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## By the Pond



**Mike Roach**, President AKC

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It's been 2 short weeks since we kicked off our 15<sup>th</sup> Show, and may I say, it's been quite the rollercoaster ride! Wait— let me contemplate that statement for a moment ....given that the Six Flags Great American Scream Machine rollercoaster was submerged under flooding waters during this same time frame? But we'll get to that in a moment.

What a Show! Congratulations to the huge supporting cast of our 15th Show. First and foremost, our committee led by David Pugh and consisting of Peggy Fricke, Toni Anderson, and Vicki Knill. Job well done! But we can't stop there. Thank you to the many many club members, and visiting volunteers from other clubs who helped. Thank you for your hard work and time. And sorry, but I can't even stop there. Thank you to Coastal Pond Supply for the use of their facility; we always appreciate your generosity. A special thanks to Joe Hatfield and Gary Elmore for taking care of the Water Quality. Sometimes we take this for granted, but they did an exceptional job and I personally felt like my Koi were in good hands. And to our sponsors and vendors, thank you for your support!

With all the rain that we had the week leading into the show, then continuing during the show, I really wasn't sure what kind of attendance we would have. Interestingly enough, I think the rain helped our attendance as people weren't able to do their outdoor activities, thus looking for other things to do.

So, that was probably the high spot on the rollercoaster ride. Now for the lows of that same ride. On the heels of our show, the rain started falling in double-time. The non-stop rains Sunday night created the historical flooding we all came to see and experience on Monday and Tuesday. Many of you have shared the challenges you had with your homes, yards, and ponds. It truly was a moment in our lives many of us will always remember. I also have heard, and experienced first hand, the kindness and generosity many of our members and sponsors gave in helping those who were affected. Just priceless. Thank you.

Moving on, we have our October meeting coming up. PLEASE, we would love to see a great attendance here. It is our next to last meeting of the year, and it is ELECTION time when we will be voting in our new Vice President and Treasurer. We need everyone's vote! Come one, come all!

Take care!  
Mike

Be sure to check out all the wonderful photos of the koi show and banquet celebrations on our web-site:

[Www.atlantakoiclub.org](http://www.atlantakoiclub.org)

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**AKC CALENDAR**

The currently planned meetings and events are:

**October 11, 2009 Elections**  
Betty Nottingham

**November 8, 2009 Winter Social**  
Keenan & Danielle Nix

**Fall Ikeage**

Flat Rock Koi's **Fall Harvest** will be held November 14th (with the 15th being an alternate rain date).

We will start at 9:00 (coffee, hot chocolate and breakfast will be provided). We will harvest several ponds and evaluate the growth and development of the fish as compared to when they were introduced to the mud pond.

We will have a contest when we harvest the Omosako shiro pond to determine the best fish.

After a full morning of pond pulls we will have a pig pickin' Georgia style.

**RSVP to vicki@flatrockkoi.com or call 706-769-8951.**

**Koi Shows and Events** <sup>2</sup>

**South Carolina Koi and Water Garden Society Show**

near Greenville:

October 2-4

<http://sckwgs.org/show09.htm>

**Carolina Classic Show**

in Raleigh NC:

October 16-18

<http://>

[www.carolinaclassickoishow.com/](http://www.carolinaclassickoishow.com/)

**ZNA SKA and Tropical Koi Club**

combined show in Boca Raton:

October 31- November 1

<http://www.znaska.org/>

**Piedmont Koi and Watergarden Society Show** in Charlotte:

November 6-8

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**The 10th annual Koi Health Seminar will be held in**

**Athens Georgia March 26th-28th, 2010.**



**Seminar topics:**

Parasite identification and treatments  
Microscopic techniques  
Water quality and treatments  
Bacterial evaluation and management  
Culture and sensitivity  
Antibiotic classification and applications  
Viral evaluation and management  
Fecal exam and parasite management  
Surgical techniques  
Necropsy and sampling techniques  
Quarantine procedures

Pond design and construction techniques  
Chemotherapeutic agents and their proper applications  
Koi nomenclature and breeding

**All course materials are included. Registration and information available online at [www.koihealthseminar.com](http://www.koihealthseminar.com)**

Early registration is suggested. For more information contact Vicki Vaughan at 706-247-6274 or [vicki@flatrockkoi.com](mailto:vicki@flatrockkoi.com)



You may have seen it in action at the koi auction at Coastal this past April. It is now installed at home. IT is the WILIFE brand surveillance system – and it is fabulous. You buy an indoor camera “starter pack.” Sam’s sold me mine for about \$250. It has a camera – with mounting stuff, like a suction cup for windows – that you merely plug into a regular wall socket. Then you plug an adapter into your computer and any other wall socket or power strip. The system uses your regular 120v. power wiring as its antenna. It’s fully installed just by plugging it in. The quality is very good at 640x480.

