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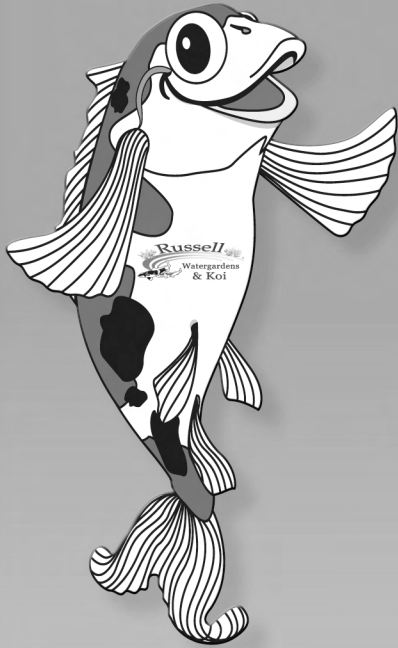
June 6 & 7

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Admission: One vehicle per booklet please

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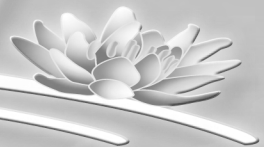
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Welcome to the 2009 Atlanta Koi Club Pond,

We are excited to have you along for this year's Pond Tour. This year is special, as it is the Atlanta Koi Club's 20th Anniversary! Additionally, we're happy to bring you more ponds this year. In addition to our Members sharing their ponds, some of our Sponsors are too, bringing ponds to you that they have designed or constructed.. We are happy to be sharing our ponds with you, so please enjoy!

We have tried to include ponds that reflect a variety of different filtration and design. Each pond is unique unto itself.

The itineraries have been developed to minimize the distance between ponds. However, you are free to create your own custom itinerary. A contact number for each pond is included in case you find yourself unable to find the correct location.

There are of course some simple requests that will make the tour more enjoyable for you and your hosts:

- Be sure to take care of restroom needs prior to arriving at the pond sites, as your hosts cannot provide restroom facilities during the tour.
- Park courteously at the pond sites. Please do not block mailboxes, driveways or fire hydrants from accessibility.
- Several of the pond sites are wheelchair and/or handicapped accessible. Please review the information for each pond site. Some handicap accessible sites might have gravel paths, large grassy areas, or steep driveways. Please use caution.
- Please leave your beloved pets at home.
- If you are visiting ponds with children, please keep them with you at all times, hold a small child's hand for safety reasons. No running at pond sites.
- Walk on pathways and stepping stones to avoid stepping on someone's favorite plants.
- Please no glass containers at the pond sites.
- Most hosts welcome photographs be taken. However, if you intend to publish photos you take; please consult with the host for consent/release.
- Please keep your hands out of the water. If you should come in contact with the water at a particular pond be sure to wash your hands before you visit the next site.
- Enjoy the tour and ask questions.

Respectfully
Dave and Gloria Jones
Atlanta Koi Club
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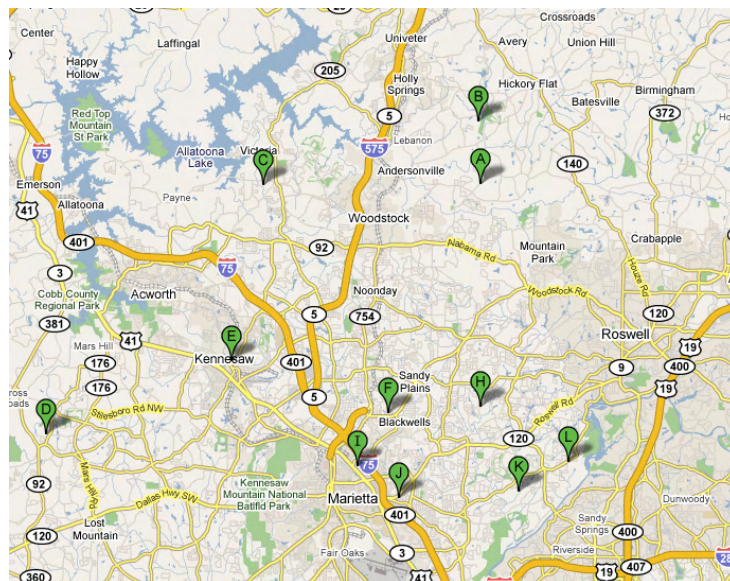
HISTORY OF THE ATLANTA KOI CLUB

In 1989, a group of 20 Atlanta koi enthusiasts formed the Atlanta Koi Club (AKC) to promote the keeping, breeding, and exhibiting of koi through regularly scheduled meetings. The AKC is incorporated as a nonprofit organization, existing solely for the mutual benefit of its members. In 1994, the AKC established the motto of "Dedicated to Sharing the Joy of Keeping Koi." The AKC is a member of the Associated Koi Clubs of America (AKCA), which is composed of over 104 koi clubs in the United States and Canada. Clubs pay \$100 annual club dues to AKCA and AKCA provide \$1M liability insurance, free Guides, Koi Health Advisor training, Club AKCA Koi of the Year Awards and Certificates, and Club AKCA Koi Person of the Year Certificates. In 2004, the AKC became a Friendship Club of the ZNA. All AKC officers are non-paid volunteers and consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Property Manager.

