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September, 2015

I hope everyone had a nice Labor Day weekend. Labor Day traditionally signals the end of summer, but I'm not quite ready for it to end. However, I am enjoying the cooler nights!

Thanks to Chase for hosting the August meeting – everyone had fun.

By the time you read this the show will be about 4 weeks away and there is still lots to do. The most important thing right now is if you want to show fish or attend the banquet you need to reserve **now!** We have about 25 banquet seats left, but I do expect it to sell out so get your reservations in. You can purchase tickets on the web site or send Ron a check. If you are going to send a check you need to send me an email so I can hold your spot(s) – dianewg@aol.com. We are down to 1 available koi tank, but can make arrangements, if necessary, for a few more. We will not be able to get more tanks a week before the show so let us know if you want to show. Goldfish tanks are wide open. If you have any goldfish you've been thinking about showing this would be the year. The registration form is in the exhibitor packet which can be found on the web site. One last reminder, if you are planning on staying at the Hilton Garden Inn the cut off date for reservations, at the reduced rate, is September 16th.

We have room for a couple more dry vendors so if you know of anyone, please let Jerry and I know.

The show Sign Up Genius is now available. Please visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a48afae22a75-20152>

to sign up to volunteer. If you need help signing up, let me know. Remember, if you want a free t-shirt you need to volunteer.

If anyone has any items they would like to donate to the store raffles or awards banquet, please let me know.

Speaking of the banquet, our September host, Grand Koi, has very generously donated a fish for the auction at the banquet. This will be a \$1000 fish so if you want to bid you'll have to be at the banquet! Hope to see you all at the meeting on the 20th.

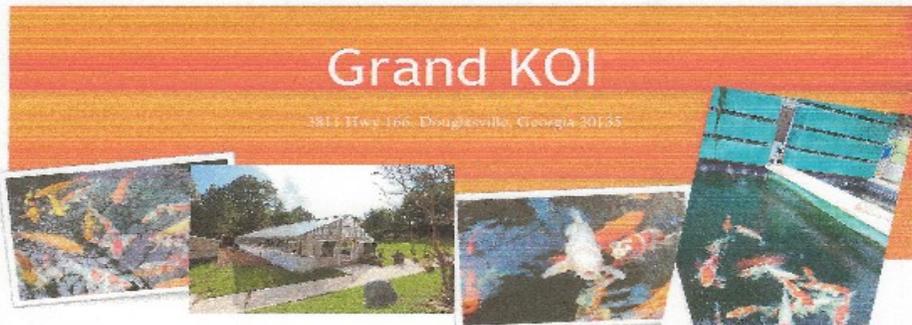
Thanks,
Diane

Upcoming Events

South Carolina Koi and Water Garden Society Show - October 2-4
Visit <http://www.sckwgs.org> for more info

Meeting on SUNDAY, September 20

Tour next meeting will be on Sunday, September 20th will be held at **Grand Koi** in Douglasville. It's address is 3811 Hwy 166, Douglasville, GA 30135. 1:00 for officers and 2:00 for general membership. A brief description is below but trust me it does not do the place justice. It is an unbelievable estate focused on the import and wholesale Koi business. This is a great opportunity as Grand Koi is not normally open to the public or retail buyers. This is a meeting you absolutely cannot miss. Chase T.



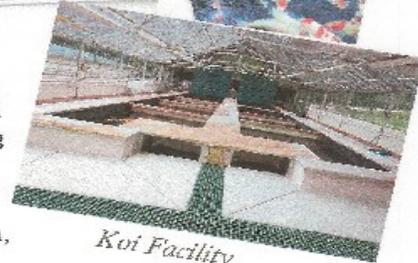
Grand Koi is a young concept, founded by koi hobbyists from various continents namely Asia, Middle East, Europe and USA. The Founders and associates are successful in aquaculture and fish feed manufacturing for more than two decades.

Grand Koi presently have full time personnel and offices based in Japan, India, Dubai and United States. We have preferred buying status with the leading Japanese Koi Breeders like Dainichi, Sakai, Momotaro and others. We also support hobbyists who like to participate in Japanese koi shows.

Presently, we have 24 Azukari Koi to participate in various shows in Japan including the famous "All Japan Koi Show".

We are one of the largest Japanese Koi inventory holders in the United States and India. To support hobbyist in USA, We have collaborated with leading manufacturers of automated feeders, ceramic media and other koi accessories "MADE IN JAPAN". With the support of Japanese breeders and feedback from hobbyists, we have established a robust procedure/protocol in selection of Koi, Quarantine and continued support to koi keepers.

We will be starting our full-fledged operations from October 2015.



Ask the Experts

Question

When using potassium permanganate, hydrogen peroxide is supposed to be used afterward to neutralize the PP. But, if my first dose of PP produces a brown color, and the purple color disappears, does that mean the PP is used up? Do I still have to use hydrogen peroxide in that case?

