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## March 2015

### By the Pond

by Diane Giangrande

Hi everyone – thanks to all who attended the February meeting at Atlanta Water Gardens. AWG was a gracious host and offered members a 20% discount the day of the meeting and Gary Elmore spoke about bringing your pond out of winter.

The March meeting is going to be at Shirley and Dick C's on March 29<sup>nd</sup> – see more info in the newsletter.

The April meeting will be our annual auction and will be held at Coastal on April 18<sup>th</sup>. JoAnne will be sending an email with a link to Sign Up Genius for people to sign up to help. This is one of the major fundraisers for club so it's important that we have enough volunteers to make it successful so please sign up. The auction is a great time for members to "thin the heard" and get rid of excess equipment and plants while helping the club at the same time. You will need to reserve a tank or tanks if you plan on selling fish – more info will follow in the coming weeks.

The Koi Store (formerly known as Flat Rock Koi) is having a fun event on March 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – more info is in the newsletter.

Jerry and I have been working on the show and hope to have things settled as far as location goes soon. One very important aspect is award sponsorships as they help defray some of the costs of the show. If anyone is interested in managing this it would be very much appreciated. This means selling and keeping track of sponsorships. There will be a list of available sponsorships on the web site shortly. If anyone is interested in sponsoring an award, please let Jerry or I know. Remember, for every \$100 spent in sponsorships you will get a complimentary ticket to the banquet. I would like to encourage everyone to enter the show this year to support the club. You don't have to have a \$2000 gosanke to win an award. We can help you catch, bag and transport your fish to the show if needed.

I'm heading to Orlando for their show and hope to see some of you there. I've heard it's an amazing show as it is 5 clubs together. Their web site is listed under upcoming koi events for anyone that might be interested in going.

The Middle Georgia show is also coming up. It is March 27-29. Please support Middle Georgia by attending if possible. I believe the show ends at noon on Sunday so if you want to go on Sunday morning there will still be time to get back for our meeting.

## Upcoming Koi Related Events

Central Florida Koi & Goldfish Show March 13-15, 2015  
Orlando, FL  
More info can be found at [cfks.org](http://cfks.org)

Middle Georgia Koi & Goldfish Show  
March 27-29  
Perry, GA  
More info can be found at [middlegakoisociety.com](http://middlegakoisociety.com)

Greater Louisville Koi & Goldfish Society Show May 22-24  
More info can be found at [louisvillekoiclub.com](http://louisvillekoiclub.com)

Up next in koi variety is the Utsuri. Utsuris are black fish with red (hi), white (shiro) or yellow (ki) markings. Sumi (black) should be on the head and peccs.



Shiro Utsuri



Hi Utsuri



Ki Utsuri

## Do you have something interesting to share?

I'm sure that every one of us has bragging rights to something we did to our pond. How about sharing it with others? Or, perhaps you have a craving to understand some obscure aspect of Koi husbandry in a pond environment? If so, please share your information in our newsletter by contacting the editor.

# Ask a KHA

## Questions:

- 1) Why do we need to change water even in the months that fish are not eating? (Several people at the meeting had mentioned that they don't... and all water tests have been good.
- 2) Salt vs. no-salt.....winter vs. summer
- 3) What's the best way to repel herons and hawks?
- 4) What does an ORP meter tell you?

## Answers:

### Question 1

Your little wet pets need clean, fresh, water all the time. Would you wash your baby in the toilet???

That's what the fish live in if you don't flush once in a while. Remember, "The Secret to Pollution is Dilution". Period! If koi keepers don't remember anything at all it is to do water changes. Regardless of the time of year "DO WATER CHANGES". 15 to 25% at least weekly. Water changes year round. When you say your water tests fine I would say you are not doing the right test to know that. Koi produce waste year round.

### Question 2

Our fish are not saltwater fish. I use salt in a QT for health issues and never longer than 21 days before I start to lower the salt level. AND, I always use a salt meter to ensure accurate salt levels. Salt stays out of my water no matter the season

### Question 3

The best way to repel hawks and herons is by giving them a dose of lead poisoning. A product called a scarecrow using water spray and noise works too.

We keep nets on our ponds year round. It catches most of the leaves that fall in addition to keeping the heron and hawks away from the fish. We use pvc to make hoops above the water and peg the net past the edge of the water. Gotta be careful with the scarecrow. If you forget to turn it off before you approach the pond you will get wet.

### Question 4

This subject is more involved than space here allows for. But, basically an ORP meter measures the level of pollution in your water. Please go to our web site under KHA Information for more information. We've just added 2 articles from Joe Hatfield: Koi Health Seminar 2010 that addresses water quality issues among other things and All About ORP. In addition to these articles there are many other informative articles and definitely worth a read. Please note – in the articles about ORP you will find mention of the use of PP (potassium permanganate) to help when ORP is low and to help rid your pond of DOCs (dissolved organic carbons). DO NOT USE PP IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING – YOU CAN KILL YOUR FISH. And do not use PP without an ORP meter and knowing exactly how many gallons your pond is. PP is also hazardous to humans so you need to be careful. There are people in the club that can help if you get into a situation that would benefit from the use of PP.