West Pond Tour
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Water, water everywhere! This yard has ponds and/or quarantine tanks on all sides. You can not open a door or window without hearing the sound of water. The pond in the front yard was originally built in 2001, as a water garden. This 1800 gallon Aquascape system pond is full of aquatic plants, with a mixture of Koi and goldfish. This pond is well landscaped, and professionally designed, with landscaping lighting that will be going in sometime in May.

The formal pond sits just outside of the home office of The Pond Professional. It is a 750 gallon feature filtered by a AlphaOne 1.75 bead filter by G C Tek. This pond has no plants, and no UV system, and yet still has crystal clear water. Aeration and filtration is the key on this pond. With a heavy fish load most of the time, this bead filter is backed washed regularly into the bog garden which is on the front of the house and is home to some very lush and beautiful aquatic plants. This pond is netted 24/7/365 due to the number of fish kept in this pond along with the fact that the lower pond is only 12" deep. It is covered by a 21' free spading arbor which has a custom shade cloth to keep the predators away and the water cooler. It also provides a great place to get out of the occasional drizzle. Gloria has moved her gas grill under the arbor so that she can enjoy the waterfall while she is preparing their meals. Dave has allowed the grill to stay as he says he gets more grilled meals now then when the grill was on the back deck.

Another pond on this property has been turned into a turtle pond housing several rescued turtles. This pond has a Russell Water Garden Ahi Filtration unit along with a Nursery Pro skimmer. This pond is nestled into a corner of the yard surrounded by Japanese maple trees and is full of aquatic plants allowing the water to be shaded and to stay cooler.

The fourth pond was built in May 2005 when the Joneses returned from a business trip in Florida to find more than a half a million Koi born in a 6' kiddy swimming pool. Dave jumped on the bobcat and dug a hole, lined it and then gave the baby Koi, a ride of their life, through a 2" flex PVC Pipe, down to their new home. In between building, repairing and servicing client's ponds Dave has found time to install not one, but two Bog Filters. Now if you want a natural filtration system for your pond, this pond is a "Must See" on the Tour. Dave hopes to install a bottom drain on this pond one day soon, but does plan on leaving it as a bare liner pond. It has an Advantage 10,500 gph external pump which turns this pond over 2 ½ times per hour. The key to a successful pond is Filtration and Aeration, and believe me this pond is SUCCESSFULL. Several large Koi call this pond home and are growing leaps and bound every year.

Besides the pond, Dave and Gloria keep several quarantine tanks full of fish just waiting for a new home in your pond.



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To fulfill his wish for a natural setting, where he could sit down and enjoy the surroundings, has led Steve to build this pond. This is his first pond, and he did all the design, and most of the work, himself. He studied for several years, on the correct techniques for building a pond, considering the layout, as well as the filtration system.

Using a backhoe, borrowed from a friend, he did all the excavation himself. The pond was dug into the side of a natural hill, where the waterfall seems to flow out of the ground. since it is 35 feet away from the pond basin. There are several perennials, flowering trees, and shrubs to finish off the woodsy atmosphere. He then laid all the piping and designed and built the filtration system. The only store bought equipment is a bead filter and a UV light. Only the stonework was contracted out and this was installed by a young guy and his crew. Steve installed all the remaining hardscapes as well as all the plantings.

The liner pond is an irregular semi-oval approximately 26' x 16' x 5.5' and was completed in 2000. You will find that Steve loves to invent and make use of technology. He will need to explain some of his acronyms. There are two filtration circuits.

Circuit 1: The first is two bottom drains that gravity feed pond water to an automated RDF (rotary drum filter) that pre filter the water. Mechanical filtration is accomplished down to 60 um. Water is then gravity fed to a 1,000 gallon moving bed filter utilizing 2/3 of a cubic meter of K1 media. The moving bed filter incorporates three large air pumps and over 50 air stones. The water is then pumped using a 3/4 HP pump to a bead filter, through the UV and then to the waterfall. This circuit is PLC controlled and fully automatic.

Circuit 2: The second filtration circuit is pump fed from several power skimmers. Pond water is pumped to a high flow rate shower. Over 20 cubic feet of media is contained within the shower. Both lava rock and K1 style media is used. The shower sits in a tank and is gravity fed back to the pond. The tank is designed to remove particles as well. By creating a weir effect, large particles fall to the bottom of the tank and are discharged a few times a week. This circuit also includes a Dosatron system that injects fresh water into the pond around the clock. A computer controlled injection system injects sodium thiosulfate into the city water supply while it is being transferred into the pond. The system is programmable. Currently, it is set up to add 15 gallons of treated water to the pond every hour of the day.