Reply

PP far too broad a subject to use like this in the newsletter.

To answer your question, why would you not neutralize? Sodium thiosulphate is very cheap and makes sure the PP has stopped all oxidation. Yes if the PP has completely expended itself then you are correct that you don't need to neutralize, but I do anyway. Then I follow with the H₂O₂ to make the water crystal clear.

That being said, I don't use H₂O₂ to neutralize PP. It Causes a severe drop in ORP, which is not good for your fish. I use Sodium thiosuphate to neutralize chlorine. It also works well to neutralize PP, and a little while later I use the hydrogen peroxide to clear the water of the brown stain that PP leaves behind. Hydrogen Peroxide has to be dosed just like any other med. Too much will definitely harm your fish. It is an oxidizer also.

Items for Sale by Members

Three half-sheets (24" x 39" x 1.5") of Matala Black Matting (<http://www.matala.com.tw/biomedial/matala-filter-media.html>). The matting has an approximate surface area of 46 square feet per cubic foot. The matting makes an excellent mechanical stage filter. Single sheet = \$25. Two sheets = \$47.50. Three sheets = \$65.

Eight cubic feet of Cermedia MarinePure 2" Cubes (MP2C) (<http://www.cermedia.com/marinepure-technical.php>). Cermedia MP2C has a massive surface area per cube making it an excellent nitrification media. Each cubic foot can perform bio filtration (nitrification) for over 1,000 gallons of pond water. Eight cubic feet will handle at least 10,000 gallons.

Single box of two cubic feet = \$225. Two boxes (4 cubic feet) = \$425. Three boxes (6 cubic feet) = \$625. Four boxes (8 cubic feet) = \$800

If interested contact Michael Anderson mcasan@ourimages.net

A friend of mine recently passed away leaving a large aquarium and oscar without a home. All you have to do is pick it up, the entire set up goes. The home is in town off of Lennox/Cheshire Bridge road.

Let me know if you're interested.

David
404 754 8637

I have a few large koi for sale.
Melanie



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Auction 2016 Information

There seems to be some confusion over the auction rules that need clarification prior to the 2016 auction. From the rules on the web site:

Who can sell?

The auction is open to active members who wish to cull their ponds: either individual members or household memberships. There is a limit of one seller per household. Active members are classified as those who attend 5 or more meetings in a year or have volunteered for 3 or more Club events within the past year. Members who meet combinations of these requirements will also be classified as active per the Membership and Auction Chairs' discretion. Membership must be current and the Membership Chair will determine eligibility of members who wish to participate. Members who do not meet the above requirements will be considered non-active. Non-active members will be able to auction fish at a reduced percentage. Non-members will not be able to have fish auctioned or sold.

Percentage of Sales

All sales are divided into the following classifications. Active members will receive 75% of any sale with 25% of any sale going to the club. Non-active members will receive 50% of any sale with 50% of any sale going to the club. Active members who need assistance from the club catching and transporting fish will be required to use the 50/50 split classification. Non-active members who need assistance from the club catching and transporting fish will be required to use a 25/75 classification. 25% of any sale will go to the member and 75% will go to the club. All sales are final, no refunds are available.

Please read the above sections and contact the executive board if you have questions. The percentage of sales a

Hi All,

Jerry and I are living and breathing the show at the moment and things are going well. We are trying very hard to make it great with an eye towards growing the show year after year. One of the things that makes a show successful is the number of fish that are entered. We are using Dale Whaley for the trophies this year and she does beautiful work - you can check it out here: <http://www.whaleysfishlips.com>. In order to win a trophy you need to enter the show which brings me to one of the reasons for this email. I can't encourage everyone enough to enter the show. If nothing else it supports the club. Yes, a giant gosanke will most likely win grand champion, but if you look at the trophy sponsorship list - <http://www.atlantakoiclub.org/Nishikgoi%20Shows/2015/sponsor2015.htm> - you will see that there are many other awards, but you can't win if you don't enter! There is even an award for Best Novice which will go to someone who has never shown a fish before. The Exhibitor Packet can be found here: http://www.atlantakoiclub.org/Nishikgoi%20Shows/2015/ExhibitorPacket_2015.pdf. It contains a fish load calculator that can be used to determine how many tanks you need or how many fish you can put in a single tank. If you want to show this year, please complete the registration form and send it in. If you could also email Jerry and I at jer-ryjohnson@yahoo.com and/or dianewg@aol.com with the number of tanks needed it would be greatly appreciated. There is a lot of planning that goes in to this show and the sooner we know how many tanks we need the better so we can ensure that we have enough. Please note that there is a chance that we will sell out of koi tanks so get your reservations in ASAP. We also need all you goldfish folks to get your tank reservations in too please.

