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## November, 2014

### **By the Pond** by Gary Elmore

Well, this is the last time for me to write this letter. After this it will be Diane's turn. The last two years have been interesting to say the least. I have certainly enjoyed all the club activities during that time. AND we still have one left for this year. Sat the 15th will be our Fall Social, pond pull, and first look at the new fish from Japan. Always a good time, and good eats, when we make the journey to Flatrock.

### **Flat Rock** By David Marier

I've been in contact with Vicki and here are the details she has passed on to me. I'll be putting this on the website shortly.

Flatrock is hoping that the new koi from Japan will be in for everyone to view. They will be available for sale, but will not be out of quarantine. The koi will remain at Flatrock until safe to move them in the spring at no additional cost.

The first pond should be ready to pull at 10:00am. After completing that pond pull, lunch/dinner will be served around 12:30 or 1:00pm. Flatrock is providing smoked pork and chicken, as this is the fall social, members are encouraged to bring a side dish or desert. Vicki has plenty of refrigerator space. After lunch, they plan on pulling one more pond. Anyone that is willing to help pull the ponds should bring waders.

Our newly elected officers will be installed at the social. Congrats to our new president; Diane Giangrande, new secretary; David Pugh and new Property Manager; Jerry Johnson. There will also be several items raffled off at the social.

## SHOWA Breedout 2015

by Chase Tomkosky

Vicki from the Koi Store (Flatrock/Watkinsville for the newer members) has approached the club about sponsoring a Showa Spawn. Essentially, the plan is for club members to buy in a spot for \$50 and for that you get to pick 10 fish from the spawn if successful (WE WILL GET FIRST PICK). They are considering 2 spawns, one doitsu and one scaled with a mix of males including long fin and gin rin. The plan is to breed in the spring, cull about a month later and then pull and harvest in late summer early fall. That is when members/participants will be able to pick their fish (we will pull orders from a hat). They will be about 3-4" on average and you can take them with you or, for a additional fee, have them cleaned up or put back in the mud and pulled the following spring (those details will be discussed at the next meeting). The pulling and culling will very educational and hard work. Members will be able to participate in every step of the process, BUT IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO GET YOUR FISH.

Now be aware that there are no guarantees. Spawning can be difficult and mother nature has to agree. Vicki has offered money back if the fish do not spawn, but once they do, we have skin in the game.

Unless you are willing to empty your pockets, obtaining a "dream showa" is nearly impossible. The breeders keep the best fish, then the dealers keep the best of what they get and their best clients get the best after that. Have you tried to buy a tiny showa thinking it will develop? Do you really know what you are looking for? If this is successful, we will all have a chance to get the BEST fish AND WE WILL BE TRAINED ON WHAT TO LOOK FOR. The culling alone will be fun and educational. Diane also had some great ideas of turning this into a competitive club event in some form down the road (quality or size) and we can bounce those ideas at the meeting. There are lots of ways this can be a great club event and I hope all of you are as excited as I am.

Send your checks to:

KOI Store

3831 Flat Rock Road

Watkinsville, GA 30677



Here is a pic of the gorgeous gin run showa males that Carl found in Japan for the breedout. If you haven't gotten a spot and are interested contact Vicki at [vicki@flatrockkoi.com](mailto:vicki@flatrockkoi.com)

## What is quarantine? / Why do I need to quarantine?

Having a separate quarantine tank is a Must-tool for koi hobbyists.

It is possible that newly purchased koi still carry parasites, bacteria, fungus etc., even though dealers do their best to eliminate them. Also, if they are shipped to you in a box, they are usually extremely stressed and exhausted. It is important to provide them a nice surrounding so that they can recover from their journey quickly. Same goes for new bought fish from your local dealer.

Keeping and treating new koi in the separate quarantine tank for at least 21 days is the best way to decrease the risk of disease before introducing them to your main pond. In addition this will give your new koi a chance to rest. I strongly request the quarantine of all new koi.

### How do I quarantine?

Here are the basic supplies you will need:

- Tank
- Net to cover the tank
- Small filter and pump
- Air pump
- Test kit: ammonia, nitrite, pH and salt
- Salt
- Water thermometer
- Ultimate or any other good ammonia binder
- Heater

### Before you receive your koi:

Prepare a separate tub or tank for your koi to rest. Although it depends on the size of koi, a 100-300 gallon stock tank will do. You can use blue show tanks as well.

Fill the tank with fresh dechlorinated water, well water, or better yet water from your existing pond, providing your existing pond stock is in good condition.

Filtration system for the tank is a must. If you do not have a filtration system, provide sound aeration with an air pump. Plan on doing numerous water changes.

Keep the water temperature at 72 F or more. If the tank was small enough, one or two aquarium heaters will do the job.

Please add salt to make 0.3% concentration. (3 lbs. salt per 100 gallon water) Have a salt test meter and use it.

### When you receive your koi:

Prepare and fill the tank with fresh dechlorinated water.

Have your filtration system for the tank up and running.

While you keep your koi in quarantine tank:

Please observe the koi carefully for 14-21 days to see if it develops any problems. Do a scrap and check under a microscope for bugs.