In addition to the two circuits described above, there are several linear air pumps that supply O₂ to the pond. Over 300 LPM of air is injected into the pond water on a continuous basis.

The pond provides a home to 14 Nishikigoi ranging in size from 16 to 30 inches. Only one is named after Steve's' oldest son, Michael.



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At the time Doug designed this pond in 1998, it was just to replace part of the grass, so he didn't have to mow. As the years went by Doug and Nancy have gone from "that's my pond" to "Come see my pond!". Yes, the natural reaction once you own a pond. They enjoy sitting on the patio looking down into their 5,000 gallon traditional Koi pond. Mr. Tatz built this pond with the help of a professional mainly doing all the heavy work. He has installed bead filtration for both mechanical and biological filtration along with a 50 watt UV. It has a 4' waterfall and a 20' stream that splits, one going directly into the pond, and the other going into two 8' bog gardens. The bog gardens house a variety of plants from water lilies and lotus, to swamp hibiscus.

Doug does Koi Rescue for the club so he has a few rescued Koi in his pond along with several others, twenty five plus Koi, ranging in age from 1-8 years old and as large as 24". Doug has showed fish in the past with 1 Baby Grand Champion, 10- 1st Place, 3- 2nd place and several Friendship awards for his efforts.

His fish get a high protein pellet for food. With the pond backing up to a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre pond and a creek, Doug and Nancy use fishing line across the pond to deter predators. Not only do the Tatz's enjoy their Koi but they also get to enjoy the many birds that feed at their feeders. When the weather isn't conducive to sitting on the patio, the Tatz's have just recently turned their screened in porch to an all weather garden room which overlooks the pond. This is where Doug houses his quarantine tanks and winters over his Koi.

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In June 2004, the Coon's went looking for a "Pond Professional" to replace their preform pond with a "Real" pond. They wanted it bigger, but they still wanted that natural look with aquatic plants. After contacting The Pond Professional the Coon's got just what they were looking for. Using a MicroFalls and MicroSkimmer The Pond Professional built them a 12' x 14' by almost 30" deep pond. Knowing that the Coon's have had problems with predators The Pond Professional installed a "Cave" on one end of the pond. Unless you know it is there, you don't see it. Underwater low voltage lights give off just enough light to be able to see the fish from the Garden Room where the Coon's spend most of their time after work. The pond is home to several aquatic plants, koi and goldfish. If you didn't know it, you would swear the pond was there when the house was built.

RETAIL LOCATION

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Koi Koi
Atlanta Koi Club Sponsor
2908 Moon Station Road
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Contact No: 678-932-9277

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Here at Koi Koi, Inc. you will find Josette's display pond. An 18,000 gallon bare liner pond with the old mat filtration. Yes and crystal clear water. Her display pond is there for you to sit down relax and enjoy. Then when you have caught your breathe stop in and shop for your pond supplies.

Koi Koi offers a complete line of pond supplies and aquatic plants, healthy quarantined butterfly, and standard Koi, tadpoles and a variety of goldfish. They also carry a complete line of wild bird supplies with houses, feeders and food. Unique gifts for your home and garden too.

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When Dave Jones of The Pond Professional walked into Pam's backyard he knew the exact spot for a lovely double headwater pond. The slop away from the house was just perfect for the double waterfall flowing slowly to the flat area of the yard. This is exactly where Pam wanted her pond. The pond is 15' x 10' pond just a feet away from the patio. Pam has a view of her pond not only from the patio, but from the kitchen, the dining room and her upstairs living area.

Pam keeps the crawling creators away by covering it with a net year round. As many of you know, if you have water, you have wildlife and Pam has numerous visitors. Dave also built a "Cave" in the pond to give the fish a place to hide away from the airborne creators. Underwater low voltage lighting lights up the beautiful waterfalls that were constructed on the slop. Aquatic plants surround the pond's edge and are planted in multiple areas in the stream/waterfall.

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The Young's moved into their new home in October 2007, which had this beautiful water garden already installed. The Young's hired The Pond Professional to transfer their Babies from their old pond, just a few miles away to their brand new pond. All went well and the koi settled into their new home quite nicely.

