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Santa Clara Valley Koi & Water Garden Club Newsletter – Volume 41, Number 3, spring 2025

SPECIAL SECTION: ALL AMERICAN KOI SHOW CHAMPIONS PHOTOS

April Newsletter – Cherry Blossom Edition

General Meeting Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 PM via Zoom – spring is here as the weather warms and the ponds flow. Spring startup seasonal tips and antidotes will be on the agenda and any questions you may have on your pond are welcome.

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM via Zoom; join in to catch up on all the pond and water garden happenings. Guests welcome, request login credentials at info@sckoi.com at least 1 hour prior to meeting.



Our biggest event for the club is the annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival held later this month on the weekend of April 26-27. This is a fun, family friendly event held at Quinlan Center / Memorial Park in Cupertino where the club represents the art of koi keeping at the cultural arts pavilion.



Preparations for the upcoming festival April 26-27 will be our topic along with our usual Q&A and resent koi shows. The club hosts a cultural display of Koi to promote the club's activities to the public. In addition to our club display we run children's activities during the event if we have enough volunteers. Volunteer for this special event. We can always use the help.

Upcoming Events

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| Apr 15 | General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom – Welcome Spring / Koi Shows |
| Apr 26-27 | Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival weekend - volunteers needed for cultural exhibit w/ activities. Plan to attend, support local events, volunteers welcome. |
| May | Meet up: Special Event TBA / Friends and family welcome (May 31 st tentative) |
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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.

Presidents Corner

Hello members and friends,

Hope everyone is well and enjoying the springtime warm up. It feels like spring after cooler days of rain and clouds. It's good to get outside into the garden spending time with the Koi on these longer days of more abundance sunshine. Thank you to those who have assisted in over-wintering the club and getting us off to a fresh start for the spring season. Your support has been much appreciated.



Soon, the club will participate in the annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom festival April 26-27. This fun, family friendly event is held at Quinlan Center / Memorial Park in Cupertino each year where there are many interesting cultural and arts exhibits. The festival often ranks as the best festival in the SF Bay Area. The club sets up its annual booth with a cultural display of Koi promoting the club's activities to the public. We are currently preparing for our participation and could use additional volunteers during the festival event hours. If you are interested in helping, reach out.

Spring is Koi Show season...we had several of our club members attend the All American Koi Show held last weekend in Las Vegas and hand deliver our friendship trophy to the show organizers in honor of their efforts. This was the second time the All American Koi Show was held with good success. If you are interested in attending next year, AAKS show dates are March 28-29, 2026.

The All-American Koi Show is an unforgettable Koi keeper's experience. There are some YOUTUBE videos and other social media links online if you care to check it out. See the photos later in this newsletter. We welcome those members who attended the Koi show to share some of their experiences at this month's meeting.

Reminder: Keep your pond and filters clean during the springtime warm up period to avoid bacterial infections on your Koi. Springtime is stressful for the koi as they come out of the winters colder temperatures. Additionally, we have reports of algae blooms (string type), pH issues, and predator activity. A little planning and attention now can insure a happy, healthy pond later. Check your filters, deep clean if needed, remove debris accumulated over winter in the ponds system. Check pond system and tune up equipment as needed. Pick up fresh Koi food and other supplies for the coming season... have dechlorinator and a test kit on hand for water changes and monitoring.

Another topic, if you would like to show off your pond, we are looking for locations for our summertime pond socials. Timeframe is July / August / September.

