. We are so glad that many of our members were able to enjoy these pond socials with fellow club members.

Upcoming Events

- Sep 19 General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Oct 17 General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Dec 3 Annual Holiday Social / Fundraiser (*tentative*)

Visit us on the web: www.sckoi.com

Club Meetings and Activities:

At our events we get acquainted with members and guests, address pond issues, and enjoy discussions on Koi and water garden related topics. The club meets regularly year-round. During the summer season the club hosts socials in lieu of meetings, occasionally we have outings to places of interest. Visit the club's website for updated information on meetings, socials, and events – www.sckoi.com. Guests welcome to visit, but we ask that they pay dues if attending regularly. Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden club is a non-profit organization and has existed since 1984.

Presidents Corner

Hello everyone,

Thank you to all who joined or renewed their club membership during our annual Membership Drive this year. Our membership year runs July to June. As we move into our quieter months we hope to add a few more members before the New Year. The club maintains a strong foundation and we are grateful for all those who volunteer and take time to support our efforts and activities.



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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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Did you know?

As the fall season approaches, fallen leaves can quickly make their way to the bottom of the pond. Make sure to use a good pond cover net to prevent this from happening.

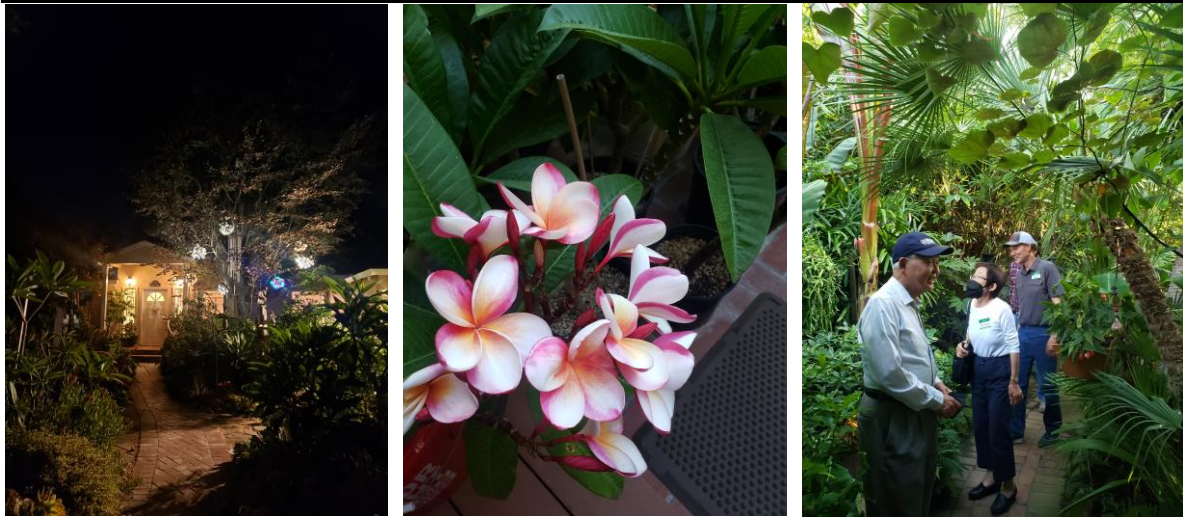
The fall is a great time to add aeration to your pond. It serves as additional aeration for the beneficial bacteria for enhanced gas exchange. Switch over to a wheat germ based Koi food to help build up fat reserves on your fish.



Koi and Plumeria Pond Social – Photos to Share!

Recently the club gathered at Lee and Linda's beautiful tropical gardens and Koi pond. It was such a delight to wander the grounds and see all of the beautiful flowers, plants, and Koi. The hanging orchids that smelled of Ghirardelli chocolate were amazing. The outdoor lighting made the space magical to all those in attendance. Food was pretty good too!

Thank you, thank you, thank you...



Enjoying a Tropical Evening with Koi Friends....

Pond Weed Identification

Tips on Successful Pond Weed Control

The more mature your pond, the more you have to deal with weeds. They are not only just annoying, but they can choke the life out of your ecosystem if action is not taken. In order to best treat problematic weeds, you need to positively identify and determine how many types of weeds in your pond.



Most algaecides and herbicides will treat a variety of weeds and algae so it is not always necessary to identify the exact weed but to just determine the class of weeds it belongs to.

Weed Classification

Algae: Algae is a cellular plant that is a common nuisance with no distinguishable leaves or root system. Referred to as string algae or pond scum is algae that floats on top of the water in clusters, turn the water green and is often treated by a liquid algaecide. Chara is algae that looks like a submerged weed, but is easy to rake out and has a musky odor with a crunchy texture when handled.

Submerged: Submerged plants require water to stand and have a strong root system that is difficult to pull from the water without breaking the soft stems. The majority of the plant will be submerged in the water, however the plant may grow to the surface and spread.

Floating: Generally found in shallower water, floating plants can spread and completely cover the surface cutting off light and oxygen to the fish below. They can be divided in two groups: free floating and rooted. A free-floating plant have roots underneath the plant to absorb nutrients from the pond's water, but never touches the bottom, while rooted floating plants often have showy flowers and large leafed foliage that sits on top of the water.

Emergent: Rooted plants like cattails, grow along the shoreline and stand above the surface or in shallow areas. Emergent plants may have some of their root system (up to 6-8 inches) in water, however all the leaves will be above water due to the stiff or firm stem.

Sample and Compare

Remove a sample of the weed for a closer look. Try to get some of the roots, stem and leaves and note the color, texture and odor of the plant.

Source: [The Pond Guy](#)

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.



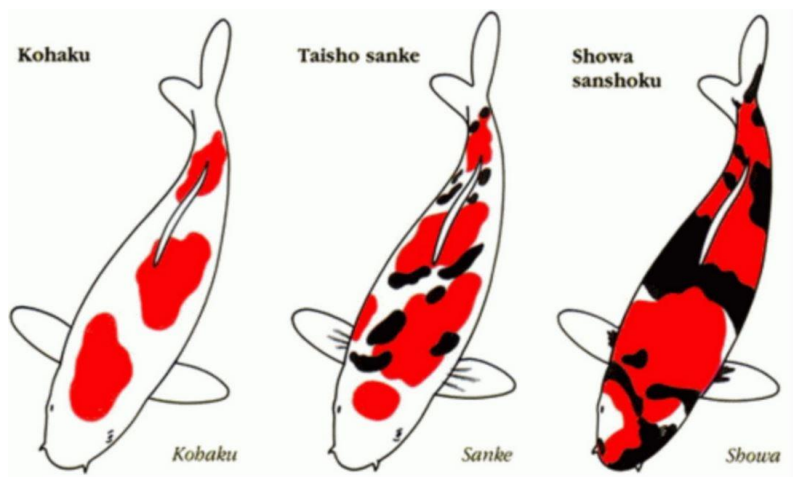
IWGS documents and shares knowledge of waterlilies, lotuses and other aquatic plants. Visit www.iwgs.org for more information and images of waterlilies and water gardening.

2023 Club Business

Next board meeting scheduled for October 3 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Our meeting will focus on planning our fall schedule and holiday event. We will be having a silent auction fundraiser as part of our December event – we are looking for Koi and water gardening themed items for donations.

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 friendship 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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