



Santa Clara Valley Koi & Water Garden Club Newsletter – Volume 41, Number 5, July 2025

Pond Social Saturday, July 26th / Membership Drive

Don looks forward to hosting the club's Pond Social Saturday, July 26th at his beautiful Japanese themed pond in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose.

There will be a fish handling demonstration with large and attractive Koi. Don will answer questions covering the Japanese architectural elements and the advanced technology that is incorporated in his pond's system and components. This is a great pond to visit if you are interested in how to build a Koi pond.



RSVP today to info@sckoi.com for event details. Space is limited.

July is our membership drive – renew or join today. See you at and upcoming event or meeting.

Upcoming Events

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| Jul | Annual Membership Drive In Progress- Join / Renew Today – Dues \$50 |
| Jul 26 | Pond Social: Chamberlain Pond, Willow Glen (San Jose) location, Saturday July 26 th starting at Noon featuring a Koi handling demonstration. |
| Aug 12-16 | IGWS NYC Symposium - Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York Botanical Garden and Gardens. More information at https://iwgs.org/2025-symposium-nwyork/ |
| Aug 16 | Pond Social: Warrell Pond, Fremont location, 12 Noon, details to follow. |
| Sep 20 | Pond Social: Howard Pond, Livermore location, 1 PM, details to follow. |

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

Happy Summertime,

Hope all of you are doing well, keeping cool, and enjoying the ponds and gardens right now. July's social is on Saturday July 26th starting at 12 Noon. We will visit Don's pond in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose. RSVP requested ASAP to info@sckoi.com. Members and their guests are invited. Space is limited.



Speaking of memberships, July is when we have our annual membership drive and encourage members to renew, and encourage potential new members to join. Dues help the club provide regular meetings, events, and Koi community support. Thank you to all those who have renewed or are new members. Welcome.

As a reminder, there are no general meetings in July or August or September. Our next general meeting is October 21 at 7:30 PM. We may have an "OPEN" Zoom meeting in September if there is interest.

We are also planning our next social for August 16th in the Fremont area at 12 noon. Gary and Jane will be our hosts. Save the date and look for the upcoming invitation. We also are please to announce another pond social scheduled for September 20th at 1PM hosted by the Howards. Thank you to those members who are hosting events for the membership.

Your board continues to work on planning future events and keeping club business moving forward. If you or someone in the club would like to volunteer to host a social, please let me know.

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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2025-2026 Membership Drive – Join/Renew Today

Its Time For Our Annual Membership Drive which covers from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 – Club dues are \$50.00 per year per household.

To join / renew , send name and contact information with dues to: SCVKWG, PO Box 54368, San Jose, CA 95154.

You also pay dues online using Zelle. email info@sckoi.com for instructions and Zelle identifier. We are a 501c3 Non-profit organization



Koi of the Year Contest – Our Winners for 2025!



Each year it is our club's tradition to select a Koi of the Year from our membership. Thank you to those who entered this year's contest. Awards are given and the winners are shown here in our newsletter.

Our annual Koi of the Year award has been bestowed upon the two Koi in the photos below as the club's Koi of the Year winner and runner up for 2025.

Congratulations to the Koi of the Year Winners!



Winner – Goshiki
Length: 24 inches



Runner up – Ki Utsuri Butterfly type
Length: 23 inches

Koi of the Year Winner: Mel Bretzke
Koi of the Year Runner up: Eve Bretzke

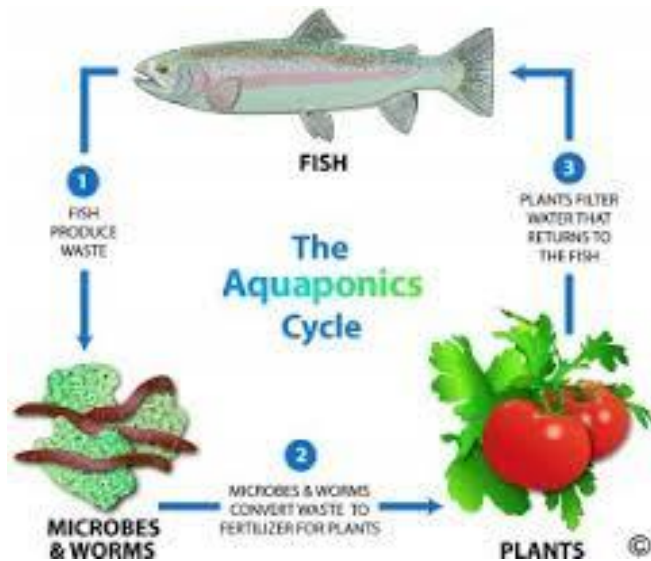
Thank you to all our entries. Next Koi of the Year Contest in 2026.

Aquaponics 101 – Food Growing Technology

Aquaponics is a hybrid food growing technology that combines aquaculture (growing fish) and hydroponics (growing veggies in non-soil media and nutrient-laden water).

Aquaponic gardening is a complex but fun way to integrate a living ecosystem into your garden.

Aquaponics gives commercial growers and hobbyists alike the ability to experiment with the future of horticultural sustainability.



2025 Club Business

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. Invite a friend or neighbor over to show off your Koi and hardwork. Spend time with family pond side. Enjoy the warmer days and nights. Take some photos of the water plants and flowers. Plan a patio / picnic dinner. Simple things made special are one of summertime's gifts.

The club has moved into our summer season, we do not have regular General meetings. We meet for pond socials at members ponds the next few months. Our next event is the July pond social beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, July 26th. We have invited other local Koi groups and the NorCal ZNA group to join us. RSVP to info@sckoi.com if you would like to attend. We also in the midst of our annual membership drive. Support the club through membership.

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.

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