If you do not have the filtration system, please make partial water change every 2-3 days (about 25%). Add salt accordingly.

Feed digestible food to your koi every day.

Check Ammonia and nitrite every day. If you find Ammonia, use Ultimate.

### I have not purchased koi for more than a year; do I need to do anything else?

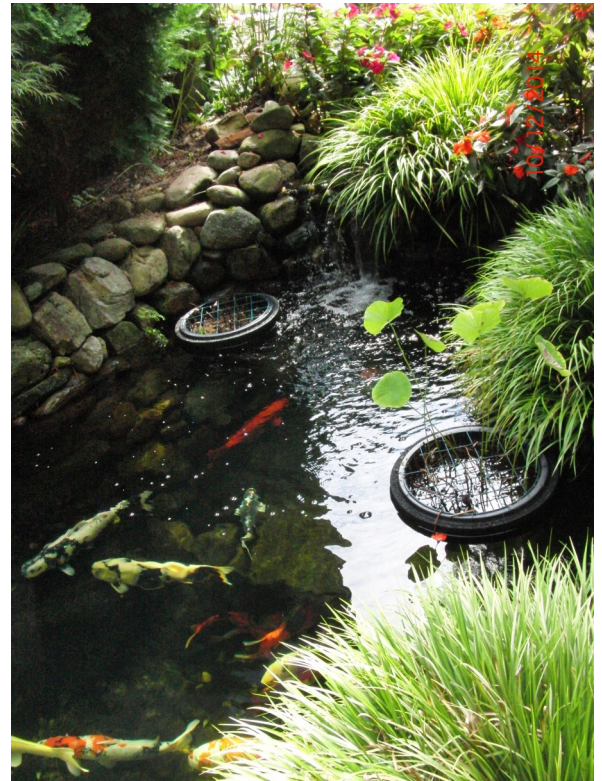
If you have not introduced koi to your pond for a long time, you need to be extra careful. Simply putting your koi into your pond may cause some trouble to either the existing koi or the new koi. It is not because the new koi is sick or because the old koi is sick. It is simply due to different immunity levels. Without having any new introduction of koi for a long time, your pond has established its own eco system. When new koi that have been raised under completely different surroundings is introduced to your pond, it affects the balance of your eco system. The new koi may not have immunity to what lives in your pond; whereas, you're existing koi may have developed immunities over a period of time, and Vice Versa.

So, when you have completed the normal procedure of 21 day quarantine, then you can introduce one of your main pond fish to the quarantine system. Raising the salt level to 0.5% is a good idea at this time. After making sure nothing unusual has happened in the quarantine system for another 14 days, then you are ready to introduce your new koi to your main pond.

(Extracts from Kodama.)

## October's Meeting

Jerry J. hosted our October meeting at his home in Lawrenceville. Twenty-nine members ooh'd and aah'd at his well-designed pond, with exceptionally clear water. Jerry had provided several ledges under which fish could hide. Vicky, from Flatrock Koi led a discussion about the last show-out at their ponds in Watkinsville, accompanied by an excellent Powerpoint presentation. She also showed highlights of their recent trip to Japan to obtain more Koi. The presentation was followed by a sumptuous barbecue dinner.



- 1 Officers meeting
- 2 Jerry's pond
- 3 A very interested audience
- 4 Mike L. inspecting the pond
- 5 Vicky leading the discussion

**Atlanta Koi Club  
Financial Statement  
Year to Date  
As of October 31, 2014**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**Income**

	2100 Club Store	Shirts	\$35.00	\$35.00
	2500 Misc.	Monthly Raffle	\$85.00	\$85.00
	2700 Membership	Membership Dues	\$50.00	\$50.00

**Total Income**

**\$170.00**

**Expenses**

	200 Club Store	Club Owned Equipment	\$90.52	\$90.52
	400 Insurance	Club Insurance - Quarterly	\$486.50	\$486.50
	500 Koi Show	Show Banquet Expenses	\$149.00	\$232.39
		520 Judges Food	\$28.86	
		Gifts for Show		
		541 Judges	\$48.00	
		Water Quality		
		550 Test	\$6.53	
		Food For Monthly Meet- ing		
	700 Misc.	Friendship	\$400.00	\$416.16
		740 Awards	\$16.16	
	1000 Raffles	Misc Monthly Raffle Expenses	\$32.17	\$32.17
	1100 Rent	Rent @Coastal	\$185.00	\$185.00
		Misc. Banking - Credit Card		
	1400 Bank Charges	Reader	\$15.81	\$15.81

**Total Expenses**

**\$1,458.55**

**Month Net Income/(Loss)**

**(\$1,288.55)**

**BALANCE SHEET**

<b>Assets</b>	(not including property in inventory)		\$17,856.08
	Checking Account (per Bank)	\$1,566.28	
	Savings Account (per Bank)	\$9,913.38	
	CD (for Koi Health Advisor Programs)	\$6,376.42	
<b>Liabilities</b>			
	Outstanding Checks		\$12.73
	10/13/14 EFT	\$12.73	

**CLUB NET WORTH**

**\$17,843.35**