The deadline for hotel reservations for the show is September 16th so get your rooms booked soon if you plan on staying there. Banquet tickets are also available. They are \$35/ea, 2 for \$60 and for every \$100 in trophy sponsorships you get 1 free ticket. To ensure you get a seat you should reserve soon. You can purchase tickets on the AKC web site. Please let Jerry and I know if you want to come.

Lastly, the volunteer Sign Up Genius will be available soon so keep an eye out for it. We need people to sign up and help please. Remember, the only way to get a free t-shirt is to sign up for something :)

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Diane

Atlanta Koi Club

14 JUN 2015 – Tomkosky Home - Alpharetta

Topic: Koi Show

Attendance: 26

Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

Executive Officers:

Office	Name	Term	Present
President	Diane Giangrande	2015-2016	X
Vice-president	Chase Tomkosky	2014-2015	X
Secretary	David Pugh	2015-2016	X
Treasurer	Ron Scott	2014-2105	X
Equipment Manager	Jerry Johnson	2015-2016	X

Appointed Chairpersons:

Committee	Name	Present
2015 Auction	Steve Castel	
2015 Pond Tour	Melanie Onushko	X
2015 Show	Diane Giangrande	X
	Jerry Johnson	X
Membership	Mihoko Chambers	
	David Marier	X
Web Master	David Marier	X
Newsletter	Robert Chaffer	X
AKCA Director	Gary Elmore	
Publicity	Open	
Volunteers	JoANN Elmore	

By Law Amendments

The amendments to the bylaws were passed by a voice vote after discussion. They are

Amendment 1

Newsletter advertisements will be limited to the sale and/or trading of voting member owned koi, pond, or koi club related items.

Amendment 2

Members will be given the option to “opt in” enabling the club to share their email address with selected sponsors for commercial purposes related to club activity.

Amendment 3

Contents of the Atlanta Koi Club social media site(s) falls under the auspices of the executive committee or their appointees, who will determine the appropriateness of any posting. The club may elect to allow postings which include the sale and/or trading of koi, pond, or koi industry related items by sponsors and members. However, the use of the Atlanta Koi Club social media site for the purpose of advertising a koi industry related business is restricted to sponsors.

AKC Facebook Page

Diane and Julie Melancon will be the default administrators for the Facebook page and the club will revert back to the original page dropping the non-profit page since this page does not support the sending of automatic update notices to all followers.

Koi and Goldfish Show

The event will take place at the Gwinnett Fairgrounds from October 9 – 11, 2015. It will be an indoor event.

The Gwinnett County Master Gardeners will host a plant sale on October 10 as a part of the show.

The Hilton Garden Inn has been selected as the host hotel offering discounted room rates, a shuttle to the show venue, a discounted breakfast and hosting the Saturday evening awards banquet.

The show will feature wet and dry vendors, judging of koi and goldfish, raffles and seminars. The Friday night Vendor Appreciation event will take place on October 9th starting at 6:30 pm giving members a chance to visit the vendors and meet the judges while enjoying a selection of free food and beverages.

Trophy sponsors are still needed. You receive one free banquet ticket for each \$100 in trophies you sponsor.

Members are encouraged to recommend dry vendors to the show chair persons.

Be sure to check the club website often for show updates.

Pond Tour

Melanie updated the executive committee on the Pond Tour and made recommendations for the next tour.

Move back to an annual pond tour schedule with ponds selected by location (maybe East and West metro)

There is a need to review the logistics for ticket distribution.

Consider tickets at selected ponds on the tour

Be ready to sell tickets if the club participates in the South Eastern Flower Show 2016 if it is held

Executive committee voted to contribute \$500 to Children's Hospital this year and 25% of pond tour profit to a charity of the chairperson's choosing the following years.

Website Design

Melanie noted that the club website is not a responsive design. This means that phones, tablets and phablets are not well supported. A request was made to investigate a website redesign. David Marier is investigating.

Credit Card Handling

David Marier is investigating the cost to change vendors.

2015 Elections

Elections for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer are supposed to be held in October, but due to the show dates these will need to be moved. Diane will designate an election committee with the plan of holding the election at the Fall Social in November. Individuals interested in being candidates can contact the election committee or announce the day of the elections.

Other Meeting Minutes

Introductions (New or Returning Members)

Tim and Cherisa Lawson

September Meeting Date Update

Check the newsletter for the date, time, and location.

Updates/Corrections

Please send corrections or updates to David Pugh at doubledavid@aol.com with the AKC Meeting Minutes in the subject line.

No corrections were received for last month's minutes.

August 8th, 2015 Meeting

Our August Social/business meeting was held at the home of Chase Tomkosky. A relaxing and interesting evening was had by all, followed by a sumptuous pot-luck dinner.



