



# Splash

**Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club, Volume 40, No. 10 – October 2023**

## Next Meeting, October 17th at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Presentation: *Auto fills and Auto feeders: Automation options for your pond.*

We will cover the club's fall activities and have a lively discussion on ways to automate pond chores – you know, those chores we can easily get distracted from doing as the weather changes... check your systems equipment, tune up needed now before winter. Check filters, test water, correct any issues that are present to have a happy winter season.



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Winterizations start early to mid-November. Ponds are like magnets when it comes to falling leaves, if you want to put a fall leaf net over the pond do it now, before the leaves start to fall. Nets are available that are high strength heavy duty and do not sag. No under-structure is needed for most ponds when using pond netting.

Netting comes in 12' and 25' width up to 100' long. Hooked stakes recommended every 2 feet or so. This combination will combat leaves and predators all winter protecting both your Koi and your equipment.

## Upcoming Events

- Oct 17 General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Dec 3 Annual Holiday Social – Donations needed (silent auction items)
- Jan 16 General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom

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### **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](http://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 Members and Friends,

We have our General meeting Tuesday, October 17th via Zoom where we will have our usual Q &A for pond issues, welcome new members, and enjoy a discussion on ways to automate pond chores and prepare for the cooler season. Join us for a fun get together this month as this is our last general meeting of 2023!



Another end-of-season item is our club election which will take place no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. Each membership gets a vote. We welcome members to become more involved with the internal workings of the club by joining the board. We meet monthly and plan and prepare for club activities and events year round. The current slate of officers has graciously agreed to serve through the 2024 term. The club membership sincerely appreciates all that the club board does now and throughout the year. Without their commitment and dedication we would simply not have a club.

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

*Happy Koi Keeping,*

Eve Bretzke



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## Slate of Officers – 2024

***And the nominees are:***

President	Eve Bretzke
Vice President	Rita Hughes
Secretary	Mel Bretzke
Treasurer	Cece Stearns
Board Member	John Hughes
Board Member	Maus Stearns



***Election will be held via email on or before November 30th. If there are those in our membership who are willing and able to take a larger role in 2024, reach out at our next meeting.***

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## IWGS Recent Winner – *Nymphaea* 'Tuonta'

*Nymphaea* 'Tuonta' Hybridized by Nopchai Chansilpa, Thailand

**Nymphaeales**, the water lily order of flowering plants, containing 3 families, 6 genera, and 74 species. Members of the order are found in quiet freshwater habitats throughout most of the world. The aesthetic appeal of the water lilies, especially those of the genus *Nymphaea*, has led to their worldwide cultivation.

Nymphaeaceae (including the former family Barclayaceae), the water lily family, has 3 genera and 58 species. Cabombaceae, or the water shields and fanworts, is a closely related family with 2 genera, *Cabomba* and *Brasenia*. The last family, Hydatellaceae, contains 1 genus (*Hydatella*) and 12 species.



## 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, manufacturers 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](http://www.iwgs.org) for more information and images of waterlilies and water gardening.*

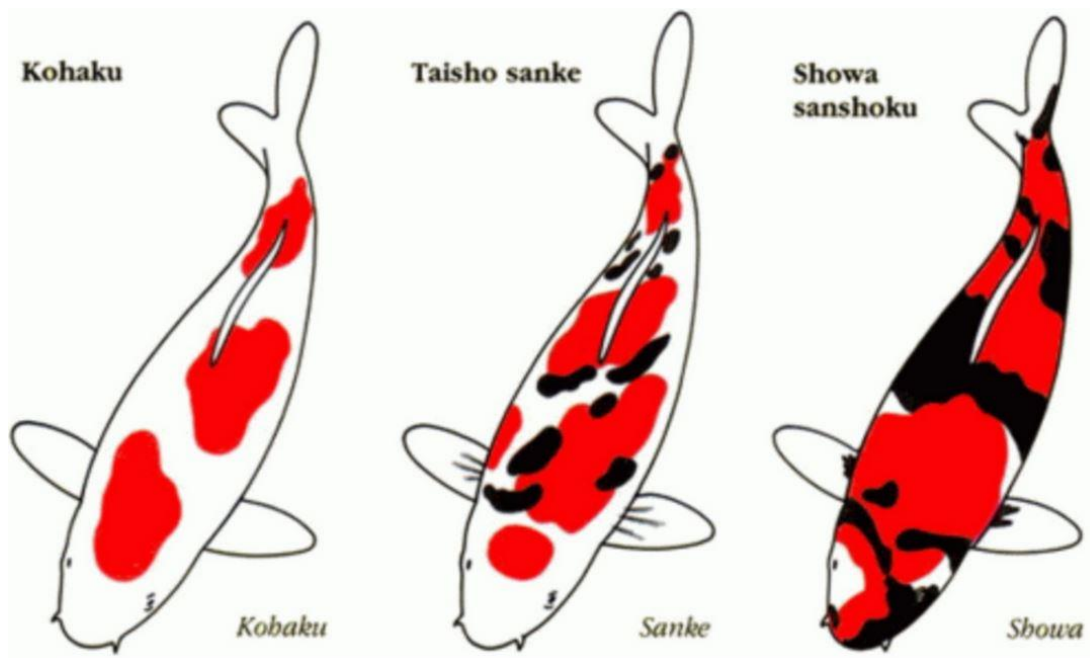
## 2023 Club Business

Next board meeting scheduled for November 7 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. This meeting will focus on planning the club's holiday social tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 3. We plan a silent auction fundraiser as part of our December event – we are looking for Koi and water gardening themed items for donations. Donations to the club are tax deductible. If you have an item to donate, let us know. We will also collect donations for Toys for Tots.

We are also considering changing up our participations in Christmas in the Park for another community activity where we can highlight our club and what we offer to the community at large. We have supported local gardens such as Hakone Gardens and the San Jose Friendship Gardens in improving Koi health and habitats. Most recently we have partnered with Palo Alto's Junior Zoo to improve their Koi's health. We hope to host a visit in the new year to their facility for our membership to check out this local treasure.

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 and friends in our communities. 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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