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This bunch
loves to eat,
and the food
was abundant
at the June
Social.

Yummy!



Bill & Lynn's Koi Journey

Back in 1988, Lynn worked for a commercial design/build fountain company. Their supplier, the manufacturer in Canada, wanted to expand his distribution and have a distributor for the Eastern US for his products. Coastal Fountain was



born. After a year or so in business, someone figured out that I even sold small spray heads that could be used for a pond. Then they asked for a pump to go with it.... Then the liner..... Coastal Pond was born.

I had a 1000 gallon concrete pond in the early 80's that I had built before anyone knew anything about ponds. Bought fish and plants, which were immediately eaten, from Tricker through their catalog. Enjoyed the learning experience, even though I still didn't really know anything.

Then in 2002 we added the addition to the back of the house, and the lpe deck, and, of course, the ponds. Since we are "The Coastal Pond," we really didn't have much choice except to really do it big and right. So we did our best without going to extremes with life support equipment and filtration. We preferred to go with plants and a simple skimmer. Then, overnight, we rescued 3 large (+/- 40 lbs of) koi. So we added the ozone system as a good way to filter the pond and learn more about it at the same time. Since then we have enjoyed our pond pets - especially at feeding time. Sitting out at the pond in the evening, listening to the streams and waterfalls, is a wonderful way to unwind.

Be sure to come to the July meeting and see these beautiful ponds and fish. The waterfall is spectacular. Bill & Lynn also have a great collection of lovely water lilies to see.

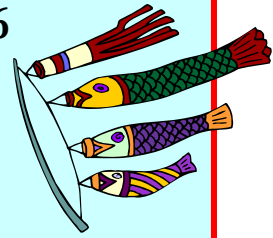
Club Calendar for 2006

July 9, 2006

Location: Bill & Lynn Dowden,
Tucker

Speaker: TBD

Topic: TBD



August 13, 2006

Location: Jay Drew & David Marier, Lawrenceville

Speaker: Vicki Vaughan & Carl Forss

Topic: TBD

Koi Dealer: Keirin Koi

September 10, 2006

Location: Wakoola Water Gardens, Cumming

Topic: "Show Preparation"

September 15-17, 2006

Koi Show

Coastal Pond Supply

Tucker, GA

October 8, 2006

Location: Michael & Kathy Adkins, Norcross

Speaker: TBD

Topic: Club Elections

November 12, 2006

Location: TBD

Topic: Fall Social and Installation of Officers



Put Your Pond on the Web!

The Wizards of the web are searching for photos of members' ponds to go on the web-site. If you have a digital camera, then, there's no problem. If you have a film camera, make a bunch of pictures and have them put on a disc when you have them developed. You can let us use the disc to download the pond pictures and put them up. Check out the ponds already there at www.atlantakoiclub.org

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KOI & GOLDFISH SHOW T-SHIRTS

Yes! This year the Atlanta Koi Club will be having it's Inaugural Goldfish Show added to the venue. As a fund raiser to help raise money needed to provide this show we will be selling some very cool T-shirts. The shirts are 100% cotton of a beautiful sapphire blue and come in Medium, Large, X-Large and XX-Large.

The front of the shirt has a picture of a goldfish with the words, *Atlanta Koi Club Koi & Goldfish Show*. The back of the shirt has a picture of 2 circling koi a regular fin and long-finned.

There are 3 easy ways to buy one either; -attend a club meeting and buy one -fill out the form and mail it in with your payment and your shirt will be mailed to you -visit the club's website and order it Online, and your shirt will be mailed to you.



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 Goldfish Show Chairperson, "Vicki Knill"
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Our annual koi show is one of our largest income generators ... but more than money, it generates good will for our club toward the greater koi community. It is so easy to sit back and "let the others do the work" — yet, it is time for each of us to step up and help our club move forward.

So often we hear "I don't know how — ". The koi show is a perfect venue for learning more about the koi hobby. There are many jobs — most, in fact, that require only the willingness to help.

If you absolutely cannot help — at least participate by coming by the show and cheering the workers on!

Here are some jobs which need volunteers: workers in the club booth (store); selling raffle tickets and having drawings; helping set up tables, chairs, tanks etc.; helping plan and host the hospitality suite; driving to the airport to pick up judges., and many more. Sign-up at the meeting.

**Volunteers
 Needed for
 our 2006 Koi
 Show**

Thanks

A GREAT BIG "THANKS" TO ALL INVOLVED IN THE SURVEY

The Membership Survey data collection process has now closed. After all the work and preparation to create and administer the Survey, we are pleased to announce that 96 responses were logged. Hopefully, you were not too bothered by the stream of "reminders" that you saw in your email in-box over the last month.

Our work is not done yet. All the data still remains to be tabulated, analyzed, and reported to the executive committee. Still, we firmly believe everyone's efforts will be amply rewarded as our Club evolves in response to the membership's stated needs and desires.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those current & former Club members who have taken the time and opportunity to make their opinions known. It was a long Survey and required quite a bit of effort to complete.

We'd like to especially acknowledge Peggy Fricke and her Mom, Marilyn Carroll, for taking care of all the hard-copies and mailings, as well as Toni Anderson for her tireless work in acting as our newsletter and email "nag".

Again, much thanks to all participants in this endeavor.

Herve Rijnveld
Gary Montalto
Survey Committee Co-Chairs

What's Scampering Through⁸ Cyberspace?

Have you spent any time cruising through cyberspace lately? Maybe you should grab that mouse and move!

There are a bunch of koi-related bulletin boards where you might learn more about koi and koi keeping.... You should sign on ... and then, if you don't feel comfortable "talking" you can just be a "lurker". Have fun.

www.koishack.com This is a new bulletin board. There are many people on it and all levels of koi keeping skills.

www.koimag.com This is an international bulletin board with much to learn. Look for the tab for bulletin board.

www.koibito.com This bulletin board is based in Japan. Yep. You'll see folks here who also cruise the other boards.

www.koivet.com This bulletin board is locally run, but international in scope. There's a lot of info about koi care on the web-site, too.

I'm always getting e-mail from folks wanting to sell YOU something. I usually click the delete button on those.

Once in a while I check them out and pass along the web-site to you. This is the web-site of an artist who has a lot of koi related things together. I have not had any dealings with the artist, but I have dealt with the company who sells the stuff.

www.cafepress.com/guhl . Check it out.



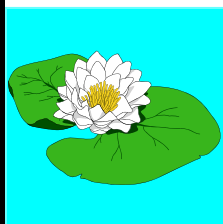
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The directions to the meeting were included in the announcement for the newsletter being posted. We are trying to protect our members' privacy.



Don't forget the lawn chairs!



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