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 2025 March 29–30, 2025

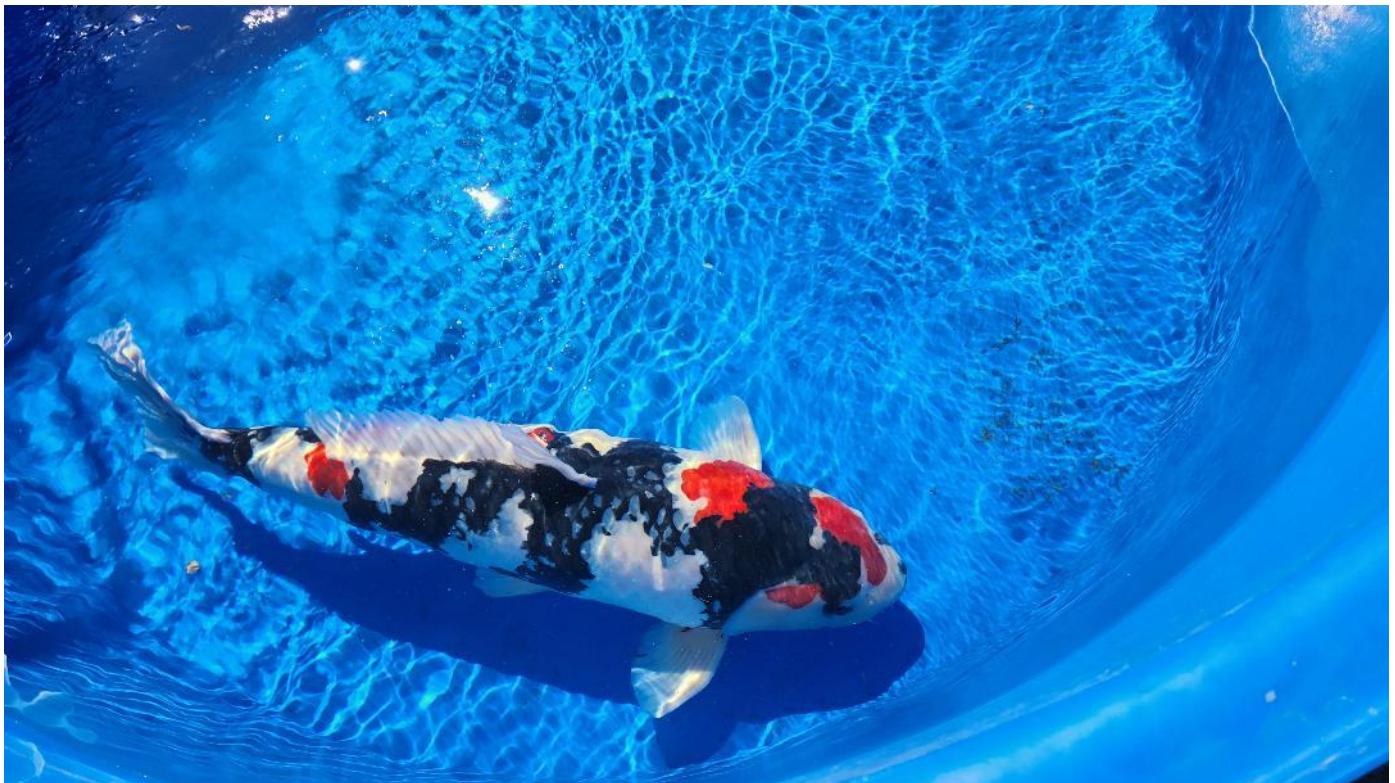
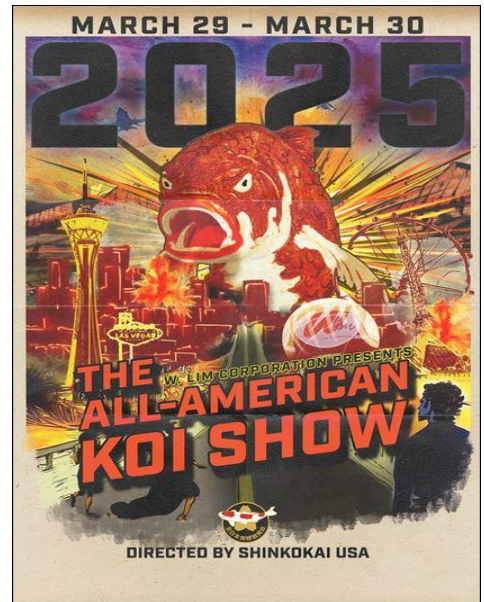
Show Highlights

Presented by W. Lim Corporation, the All American Koi Show was held in Las Vegas showcases stunning koi, expert care tips, and marketplace.

These awards honor the finest Koi. Here's a link to the judging results:

<https://allamericankoishow.com/enter-your-koi/>

- Koi Competition: displays of most beautiful koi
- Expert Judges: Esteemed Shinkokai breeders from Japan [official judges]
- Highest standards of koi excellence for competition
- Vendor Exhibitions: top-notch koi breeding, pond equipment, supplies



All American Koi Grand Champion 2025
[MOST HONORED FISH OF SHOW - 36 inches +/- size in length]



All American Koi Reserve Champion 2025
[Sanke– 36 inches +/- size in length]



All American Koi Size 9 Champion 2025
[Kohaku – 36 inches +/- size in length]



**All American Koi Reserve Size 9 Champion 2025
[Yamabuki – 36 inches +/- size in length]**



Small kin ogon, owner is Pepper, the entertainer at the banquet; SC Koi friends

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Events 2025 – Save the Dates!



2025 Club Business

Happy 40th 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.



Spring is a very active time for the Koi enthusiast crowd. Get out there and enjoy the hobby... when we support things we enjoy they support us. See you at an event or meet up soon.

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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