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**Santa Clara Valley Koi & Water Garden Club Newsletter – Volume 41, Number 1, January/February 2025**

**The club is enjoying its Winter Break through Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> which will be our next General Meeting.** We will meet at 7:30 PM via Zoom and catch up on all the pond and water garden happenings. Guests are welcome, email [info@sckoi.com](mailto:info@sckoi.com) for login credentials.



Rest and relax as a new year of Koi keeping, water gardening, and DIY aquaponics unfolds. Springtime will be here soon. In the meantime, know that your board is planning for the upcoming season. We look forward to hosting interesting meetings and events for our community.

The biggest event for the club is the annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival held the weekend of April 26-27. This is a fun, family friendly event held at Quinlan Center / Memorial Park in Cupertino each year where the club represents the art of Koi keeping at the cultural arts pavilion.

The club hosts a display of live Koi and information about our hobbies. Preparing for the annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival April 26-27 will be our topic for the March Meeting along with our usual Q&A and other items of interest.

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## Waterlily Webinar –

Online via the [IWGS.org](http://IWGS.org) / YouTube Channel

If you are interested in learning about how to grow waterlilies here is an in-depth webinar from our IWGS affiliate,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIKEjgHD7aQ> ,



This link is a video from our affiliate IWGS of Longwood Gardens Victoria and Tropical Waterlilies. This was a live presentation with Tim Jennings, Senior Horticulturist, Longwood Gardens. Tim shares how he grows Victoria and tropical Nymphaea, showing the techniques he uses to sow both seed and tubers. Understand how he improves germination and transplanting outcomes. Hear all about soils, containers, labeling and much more.

**Santa Clara Valley Koi and Watergarden Club:** Started in 1984, we are a non-profit organization that provides a community for koi keepers, water gardeners, and DIY aquaponics hobbyists. We foster greater understanding and appreciation for these hobbies through our publications, community education, and regular meetups. We share knowledge in a friendly, sociable environment. We assist with Koi and pond fish rescue, care, and development of aquatic environments and are an active resource to our community. Visit our website for the latest information about events and activities at [www.sckoi.com](http://www.sckoi.com).

## Presidents Corner



Greetings,

If you missed it, at our general meeting January we installed our Board of Directors for 2025 and had a lively discussion on the state of the club including finances, membership, activities, and more.

Members who would like to become more involved with the club we welcome your support and assistance in club planning, events, or programming. Also, we are looking for summer locations for pond socials (June/July/Aug).

*Reminder:* All of the rain may have diluted the KH in your pond and that could cause a pH crash, many of us don't have a KH test kit to test for KH so it can't hurt to add a ½ cup of baking soda per 1,000 gallons as a precautionary measure. Now is a good time be sure that equipment is running optimally. Feed Koi less as temperatures drop, and have ample aeration in your water. Have a backup plan if the power goes out for an extended time (3 plus days). If power goes out for a short time it should be OK, colder water holds more oxygen.

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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## Upcoming Events

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| Feb       | No Meetings in February / Winter Break                          |
| Mar 18    | General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom – Welcome back / Spring Shows |
| Mar 29-30 | All American Koi Show, Silverton Casino & Lodge, Las Vegas, NV  |
| Apr 26-27 | Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival weekend - volunteers needed   |
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## Board of Directors – 2025

*And the board members for 2025 are:*

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

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# Spring 2025 Koi Shows – Save the Dates!

**MARCH 29 - MARCH 30**

# 2025

**THE ALL-AMERICAN KOI SHOW**

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**BEST OF EAST AREA PARENTS**  
**BEST FESTIVAL**  
**2024 Top Valley Favorites**

Cupertino  
**Cherry Blossom**  
41st Annual Festival  
**April 26th & 27th, 2025**  
10:00 AM to 5:30 PM  
**Memorial Park, Cupertino**

Indoor events at Quinlan Center and Senior Center  
FREE ADMISSION and FREE Parking at De Anza College and Flint Center

*Arts and Crafts Vendors*  
Jewelry, Clothing, Home Decor, and Japanese gifts

*Japanese Cultural Exhibits*  
Ikebana, Swords, Bonsai, Suiseki, Koi

*Delicious Japanese Food*  
Sushi, Teriyaki Chicken, Gyoza, Beer, Sake

*Live Entertainment*  
Taiko Drums, Dancing, Martial Arts, Musical Groups

*Children's Activities and Play Area*  
Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Fun Activities

*Japanese Cultural Demonstrations*  
Tea Ceremony, Origami, Calligraphy, Soroban

Vendor Registration opens January 15th  
[www.festivalproductions2.com](http://www.festivalproductions2.com)

For more info [www.CupertinoCBF.org](http://www.CupertinoCBF.org)

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**SATURDAY 10AM TO 5PM**

11:30-11:45am Opening Ceremonies  
12-4:30pm Judging of Exhibitor Koi  
3-4pm Raffle

**SUNDAY 10AM TO 2PM**

11:30-12:30pm Show Tour by Judges  
12:30-1pm Koi Auction & Raffle  
1:30-2pm Closing Ceremonies

**MAY 31 - JUNE 1, 2025**

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**Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show**  
**March 15 & 16, 2025**

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose



# Koi Varieties Chart



## 2025 Club Business

*Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Can you believe we have been meeting for over 40 years and talking about Koi ponds and water gardens? Crazy... "Koi Kitchi" ... we just love our hobby.*

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. If you have an idea or suggestion, let us know.





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