The pond was built by Frank Wiginton (landscaper/pond builder utilized by the builder) which utilized the Savio System with the 24' waterfall/stream. Plant shelves were created just 12" below the surface of the water along with a "Cave" type hiding rock to protect the fish from predators. The builder utilized the natural slope of the lot to install the pond to the right of the house curving slightly around to the back of the house. The back deck overlooks the pond and although this pond/home/garden is only 18 months old, we are attempting to create a lush garden which will fill in, in the coming years. There is a creek at the rear of the lot which is enjoyed by lots of wild life, including a pair of red shouldered hawks whom we have seen daily since moving into this house, a pair of wood ducks, and a blue heron that, thus far, only enjoys our pond from a distance. Fortunately, the creek seems to hold more interest for him. We have numerous blue birds, cardinals, hummingbirds, and woodpeckers (including downies, red-headed, red-bellied and pileated), along with titmice, nuthatches, pine warblers and finches. We have established and maintain the entire area as a certified wildlife habitat.

The Young's have been enjoying ponds for about 7 years. They found The Pond Professional to help them with their pond needs back in May, 2005.



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Our first pond in the front yard was built in 2001. Follow the patio-stone walkway and boardwalk through the gate and arbor to the back yard, and then up the stairs to our second pond inside the screened-in porch. The pond is $\frac{3}{4}$'s in-ground, 11.5' X 17.5' rectangular shape, 6 ft. deep, of cinder-block and concrete construction, and ceramic tiled (Emerald green). It holds 6,200 gallons, and the filtration another 1,000 gallons. Six Cypress beams in the water support an 18" overhang on three sides. It's neat to see the Koi swim up under your feet only to emerge somewhere else in the pond. The pond's floor slopes to 4 main drains which are concealed under 4 limestone pagodas. Under each pagoda are air dams to facilitate the flow of water to the main drains and for surface agitation. The 12-inch diameter aqua duct connects to the outside pond, and enables the Koi to freely swim between the two ponds. The pump room under your feet contains two separate filtration systems, each on dedicated circuits. The primary system is English style with a vortex and 2 chambers containing brushes and Japanese filter matting for mechanical and biological filtration. It draws from the 4 main drains, and water is returned to the pond by a variable-speed, 1-hp Baldwin pump through 10 inlets. An air pump facilitates filtration in the 2 chambers. The secondary filtration system serves to polish the water. It draws from 4 surface outlets to a 6-000 gallon-capacity Aqua Bead filter, and returned to the pond via another variable-speed, 1-hp Baldwin pump through 4 inlets. There's a separate $\frac{1}{4}$ -hp pump which drives 4 eductors which exercise the Koi and stir everything up for better filtration. There's a 75-watt UV run constantly, and an 11-KW heater for winter operations. Maintenance takes 10 minutes a week and about 2 hours semi-annually. At night, it is lighted by four 250-watt underwater lights, and numerous other lights inside and out. The pond and its Heron-proof, screened-in porch (21' X 21' footprint) were completed in the Fall of 2004. It features Oak flooring, Amish-style, rough-sawn Cedar beam construction, and finished in Tennessee fieldstone. If you've ever thought of building an inside pond, you really ought to see this one. The 3,000-gallon outside pond was completed in the Spring of 2007. It is circular in shape, and wraps around one corner of the screened-in porch and its pond. It is of cinder-block and concrete construction, is $\frac{3}{4}$'s in-ground, and inter-connected to the inside pond via the aqua duct. A brick and mortar turret contains a concealed vortex drawing via another 1-hp, variable-speed Baldwin pump from 1 main drain. Overflow from the vortex spills down in stair-step waterfalls to the main body of water. Six brick & mortar cells contain ceramic rock, brushes and Japanese filter matting for filtration. Floating Hyacinths conceal the filter media, and provide natural filtration. A Savio surface skimmer with 57-watt UV and filter mat drives the flow of water toward the main drain and feeds 2 spitting cranes. Servicing this pond requires about 10 minutes per week and $\frac{1}{2}$ day semi-annually for vacuuming and cleaning the filter media. These ponds are home to 12 little Champions from the 2007 & 2008 AKC Fall Shows ranging in size from 6" – 28" and 18 others. Landscaping/hardscaping surrounding the outside pond features brick pathways, Tennessee Fieldstone, wood decking, 3 stained glass panels in the motif of waterfowl, and Teak furniture. Be sure to check out the Gargoyles and rain barrel.



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This pond is truly the result of lots of hard work by Ms. Carrell. She designed and built the pond by herself in the fall of 2006. After all the hard work she now enjoys her "Meditation Spot". When the weather is not cooperative Ms. Carrell can see the pond from her living room.

This 1500 gallon pond is filtered by a pressurized filter and has a 13 watt UV. Forty mil liner is the main structure of the pond that is 9' x 13' and 3' deep with skimmer and is "Kidney" shaped with 13' stream containing many waterfalls in the 4' elevation change. Ms. Carrell has added a spitter to this pond for added enjoyment. She has integrated underwater lights along with water lilies and water hyacinths for beauty.

This pond is one you can be at home in, just sit down and relax.