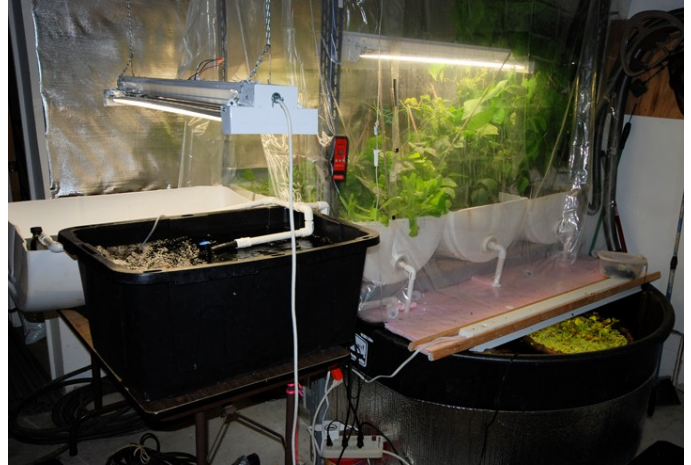


## March Meeting Date Change to March 29th

by Chase Tomkosky

OUR NEXT MEETING: March has been crazy and I apologize for all the confusion. The good news is there is lots of good Koi stuff going on this month, and we WILL have a meeting. The bad news it is changing again. We had to do so in order to accommodate our gracious hosts and the interest of members in great stuff going on at Flatrock on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our next meeting will be March 29<sup>th</sup> at the home of Dick and Shirley C. . I will send out an email closer to the date with details and specific parking instructions. The picture attached is a preview of one of the speaker topics.



## AKCA Notes

by Gary E- AKCA director

It has not been done before, but maybe some members would like to know what is going on with the AKCA, since we pay annual dues to them. I don't think the agenda is of particular interest, but we have included the minutes as a separate addendum to this newsletter

## February 8th Meeting at Atlanta Water Gardens

We thank Atlanta Water Gardens for hosting our February meeting, attended by 29 members. Shown below is the winner of our grand door prize, Kelda W (who happened to be our newest member). She's shown holding a thing-a-ma-bob with a smiley face.







3831 Flat Rock Rd  
 Watkinsville, GA 30677  
 (706) 769-8951

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



March 21 & 22 from 9am-5pm

# BIG 2-DAY EVENT!

## The Aquadyne Hour:

March 21 at 1pm

Greg Crane – Owner of Aquadyne to give a talk on the design and advantages of Aquadyne filters. 15% off sale on Aquadyne products.



## Judging Contest:

March 22 at 1pm

Participants get to judge classes of koi. Results are then discussed and evaluated by Carl Forss and Vicki Vaughan.



- \*Insanely Low Prices on Import Koi from Top Japanese Breeders
- \*Pumps, Filters, & UVs (New & Used)
- \*Koi Food Special
- \*Free Food and Cold Beer



## Raffle:



Grand Prize: Dinner with Masaharu Hoshino from Koda Farms  
 Secondary Prizes: Free koi and koi accessories

\*First ticket is free

\*\*One additional ticket given per \$100.00 spent

## 2015 Pond Tour

by Melanie O

The 10 ponds on the tour are busy cleaning up and preparing the ponds for all the visitors to the June 27th tour. Among the ponds, you will see a new pond build, a woodland paradise, a pond in a greenhouse and many beautiful gardens. Be ready to be amazed! Tickets available soon on the AKC website and at participating vendors.

Sponsors are quickly snapping up advertising spaces in the Pond booklet. Thank you to Splendor Koi, Flat Rock Koi, Pondscapes, and AKCA/ KOI USA for being some of our first sponsors. If you are thinking about advertising, don't delay. Email [melanie\\_o@comcast.net](mailto:melanie_o@comcast.net) to set up your ad now. These are Splendor Koi's newest guards.



## For Sale by Club Members

GCTek Zapp Pure 40 UV Sterilizer for Koi Pond \$700

For more info go to:

<http://www.aquabead.com/Zapp-Pure-UV-ZP-40-Zapp-Pure-UV-sc-20.html>

**Pond lights and transformer: \$120**

Malibu 300 watt low voltage transformer and 6 halogen under water pond lights. Lots of wire as they came from a huge pond.

Contact: [chaset@mindspring.com](mailto:chaset@mindspring.com)



## Coming out of Winter

Several members had asked for information concerning how to prepare your pond as it comes out of winter. A wealth of information such as this is available on our web page ([Atlantakoiclub.org](http://Atlantakoiclub.org)) under the left-hand index of KHA Information.



