



Splash

Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club – Vol. 40, No. 4, April 2024

April 2024 Newsletter

General Meeting, Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:30 PM (via zoom – email will be sent to members). Guests please email info@sckoi.com for meeting access.

Our meeting focus this month will be preparing for the annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival April 27-28 along with our usual Q&A and social time.

The club will participate in the annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival April 27-28, 2024. This is a fun, family friendly event held at Quinlan Center / Memorial Park in Cupertino each year where there are many interesting cultural and arts exhibits.

The club plans to host a booth with a cultural display of Koi to promote the club's activities to the public. In addition to our club display we will host some children's activities during the event.

We are still in need of club members to volunteer for this special event.



Upcoming Events

- Apr 23 General Meeting: 7:30 PM via Zoom. Topic: Cherry Blossom Festival Preparations / Volunteer Training. For online meeting access, RSVP to info@sckoi.com at least 30 minutes before meeting time.
- Apr 27-28 Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival, Cupertino – Club hosts cultural exhibit booth w/ activities. This two day festival is in its 40th year and has been voted best family festival. Plan to attend, support local events, volunteers welcome.
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Club Meetings:

The club typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month except December, and February and during the summer when we have 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.

Presidents Corner

Hello members and friends,

Hope everyone is well and enjoying the springtime warm up. It finally feels like Spring after our longer than usual cooler weather and has been fun to get back into the garden and enjoy the ponds with longer days and more sunshine.



As many of you know, last month's ZNA NorCal Koi show was cancelled. We hope to see it back next season in 2025. As an alternative event, your President and Secretary along with a member or two attended the first ever All American Koi Show in Las Vegas which was held March 23-24, 2024.

We were invited to be part of the excitement, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and appreciate the beauty of these magnificent fish. The first All-American Koi Show is sure to be an unforgettable experience and is expected to return next year. There are some great YOUTUBE videos and other social media links online if you care to check it out. See the photos later in this newsletter.

Next up is the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival being held April 27 and April 28th, 2024 held at Memorial Park (across from DeAnza College). Admission and parking are free. This is fun event for all ages. The club's booth will be located just outside the Quinlan Center. Have some free time – we are looking for volunteers to help out at the club booth, especially on Sunday. If you can help, email info@sckoi.com. or better yet, attend the Zoom meeting Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:30 PM.

Moving on, we have had reports of algae blooms, pH issues, and predator activity. Many of us have started getting our gardens and ponds in shape. A little planning and attention now can insure a happy, healthy pond later. Check to see if your filters need a deep cleaning, remove any debris accumulated over winter. Tune up equipment as needed. What about fresh Koi food or other supplies for the coming season? Be sure to have dechlorinator on hand for water changes.

In memory, Larry Templeton, a long time Koi club member passed recently. Larry and his wife Cynthia moved to Santa Rosa a few years back and they enjoyed keeping in touch with their Koi Club family. If you would like to reach out to Cynthia drop me any email for contact information. For newer members and friends of the club, our club was founded in 1984 by a small group of friends who enjoyed Koi keeping and water gardens, and in its heyday our club had over 100 membership and many wonderful events including a very popular pond tour each year. The club held twenty six pond tours over the years and it was the club's main fundraiser each year.

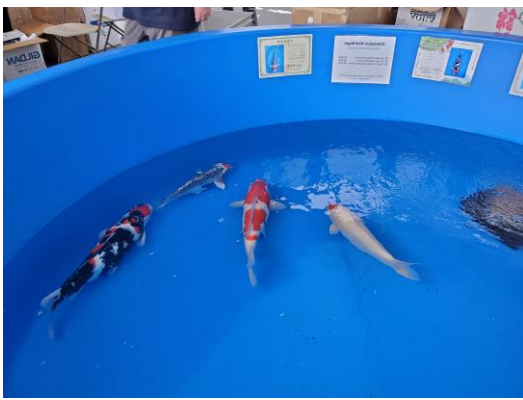
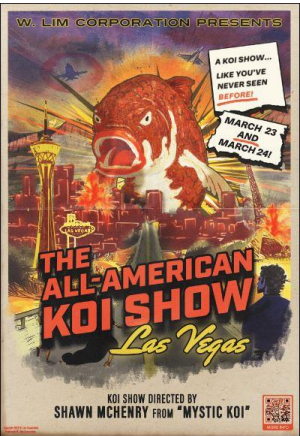
As always, if you have any questions about Koi, ponds, or water gardening we are available to help. Email info@sckoi.com or attend one of our meetings.

Happy Koi Keeping,
Eve Bretzke

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All-American Koi Show in Las Vegas

March 23 – 24, 2024, Silverton Hotel, Las Vegas, NV



It was a memorable weekend in Las Vegas! The All-American Koi Show was a celebration of art, community, and knowledge. We plan to attend next year!

We marveled at Stunning Koi - We Connected with Koi Enthusiasts - We Learned from Koi Experts.

2024 Club Business

We kicked off our spring board meetings with plans for the upcoming Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival April 27 – 28th. The Board had its regular meeting April 2 at 7:30 PM. The Board did not meet formally in April, the board members travelled to attend the All-American Koi Show held in Las Vegas, NV.

Next board meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Members in good standing are welcome.

The board is still in need of club insurance. We may have to scale back activities until this matter can be resolved. We have a few options and hope to finalize for our summertime season.

Bad Fish Joke of the Month:

Q. A little tosai walks into a bar. The bartender asks the fish "What can I get you?"

A. The little tosai replies (gasping) "Water! I need water!"

Tosai - (TOH sye) - In its first year - up to one year old; is referring to koi age.

When you buy tosai koi, you are purchasing the lineage and future potential the koi has to grow into a large beautiful koi.

Koi of the Year Contest 2024 – Call for Entries

Each year it is our club's tradition to select a Koi of the Year from our membership. The selected entry receives an award and acknowledgement for representing the club's Koi of the Year. Each membership may enter up to two Koi that they keep.



Entries should be received no later than June 15th, 2024 – Winner announced in July 2024 edition of Splash and will be listed on the club's "Koi of the Year" webpage.

Send an email to info@sckoi.com with photo including name / date / approximate size / age of Koi and the classification i.e. Kohaku, Sanke, Showa, etc....all types of Koi are allowed. Two entries per membership/household.

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