RETAIL LOCATION

Splendor Koi & Pond
Atlanta Koi Club Sponsor
1552 Rosewood Circle
Marietta, Georgia 30067

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Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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Here at Splendor Koi & Pond you can either head in and do your pond supply shopping, or you can head directly to the back where Chuck has his display pond. While you are walking around enjoying watching the fish swim, make sure you walk across the bridge to the little sitting area on the far side. You can even walk along the beautiful waterfall Chuck has constructed that supplies the refreshing water to his large Koi.

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This is a breathtaking backyard. This pond is over 16,000 gallons and is 3' to 4 ¾' deep. It measures 32' x 24' and is covered by a gorgeous one of a kind arbor.

The pond was designed by the Brown's but was professional built with work beginning in December, 2002. It was completed in late 2003. This pond is filtered with 10 Cubic Feet Propeller Bead Filter, Model PBF-10S with automatic backwash by Aquaculture Systems Technologies from New Orleans, Louisiana. It has an Emperor Aquatic 150 watt UV with 3" ports and handles the full flow of the two ¾ hp StaRite pumps. This system has a 400 gallon rectangular, gravity feed pre-filter which is fed by the 6 3" bottom drains. It also contains four 2" returns along with the beautiful 5' double waterfalls. It contains a 1000 gallon bog garden which is home to Cat Tails, Lotus, Lillie, Hyacinths, Iris and many more aquatic plants.

The Brown's have installed a 405' well powered by a 3 hp pump that keeps their pond topped off at all times. They have also installed a 14 KW Natural gas generator to keep their pond running in case of a power outage.

Added features for this site include Three Bronze Fountains, Music of the Spheres Wind Chimes. A "Floating" Stepping Stone Path crossing the bog pond to the Gazebo with a Double Glider Swing, Large multi function deck, and patio with a rock wall. A Dribbling-Old-Man Stone Casting sitting between rocks and ferns can be seen in the waterfall. The landscaping on this site is exquisite with Palm Trees, Banana Trees, Angel Trumpets, Plumeria, Japanese Maples, Weeping Cherries, Cherry Laurels, English Laurels, Azaleas, Camellias, Crape Myrtles, Wisteria, Little Gern Magnolia, Hearty Hibiscus, Hydrangeas, and many more beautiful plants.

This site has 25 low voltage fixtures with provides just enough light for a midnight stroll through the garden of paradise that the Brown's have created in their backyard. The Brown's have over two dozen fish that they have all records on them including purchase date, purchased from, size, and weight. They quarantine all new fish in their collapsible 8 foot tanks with homemade combination lava-rock-with-foam pad filters.

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This pond was custom built originally in the backyard in 2004 and rebuilt in 2009 by Splendor Koi and Ponds of Marietta, Georgia. It is 35' x 12' 2" x 8 ½' deep, housing 12,500 gallons of water. The waterfall is 15' long with a 6' elevation change. Several concrete fixtures and a spitter are added attractions around this beautiful pond. A skimmer was installed to remove debris off the water before it becomes water logged.

The pond equipment on this pond consist of a Zapp 40 watt UV, AlphaOne 9.0 bead filter both by GC Tek, a second bead filter, an Aquadyne 8.8 by Crane Enterprises, assists in keeping this pond crystal clear. A bog garden houses a variety of plants with underwater lighting in the pond. It is protected from predators by two boarder collies. Chuck enjoys his pond after a hard day of work working on other ponds in his business.



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Seeing this pond is an experience you don't want to miss! It is spectacular and breathtaking! The owner is always surprised when suburbanites say, "you mean people actually live in downtown Atlanta?!" Well, yes, they do and they even have ponds, fish, and turtles.

His first pond was the fulfillment of a childhood dream - his own turtle pond. In 2003, with assistance from a contractor, his first pond became reality. The pond has an hourglass shape with approximately 900 gallons with a 45 mil liner, 22 inches in the deepest part with an Aquascape biological filtration and skimmer. It is home to 6 Red-eared Slider turtles and an assortment of regular and fantail goldfish about 20 in all. It is turtle proofed with 15 inch vertical post fencing. Everyone lives in harmony. The turtles enjoy sunning themselves on a large stone in the middle of the pond. The 3' high 3' long waterfall is well lit with an underwater light at night. This pond has an assortment of aquatic plants. Measurements on this pond are approximately 15' x 8'.

