



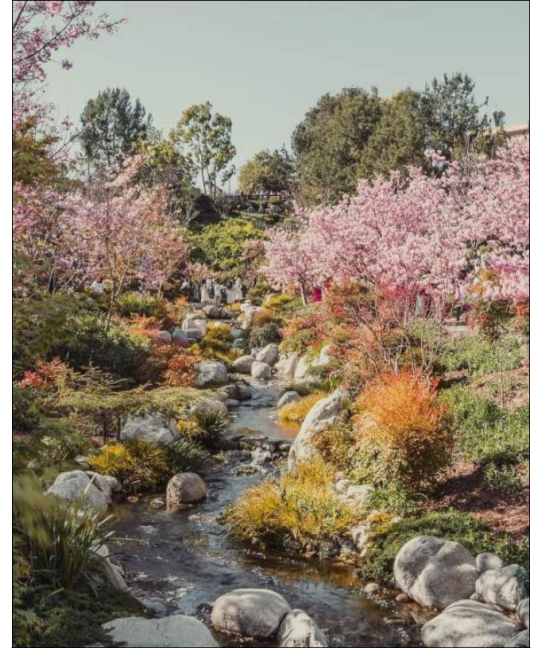
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Santa Clara Valley Koi & Water Garden Club Newsletter – Volume 41, Number 4, June 2025

June Newsletter

Our last spring General Meeting was held May 20th via Zoom and was well attended. Springtime seasonal tips and antidotes for the ponds were discussed. Afterwards, we talked about Japanese Garden characteristics and traditions highlighting a member's recent visit to the San Diego Japanese Gardens located in Balboa Park down in Southern California. We recommend a visit if you are in the San Diego area.

Thank you to all those who helped out at the annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival recently at Quinlan Center / Memorial Park in Cupertino. The club once again had a great exhibit of the art of koi keeping and was a show favorite! Without our volunteers this would not be possible. Thank you!!!



San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden - April 2025

Upcoming Events

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| Jun | Koi of the Year Contest – Submissions due June 25 th , 2025. |
| Jul 26 | Pond Social: Chamberlain Pond / Willow Glen |
| Aug 12-16 | IGWS NYC Symposium - Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York Botanical Garden and Gardens, meet world-class growers, and trade pro tips with hobbyists from every continent. More information at https://iwgs.org/2025-symposium-nwyork/ |
| August | Pond Social: Warrell Pond / Date and time TBA |
| Sept 16 | General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom |

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

Hi there,

The club recently wrapped up our biggest community outreach event of the year, the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival. The club's booth at the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival at Memorial Park (across from DeAnza College) was once again a great success and a show favorite. Our booth was located just outside the Quinlan Center in our central spot. Those who attended enjoyed the event.



Thank you to Linda for the donation of our new club "Event Today" signage which is beautiful. Thank you to Rita and John for bringing out there bonsai specimens and clocking volunteer hours; Thank you Maus, Cece, and family for all the help with set up, tear down, and booth time. Thank you Mel for always being there for me and for the club, your effort is appreciated. It truly is a great time to share with our community and share our hobbies of Koi keeping, water gardening, and aquaponics.

Many of us have been enjoying our gardens and ponds more now that its spring. A little planning and attention insures a happy, healthy pond later in the hotter part of the season. Keep your pond and filters clean during this period to avoid bacterial infections on your Koi. Reports of algae blooms (string type), pH issues, and predator activity have been noted. Check filters, deep clean to remove debris accumulated over time in the system. Check and tune equipment. Pick up fresh Koi food and other supplies as needed... 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 one more summertime pond social location. Timeframe is late summer / 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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Some things to remember about Koi keeping...

- Koi take patience – you can't rush their growth
- Pond depth is valuable to help control temperature
- Examine your fish frequently to insure they are free from abrasions, diseased scales, or parasites – treat regularly for parasites – all ponds have parasites sooner or later
- Pumps must be run 24 hours a day to insure good health and growth of the fish
- Some fish turn out great and some do not. There is no substitute for good blood lines.
- Test your water supply for salt content before you add any salt to the pond water
- Check with other club members when you have questions
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Source: AKCA – Practical Koi Keeping

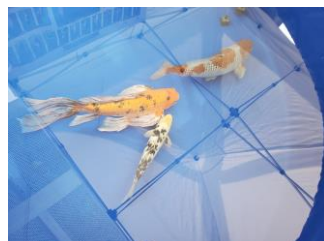
Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival Highlights

April 27 and 28th, Cupertino, California – 40th Anniversary of Festival

Throughout Japan, the Cherry, or 'Sakura' tree is representative of good fortune, new beginnings and revival. Folklore says that when the Sakura spirits release their gorgeous fragrance in springtime, their gift of beauty and elegance is to be truly celebrated!

We were happy to represent our Koi community at this fun and friendly festival, especially this year. Thank you to the Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities group for organizing the festival. Thank you to all our volunteers! We had hundreds and hundreds of people come through our booth to showcase the club. We are so glad we participated. It's a big effort but also a big way we can share our hobbies with our community.

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Thank you
volunteers!

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Koi of the Year award - GET that photo!

JUNE 25th 2025 deadline for 2025 submissions...send to info@sckoi.com.

Koi of the Year Contest 2025 – 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. Must be a member in good standing to win.



Entries should be received no later than June 25th, 2025 – Winner announced in July 2025 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.

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.



Summertime is time to enjoy all our hard work in the gardens and ponds. Now is the time to have a friend or neighbor over to show off your Koi and flowers. Spend time with family pond side. Enjoy the warmer days and nights.

The club moves to pond socials for the summer season, we do not have regular General meetings. Our next big event is our July pond social scheduled for mid-day on Saturday, July 26th. More details soon. We have invited other local Koi groups and the NorCal ZNA group to join us. RSVP to info@sckoi.com for more information about this upcoming event. We also will be having our annual membership drive begin this month.

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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