# Atlanta Koi Club

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8 FEB 2015 – Atlanta Water Gardens  
Attendance: 29

## Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

Executive Officers:

Office	Name	Term	Present
<a href="#">President</a>		2015-2016	x
Vice-president		2014-2015	x
Secretary		2015-2016	x
Treasurer		2014-2105	x
Equipment Manager		2015-2016	x

Appointed Chairpersons:

Committee	Name	Present
2015 Auction		
2015 Pond Tour		x
2015 Show		x
		x
Membership		
		x
Web Master		x
Newsletter		x
AKCA Director		x
Publicity		
Volunteers		x

## **Unauthorized Use of Membership Lists**

Diane brought to the attention of the other executive officers that the current by-laws have no mention of prohibiting the use of the club membership lists for other than club approved activities. It was decided to draft an amendment to be presented at the next monthly meeting outlining how to address this behavior. In general, it was decided that if a member is found to have violated this amendment, they will be dropped from the distribution list. Continued unauthorized use may result in removal from the club. If the draft is not radically changed, a vote will follow.

## **Showa Spawn and Grow-out Update**

Current plans for the first cull of the Showa spawn are underway<sup>7</sup>. It is anticipated to be held in conjunction with the May meeting at Flatrock Koi. The May meeting is currently planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May, in keeping with the clubs tradition of not meeting on Mother's Day weekend. The exact date will be forthcoming.

## Garden Club

In an effort to promote more awareness for the club, it was suggested by Robin S. that we offer cross pollination of websites where AKC lists area garden clubs' URLs on our website in return for the listing ours on theirs. If you are a member of a garden or plant society that would like to be listed please provide the contact information to David M. until a Publicity Chair is named.

## Summer Social

The summer social is planned for July. Chase will have more information as the date nears.

## Member Survey

David Pugh will be creating a Member Survey that will be shared via Survey Monkey. Gary M has authorized the use of questions from the survey he and Herve conducted a few years ago.

## Koi and Goldfish Show

Jerry J. is continuing his search for an alternative show site. Cobb Galleria has been deleted from the list of possible. He continues to talk with Bass Pro Shop and JapanFest.

## Other Meeting Minutes

### Facebook Posts

JoANN E. has set the posting availability on the club Facebook to review. She will review the content of all posts and make the determination as to whether they will be made available to others.

### KHV Latency Testing

Gary E. announced that a new KHV test is being studied by the KHA group. The test will sample the slime coat and fecal material to determine KHV latency. KHV latency is defined as where a koi has had exposure to the KHV virus but has never shown outward symptoms. Once infected, many fish have the virus for life and may intermittently shed virus without showing signs of disease.

### Pond Tour

Melanie O. announced that she has selected 10 ponds for this summer's Pond Tour. The tour area will be Alpharetta to Marietta. Check on the club website for all the details.

### Name Tags

David M. reminded members to wear their name tags to meetings in order to get a free raffle ticket. Replacement tags can be ordered for \$7.00

### Volunteers

As we near the first large scale opportunity (Annual Auction) for you to volunteer, watch your email for an announcement from Volunteer Chair – JoANN E. She will continue to use the Sign-up genius website. You may also volunteer at the March meeting. Remember, many hands make for little work.

### Annual Dues

A vote was held regarding the increase of annual dues. The ballot vote passed by a large majority. The annual dues effective 2016 will be:

Type	1 year	2 year (10% discount)
Individual	\$40	\$72
Family	\$60	\$108

### Introductions (Returning Members)

Brad and Diana M  
Kelda W

### March Meeting Date Update

**The March meeting will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>.** Watch for more details as the date approaches.

### Updates/Corrections

Please send corrections or updates to David Pugh at [doubledavid@aol.com](mailto:doubledavid@aol.com) with the AKC Meeting Minutes in the subject line.



**Atlanta Koi Club  
Financial Statement  
Year to Date  
As of February 28, 2015**

**BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:** **\$526.71**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**Income**

2500 Misc		\$105.00
	Raffles - Monthly	
	2545 Meeting	\$105.00
2700 Membership		\$552.00
	Member	
	2720 Badges	\$14.00
	Membership	
	2730 Dues	\$538.00

**Total Income** **\$657.00**

**Expenses**

700 Misc.		\$150.00
	Monthly Meeting	
	740 Food	\$150.00
1000 Raffle		\$67.66
	Monthly	
	1030 Raffle Items	\$67.66
1100 Rent		\$185.00
	Rent	
	1101 @Coastal	\$185.00
1400 Bank Charges		\$5.00
	Misc. Banking - Credit	
	1465 Card Reader	\$5.00

**Total Expenses** **\$407.66**

**Month Net Income/(Loss)** **\$249.34**

**ENDING BALANCE:** **\$776.05**

**Outstanding Checks:**

		<b>\$189.48</b>
02/06/15	EFT \$4.48	
02/23/15	EFT \$185.00	

Per Bank Statement 9 **\$965.53**