Mr. Siskin built his second pond, with the help of another Koi Club member in April of 2006. It was suggested to build a pond much bigger than he thought he wanted, but he did. It took 6 months to complete this 12,000-gallon traditional Koi pond, shaped like a guitar, measures 24'x24'. The pond is built with straight sides to deter predators and a 45 mil liner. It has 4 waterfalls that relax the mind, and body, and is 5 feet deep in the middle with three and one half feet depth around the perimeter. It also has 2 bottom drains. A Japanese bridge arches across a plant garden shaped like a shoe (1200 gallons), which feeds into the pond. The plant garden is home to 10 goldfish and various water plants. The pond has two 4.4 cubic foot Aquadyne bead filters, an 80 watt UV light and a Savio skimmer box. This pond is home to 42 Koi aging from 1 -9 years old. He has named several of them. One of his favorites is Melanie, named after his girlfriend. Charlie is a large Chagio, and is like a big puppy dog. Charlie eats out of Mr. Siskin's hand and he is able to pet her like a puppy.

An enclosed screened porch and deck overlook the pond with an assortment of banana, weeping and Yoshino cherry, dogwood, and Japanese maple trees, elephant ears, sedums, azalea, Camilla, 55 beautiful rose bushes, gardenia bushes, annuals, perennials, and a vegetable garden. This is truly a gardener's candy store.

Mr. Siskin had The Pond Professional build 6" x 10' x 3' deep, 700 gallon quarantine pond filtered by a GC Tek AlphaOne 2.5 bead filter, a Zapp 5 UV along with an Artesian 1/8 hp 1725 rpm pump. Mr. Siskin takes quarantining fish very seriously and so should you.

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Mr. Raghavan enjoys the two ponds designed and built by Spendor Koi & Pond of Marietta, Georgia. The first gunite pond built by Chuck Crisp of Splendor Koi & Pond is 20,000 gallons and filtered by a Medusa System, 3 Zapp 40 watt UV's and two Cetus Sieve prefilter all by G C Tek. The bog, which is filled with many aquatic plants, helps filter this pond before it drops off into the deep end of the pond. Measurements on this pond are 40' 12' by 6 ½' average depth. The tastefully placed stepping stones across the bog filter help Mr. Raghavan and his guest get to the other side of this feature. Chuck also installed underwater lights as well as landscape lights to help light the way.

The large pond is home to 40 Koi from 6" to 20" in length, all under two years old. They all have names and a special story behind them.

The second pond is a formal concrete pond by the front door of the residence, approximately 5' diameter by 2' deep. This 1, 000 gallon pond also has equipment by G C Tek including an AlphaOne and a Zapp 40 watt UV. This one also has many plants in it along with underwater lights. This pond has 7 small Koi under the age of two which are also all named with a story behind each fish.

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This pond is a Do-It-Yourself pond. A beautiful stone formal pond accents the beauty of this backyard. Mr. Goren constructed the pond just off the deck of the pool, but contacted "The Pond Professional to rebuild the waterfall as he could never get it to stop leaking. Dave Jones with The Pond Professional rebuilt the waterfall in such a way that you can't even tell that it was not part of the original pond design. Dave also added a skimmer to the existing pond to house the pump, and to give Mr. Goren a way to keep debris out of the pond from all the trees that surround his back yard.

Mr. Goren wanted to put an "Angel" statue in his waterfall and Dave constructed the perfect flat area with a rock in the waterfall just for his "Angel" statue. Truly a pond setting that will take your breath away.

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This water garden is nestled into the front yard next to the driveway. The slope down the driveway is just right to zip right down, park the car and walk over and enjoy the goldfish swimming around. The waterfall is built right into the hill and flows right into the pond. The Pond Professional also installed the stone walkway and sitting bench for the perfect place to relax after a long hard day at work.

This pond is 15' x 10' with lots of aquatic plants to help the filtration system keep the water crystal clear. If you want aquatic plants as well as fish, a water garden like this one is just the ticket.

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James Yu has been keeping koi for the past 23 years. He has 8 ponds located on his retail location for enjoyment. The beautiful Japanese gardens surrounding the ponds can be operated independently or connected. One of his ponds is 15' x 30' and goes from 3' deep to 5' deep. It is rectangular in shape with straight sides with 13,000 gallons. A bead filter, skimmer, bottom drain and a 200 watt UV keeps the water crystal clear. This pond does have a veg pond or bog connected to it to help with the filtration. He considers this one to be a "Formal" pond.

His natural pond is right next to the formal pond with a kidney shape 8' x 20' x 5' deep. Straight sides were also included in the design when he built this one 8 years ago. This natural pond has 6,000 gallons and is filtered with a bead filter, skimmer, bottom drain and a 120 watt UV. A 10' stream and waterfall are an added addition to this pond with a bog filter for added filtration.

His koi population in his ponds range from 5 koi to 300 koi. They are one year to 5 years old ranging from 5" to 30" in length. Mr. Yu has quarantine tanks to take care of new fish arriving and a hospital tank for those koi that just don't feel good.