What we are using it, and two additional cameras (+/- \$200 each from Amazon = one indoor and one outdoor out on the deck) for is to watch the backyard. Besides the fish, we have two cats in the backyard – and their food plates. The system automatically records when there is motion – right on the computer’s hard drive. So, come evening, I sit down in front of the TV and whip thru the day’s videos at 8X speed. If I find something I want to save – I press the button and save it. Or e-mail it. Poof! So, if I see a raccoon at the dinner plate – a hav-a-hart trap “magically” appears for their relocation. If I see a **\$%#@ heron**, I can watch and figure out why the 3 scarecrows (motion activated sprinklers = our first line of defense) didn’t work at scaring him off immediately and take proper action.



It is a fun way to see what is really going on while we are away. EXCEPT when we see the heron is back – like Monday the 21st! So, I now know what I am up against, again, and can plan my defenses better. Wednesday I sat in my office and watched my backyard on one of my monitors to see if he came back. Yup, right over the internet. Easy as pie. AND, if you want, it can even e-mail you when there is motion – with or without picture or video. Oh, and it also works very well as a security system... If you want to know more, contact [billdowden@coastalpond.com](mailto:billdowden@coastalpond.com).

## An Old...New Pond Build

Michael Anderson



There are many ways to design and build a out of doors koi pond. One of the design choices is the elevation of the pond surface. Two approaches come to mind, ground level or semi-raised. By ground level we mean a pond that has walls that approximately level with the surrounding ground. You will see this approach commonly used for most swimming pools, water gardens, and koi ponds. Semi-raised ponds are those that have walls that bring the wall elevation well above the surrounding ground level. It is also possible to a combination on sloping terrain that is close to ground level on the uphill side and is elevated on the downhill side.

Let me make a suggestion, next time you plan a new pond, or update of an existing pond consider a semi-raised design. If you raise the pond level 12-36” above grade, you can have the following benefits:

- Less chance of children and other pets getting into pond (please consider fencing pond area regardless of design)
- Deeper pond compared for the same digging effort (remember koi are riverine carp)
- Greater water volume for the same digging effort (larger ponds are generally more stable)
- Less chance of wind-blown debris in the pond (but there is still no substitute for having bottom drains and skimmers)
- Less chance of water entering pond from yard (water could contain pesticides and fertilizers)
- Less chance of losing fish from pond being flooded and fish swimming away
- The above ground pond walls provide a mounting location for electrical receptacles (be sure to use GFCI circuit breaker or receptacle)
- The walls give you and your guests great seating from which to watch the living jewels



Yes, a semi-raised pond will likely cost more than a ground level pond. There will be additional building materials and labor. In balance, I suggest it is one of the best investments you can make in the hobby. The older I get the more I appreciate being able to sit on the pond wall and feeding the fish some treats.

# Show Time 2009



Mike Roach gives Gaye Jones her Goldfish Grand Champion trophy.



Steve Castel presents the Koi Grand Championship trophy to Bart & Kathy Atkinson.



Kathy Atkinson receives the Goldfish Reserve Champion trophy from Gaye Jones.

## Big Winners



Steve Castel won Koi Reserve Grand Champion and the AKCA award —Koi of the Year.



Herve Rijnveld Best Novice (goldfish) and Best Oranda 3" and over.



Our Judges:  
Henry Culpepper,  
Steve Childers,  
Mike Frady and  
Tony Reynolds



Joe Hatfield won Long-fin Grand Champion



David Gabbard won the Chairpersons' Award Peggy, David G., David P., Vicki, and Toni

Banquet Photos are by Bart Atkinson. Benching Photos by Mike Roach. Thanks so much!!

Peggy Fricke wins Best Size 2 Long-fin



Gary Lee receives Best in size 5 & 6.



Vicki Knill receives Best Size 1 Long-fin from David Boyd



Mike & Adam win Best Novice





The current bank statement has not yet come from the bank. This page will be completed as soon as that information is available and posted on the web.

# beware of tricks!



Keep a close eye on your pond, fish, and equipment this Halloween! There are always some tricksters who believe it is fun to put soap or dye or worse into a pond just to see what happens. Several years ago we heard about some adults who chose this night to steal koi! Watch over your "herd"!!

## SHOW TIME



Thanks to Cheryl Childers for allowing us to use her photos of the show and banquet.



