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## By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

Kudos to the Atlanta Koi Club this month, it has turned out to be a very good month for the Club. We had a great meeting, there were a couple radio shows that we were part of, and we had a great turnout of koi for the Carter Center. Also the long awaited survey has been completed. Finally, I want to show some of the interesting things going on in our yard.

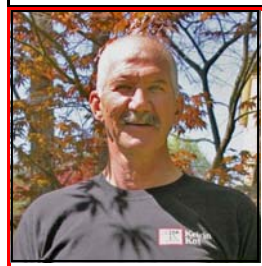
The Club would like to thank Mike and Sheryl for hosting the April meeting. Everyone there had a great time and we got to have Mike talk about his pond. It is always interesting to learn the different things that a member does to build their pond. In January, the budget for this year's koi had not been included in the total budget... due to the uncertainty of if we were going to have a Show Chairperson. The membership approved the show budget at the April meeting. There was also a plant swap at the meeting, at which many people went home with new plants for their yards.

At the Flower Show in February, David Pugh and I were approached by Bernard Kearse a local radio host of "Following your Passions. He asked if we would be willing to appear on his show. We invited Michael and Toni Anderson to appear with us. They helped to round out the knowledge we shared to make the show a success. This past week, I was invited to be on the air with Walter Reeves, a noted radio and television personality who specializes in dispensing horticultural advice. In appreciation for Mr. Reeves support, we made him an "Honorary Member."

We also managed to collect 20 different Koi for the Carter Center. I want to thank everyone that donated fish for this worthwhile endeavor. The Carter Center will be receiving a wonderful sampling of the different sizes and varieties available to the koi world. A special thanks to Erik Johnson and his associate Thomas Hill for coordinating the transportation and health aspects for both the Koi Club and Carter Center.

The koi will be introduced to in mid May to the Carter Center pond. Please watch your emails for following updates.

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AKC Koi Person of the Year!  
Jerry Hord

Congratulations, Jerry!

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For those who normally receive the Newsletter via U.S. Mail, the Club will be mailing you a hard copy of the Survey instead. Just complete it and turn it in at the next Club meeting or mail/fax it back to the address listed in the document.

This is your golden opportunity to let the Club Officers know what you think about the AKC and offer suggestions for improving our club. PLEASE take this opportunity to voice your opinions to help make the AKC the best it can be.

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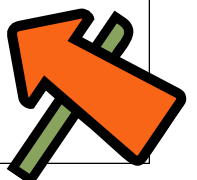
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## Following Your Passions ... a show like no other !

While staffing the booth at the Southeastern Flower Show, David Boyd and I were approached by a gentleman asking about the possibility of a carp attaining the weight of 60 pounds. We assured him this was entirely possible and he then introduced himself as Bernard Kearse, an author who writes about the adventures of Bethany during the time the New Testament. We went on to tell him a few anecdotal stories about koi and our club and this resulted in his invitation to join him on his weekly radio show, *Following Your Passions*, on Radio Sandy Springs. We accepted thinking it was a nice gesture and we would not have to go through with it. We gave him our contact information and continued with our task at hand.

A few weeks later, I received an email from an address I did not recognize but which had as its subject line something about Mr. Kearse's radio show. To my surprise when I opened the email, it was a request to set up a date for us to join Mr. Kearse. Panic now set in, so I quickly thought of who I could invite from the club to join us. I knew it would have to be two modest, quiet, and shy personalities to match those of David and me. Only two members who fit description and had the depth of knowledge I hoped would complement David and me - who else but the Andersons.

After setting the date for April 11<sup>th</sup>, we arranged to meet Mr. Kearse prior to the show and he gave us the details of how things operated. The show aired at 8pm on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We had a great chance to promote the Atlanta Koi Club, the auction and the show. We even got to take call-in questions.

By far our most unique question centered on the supposed rumor that koi were used by the Japanese during WWII as spies. Toni and I have discussed this and figured out if they had metallic varieties those fish could have used the reflection of the sunlight much as we use mirrors to send coded messages. This happened only after the show though. At the time the question was asked we were all a bit stuck for words.

The end result was a fantastic experience for us all, to share with Mr. Kearse's listeners our passion for koi. You can listen to the show on Tuesdays at 8pm on 1120 AM or by live feed at [www.radiosandysprings.com](http://www.radiosandysprings.com)

**David Pugh**

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At the April officers meeting, the draft for the club survey was discussed for approval. After a long discussion about some changes that needed to be made, the schedule for the final product was made. In mid May, the survey will be available to the membership and be online until mid June. A note will be sent to everyone before the survey goes live to remind them, as well as one before the survey is taken down.



Please take the time to take the survey, so we can determine what needs to be done to meet the needs of our membership.