This is probably the youngest pond on the tour this weekend. At only 1350 gallons it is the cutest pond in this backyard. This one is 9' x 9' kidney shaped with 3 ½' deep in the lower pond. The upper pond is a pre-form pond which has an Aquascape Biological filtration waterfall unit which creates about 1 ½' waterfall into the upper pond filled with 14 goldfish. The upper pond then falls into the lower pond with another 1 ½' waterfall. The lower pond is home to 6 adult and 2 baby Koi. Most of these Koi have resided in this pond since it was built 3 years ago. When Ms. Wilson put in the pond she wanted it raised above the ground level about a foot to keep snakes from getting into the pond.

The landscape around this pond is incredible. Ms. Wilson has lots of flowers in separate beds all over the yard with gorgeous trees. Ms. Wilson spends many hours in this very peaceful setting and even has enjoyed many meals sitting on the bench which she has carefully placed around the pond edge.



A six year old pond designed and built by Billy and Betty. The original pond was rebuilt in 2008 to the current design. The upper pond is for goldfish and overflows down into the koi pond. A 35' x 15' by 4' deep with straight sides and is "Double Kidney" shaped holding 9,000 gallons of water. The filtration equipment on this beauty is a AquaBead 6.0 by G C Tek along with a pallet system with 2 biological filters with settling vortex chambers. A Zapp Purf 3300 is also installed in the system. The waterfall is approximately 3 1/2' high and falls directly into the pond. The lighting for this features come from hood lights from the Gazebo. The pool and gazebo are accessible by a bridge that connects the two areas. The Ethridge's cover their pond with a net in the winter to help deter predators.

The second pond on this property is 13' x 8' by 2 1/2' deep with a liner and straight sides and 1650 gallons. This pond has two separate waterfalls. One waterfall is approximately 3' and is a sheer drop while the other 1 1/2' cascading waterfall. This pond has water plants consisting of water lilies, elephant ears, water lettuce and pickerelweed.

The koi population of 50 range from 6" to 32" and are all over one year old. They enjoy eating watermelon, peas and carrots. One of their Koi, a Chago named Angel jumped out of their quarantine tank and was completely dried out when found the next morning. Billy put her back in the tank while he went to get the shovel only to return to find Angel was actually moving her gills and was back to normal, swimming around within hours. Truly a remarkable fish.

The Ethridge's feel their backyard is their "Tropical Get Away", with walkways, lots of rocks and palm trees.



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This traditional Koi pond is truly a beauty, housing 30 Koi of all sizes and are four years or younger. This feature is filtered by bead filter, ozone mechanical and UV, situated in the quite backyard of this home. This pond also has a skimmer on it to remove any debris from the pond surface. Mark Snow helped finish up this pond in 2007, which was designed by the Fricke's. The only thing the Fricke's would do different is to have smother sides so the fish don't get hurt when they jump. They would also buy the filtration equipment after the pond is complete. This pond uses overhead lighting to light up this feature during the evening hours. Many water plants such as Lotus, water lilies, and many floating plants adorn this pond.

For quarantine, they use three 150 gallons tanks, which work very well for their needs. The first three Koi the Fricke's purchased lived in a 10 gallon tank for one year then were moved into one of the 150 gallon tanks for another six months during the construction of their pond. They feel because of this, the fish are friendly and the biggest in their pond. They are feed Koi food, fruit and vegetables.

Measurements:

17' x 17' by 6 ½' deep

13,000 gallons

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This water garden is built in the back corner of the yard, but is just off the patio. The patio is a great place to sit in the sun, but still be able to watch the kids and enjoy the sound of the water spilling over the 4' waterfall into the 15' x 15' pond. The Aquascape system is working well along with all the aquatic plants to keep the water crystal clear. Dave and Maya enjoy coming home after work, sitting on the patio, and watch their Koi and goldfish showing off their swimming skills.

The low voltage underwater lights are positioned in such away they glisten off the water causing a spectacular view from inside the house at night.



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A four year old pond built in an all weather sitting garden room, located on the back side of the house. This pond was built by Nemar Cobb of Alpha Aquatics. This oval shape 9' by 8' by 5 ½' deep pond, has 1,100 gallons and is filtered with a bead filter, and a 40 watt UV which sit just outside the garden room. This pond is complimented by beautiful field stone which flows throughout the garden room floor. The pond is tucked under the oversize above deck, yet the water quality remains stabilized due to the protection from rain. The 2 ½' waterfall is the perfect height for this delightful setting, not too loud, not too soft, just right for relaxing and enjoying the 10 Koi that call this pond home. The Koi range from 2-5 years old; of mixed, standard, and butterfly varieties 8" to 20" long. The Koi enjoy the mixed diet of Koi food, peas and Cheerios as treats. Ms. Saemisch has named each one of her Koi and enjoys their company while she is reading or just lounging in her garden room.