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Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2009

Officers Present: Mike Roach      Michael Anderson      Bill Fricke      JoANN Elmore

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing old to discuss

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for offices: Vice President – Bart Atkinson & Vicki Knill  
Treasurer – Donna Morgan, Gary Lee, and Julie Melancon

Nominations will be accepted from the floor before the Election at the October meeting.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

- Toni Anderson has the Show T-Shirts for Volunteers at setup today.
- David Pugh has the Banquet Reservations
- Peggy Fricke will be coordinating Volunteers.
- October Meeting will be at Betty Nottingham's in Gainesville.
- Elections for Vice President and Treasurer will be held at the October Meeting. Members of the Nominating Committee were David Pugh, David Boyd, Herve Rijnveld, Hal Brown and Bill Dowden. Any member of the committee will accept additional nominations.

Be sure to sign in with Robin Scott to get Koi Bucks to spend at the Show.

Show Committee for 2100: Vicki Knill, Jennifer O'Shields, Peggy Fricke and JoANN Elmore.  
Additional volunteers are welcome.

## Koi USA, Heads Up!



All Koi USA subscribers please be aware you must request the club member \$20 subscription price for AKCA club members each time you subscribe or renew your subscription to KOI USA.

PCS, the subscription service AKCA hired, groups subscribers into groups based on how they subscribed last. So, if you subscribed at the full rate of \$24.95 then the renewal invoice you receive at the end of that subscription will show that amount, even though you have joined an AKCA member club. Simply list the AKCA member club you belong to and send a check for the \$20 club member rate subscription for 1 year or \$36 club member rate for 2 years.



## Atlanta Koi and Goldfish Show – 2009

This year's show was a celebration of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club and our 15<sup>th</sup> year of hosting a show. Instead of trying to thank individuals and running the risk of leaving someone out, I want to issue a blanket "Thank You" to anyone that helped make this year's show a success. Your efforts are what make the show committee's planning come to life.

When the club began hosting show, I am sure no one would have imagined how things would change in just 15 years. David and I have been actively involved since 2004; the year we first moved the show indoors. This weekend's weather reminded me again of why we are so fortunate to have an indoor space. In 2004, the remnants of Ivan hit just before the show; and this year I once again reminisced how in 2003 when David and I attended our first Atlanta Koi Show held in conjunction with Japanfest at Stone Mountain, perhaps "Mudfest" would have been a more appropriate name as they had to use straw to keep folks from sinking into the paths.

The koi show is the culmination of almost a year's planning and hard work by your show committee. Last year we did not start until after the election because it was the newly elected President's choice as to whom he wanted to head up the show. After a bit of discussion the 2008 show committee volunteered for one last year. While we had a few surprises this year, we also had it easier than any previous year that I can remember. Last year Mike Roach suggested we hold the September meeting as a Show Setup Work Session and that has been the best idea ever put forth. It takes a huge burden off of the show committee.

Once again, thanks to all who assisted in making this show a success.

**David Pugh**





## Membership

Robin Scott 9

The September meeting was held at Coastal Pond in preparation for our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Koi Show. We had 36 hard working members present. The weekend after the meeting, we've had a terrific Koi & Goldfish show which added some new members.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members, Cynthia Cartwright, Denise Curreli, Michele Polito, Juliette & Peter Hartley, Brian Lee & Michael Fortson Willis, and Liz & Bret Wilson to the club and look for them at our next meeting.

If you've ordered a name tag and haven't picked it up Ron and I will have all of the tags that have been ordered with us, but not picked up at the next meeting. Be sure and get yours.

AKC's total membership is currently at 164 members plus 7 Sponsors.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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Host Meeting \_\_\_\_, Pond Tour \_\_\_\_, Auction \_\_\_\_, Koi Show \_\_\_\_, Hold Office \_\_\_\_, Flower Show \_\_\_\_

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Would you like to receive your newsletter via email? Yes or No.

We try to publish a membership roster annually. It is given only to club members and AKCA, the Associated Koi Clubs of America. May we publish your address, phone number and email? Yes or No.

Make checks payable to **Atlanta Koi Club** and submit with application to:  
**Robin Scott, 4331 Filppen Trail, Norcross, GA 30092.**

\* Please consider buying **Name Badges**. For only \$5, you will get to know and be known by everyone and also receive a free raffle ticket every time you wear your badge to a Club Meeting.

# October Meeting 2009

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**Bettie Nottingham is hostess on Sunday, October 11, 2009**  
**Officers meet at 1 Members meet at 2**  
**Election of officers: Vice President and Treasurer**  
**The directions to this meeting will be in the announcement letter.**

**Bettie has asked that you abide by her one request.**

**Please do not bring any pets to her home. She has several dogs that would be very upset if other dogs are brought on the property. Thank you for being very considerate.**



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