Also, on Easter, I saw a couple wonderful sights in our yard. The snapping turtle that lives in the creek behind our house had come on to the bank to sun himself, and I had also startled the mother duck that was nesting in the brush along the creek. I ran into the house to get my camera for a couple quick shots.



L-R Toni & Michael Anderson;  
2nd row: David Boyd, Bernard Kearse, David Pugh.

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	<b>Beginning balance:</b>		<b>\$5,550.03</b>
<b>Income Categories:</b>			
2500	Misc.		<b>\$1,390.58</b>
	Raffles - Monthly Meetings Only	\$59.00	
	Interest on Club Checking Account (Only)	\$0.58	
	Misc.- Returned check to UGA	\$1,331.00	
2700	Membership		<b>\$776.00</b>
	Member Badges	\$45.00	
	Membership Dues	\$640.00	
	KoiUSA Subscription	\$91.00	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$2,166.58</b>
<b>Expense Categories:</b>			
300	Flower Show		<b>\$596.83</b>
700	Misc.		<b>\$150.00</b>
	Food Club Meeting	\$150.00	
1300	Membership		<b>\$85.00</b>
	KoiUSA Subscription	\$85.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$831.83</b>
<b>NET</b>			<b>\$1,334.75</b>
	Checkbook Ending Balance		<b>\$6,884.78</b>
	Uncleared Transactions	Check #5040	\$17.00
	Bank Statement		<b>\$6,901.78</b>

## Sakura and Koi Nobori

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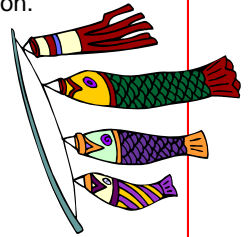
The cherry blossom is probably the favorite flower of the Japanese. When most of us think of Japan, there's an almost immediate picture of the Cherry blossoms in Washington, D.C.

When cherry blossoms make their showy entrance they herald the arrival of Spring. They symbolize a bright future. In Japan

the business fiscal year and the academic school year both begin with the blooming of the cherry blossoms in April.

Carp represent strength and determination.

They are known to be able to swim upstream and even up waterfalls! For many years the Japanese celebrated May 5 as Boy's Day. Koi Nobori flags flew over every home that had a boy child. The Carp had the qualities the Japanese wanted their sons to have.



In March everyone celebrated Girl's Day. At this time a collection of dolls kept and passed down were displayed. The dolls were dressed in special dress to show the best of Japanese life. Now, the two celebrations occur on May 5th — Children's Day.

Since ancient times the Japanese have bathed with flag plant leaves on this day. They believe the flag plant has medicinal properties. In addition to ritual bathing, they make offerings of Japanese sweets: rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves and rice cakes wrapped in oak leaves.



The May meeting will be the last chance club members will have to buy Sodium Thiosulfate at bargain prices. Buy enough ST to make 5 gallons of dechlorinator for \$10. See Michael Anderson at the meeting.



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# Carter Center Donations Arrive at Pike's

Sixteen members of AKC met on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at Pike's Nursery #16 to collect fish that members of the club were donating to The Carter Center Koi Pond.

At the January meeting we were asked to help increase the diversity of the Center's koi pond. Several families generously shared some of their decorative koi for this purpose. Ten fish had previously been taken to KoiLab by Dr. Erik Johnson on Wednesday, and eleven more were taken there after Saturday's collection. All of the fish will be scraped and scoped for parasites, and all will be quarantined for several weeks before they can be released. The fish need a health certificate before release.



On Saturday, Walter Reeves, a gardening expert and star of several TV shows on PBS and DIYNetwork held his weekly radio show at Pikes #16!



L-R: David, Theresa Schrum, Walter Reeves

Our President, David Boyd, was asked to be part of the show to answer water gardening questions.



Walter Reeves

Steven Castel brought in the first three fish on Saturday. David Boyd & David Pugh helped him unload them.



After the show, we met with Walter. We gave him an honorary club membership and badge.

## Seen in Our Website Guest Book

Apr 17, 2006 at 21:01:55

I really enjoyed this site.

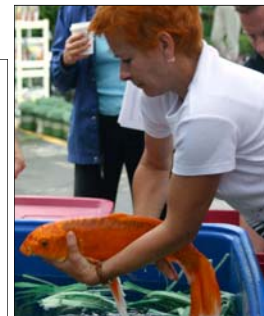


The pond photos were very well arranged and clear and the health site with the operation on the koi with the tumor was well put together. Thank you for the tour.

*Larry Leverett, AKCA Chairman  
Inlandkoiociety.org*



Jerry Hord helps his large ogon get settled into the holding tank.



Vicki Knill releases one of her large butterfly koi into the holding tank.



Michael & Kathy Adkins, David Pugh and Michael Anderson discuss the quarantined fish.

## 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.

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