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The Tharp's have been raising Koi for well over 3 ½ decades. They spent 35 years raising Koi in Illinois before moving to Georgia a few years back. The pond was designed by Jim with the help of his son-in-law (a professional landscaper), they built their pond here in Gainesville in May, 2007. One of the important parts of designing a pond is placement. You need to be able to see it from inside the house as well as outside. They did just that, beautiful placement just off the patio, but yet within view of their living room windows and their upper deck. The pond is surrounded by oak trees, dogwoods, and a beautiful hosta garden. Butterflies are attracted to all the plants and their small vegetable garden that are all in their back yard. This 4,000 gallon 45 mil rubber liner pond is filtered with an AlphaOne bead filter by G C Tek and a Zapp Pure Model 1200 UV both by G C Tek.

This oval shape 25' x 18' pond has 45° sides down to 40" center depth. An 18" and 36" bog garden goes well with this design. The 4'x 6' waterfall cascades down into the gorgeous pond. Jim has displayed his water spitting dragonfly which he would be glad to make one for you to. Put your order in today.

Two underwater low voltage lights help light up the pond at night and shows off all the aquatic plants, water lilies, iris, button bush, horse tail tarow, and reeds.

Jim and Mary have 30 plus adult Koi along with 30 plus juvenile Koi. Their adult Koi are 10" to 22" and all their Koi range in age from 6 months to 5 years. Some of the Koi are imported and they also have longfin or butterfly Koi in their pond as well. Their goldfish are shubunkins. All their Koi and shubunkins enjoy pellet Koi food along with watermelon, sweet corn, and lettuce.

The Tharp's fish have a "Travel" story behind them. On their move to Georgia from Illinois back on July 4, 2007, 90°plus temperatures some were bagged with oxygen in a homemade styro-form box in the back of Jim's SUV. However only ½ the fish were able to go in the box, so the rest had to fend for themselves in the pull behind trailer. As everyone has moved once or twice in their lifetime, nothing goes smooth. The movers were slow getting the van packed and were not ready to leave till mid afternoon. Leaving this late, they knew it was going to require an overnight stay somewhere to keep everyone, including the fish, safe. After just a few short hours of sleep, they were back on the road again. Both were worried that the fish in the trailer were toast, but yet not wanting to take the time to check on them, they hit the road running. Once arriving in Georgia, fearing there was a trailer full of dead fish they opened the coolers. Lo and behold, every one of those fish were alive, and are still going strong today. Those are some tough fish.

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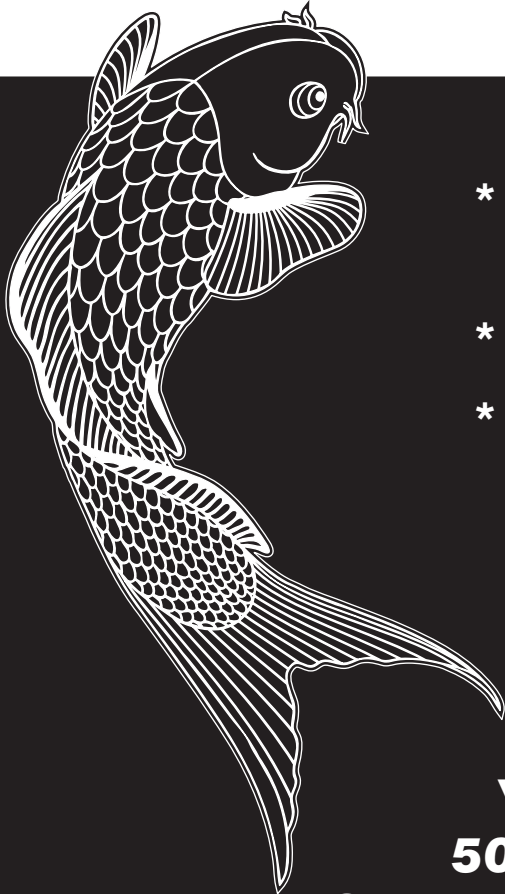
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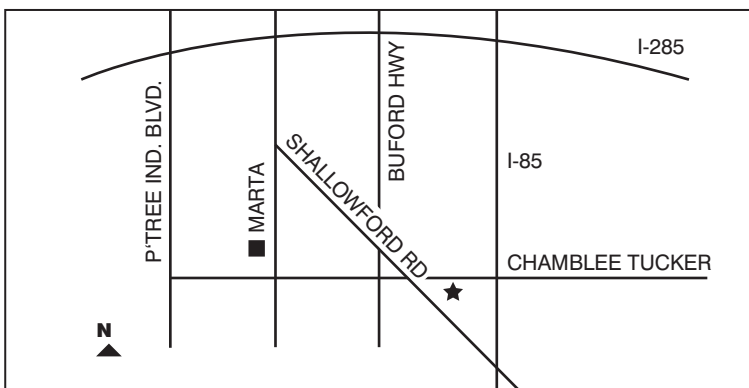
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