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By the Pond

David Boyd, President AKC

We would like to thank Cla and Janet Allgood for allowing us to meet at Wakoola Water Garden. Cla was also the speaker at the meeting. He gave a great talk on pond forms from a professional point of view. Also, a thanks to David Marier and Jay Drew for supplying refreshments.

Included is the information for the Chattanooga Aquarium and Cohutta National Fish Hatchery trip

Date: April 2, 2005

Departure Time: 10:00 am

Return Time: 7 pm

Cost: \$25 per person for the bus.

Aquarium Entry Fee: (TBD)



Ah, the joy of keeping koi !

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Depart: 10:00 am (location TBA)
 Arrive: Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga, TN (11:30 am)
 Lunch Individual responsibility
 Depart: Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga, TN (3:30 pm)
 Arrive: Cohutta Fish Hatchery, Cohutta GA (4:00 pm)
 Depart Cohutta Fish Hatchery, Cohutta GA (5:30 pm)
 Arrive: To be determined (7:30 pm)

Open to all members or guests. Bus cost is non-refundable.

Vickie Vaughan is checking into a behind the scenes tour.

Cohutta has also volunteered to supply BBQ and soda for dinner.

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Registration Form ~ Please Print legibly

Name (one)

Name (two)

Phone _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

E-Mail Address _____ Club Affiliation _____

As you would like it to appear on your badge

2005 AKCA Seminar ~ June 23 – 26, 2005

AKCA KOI POW WOW

Hosted by the Tulsa Koi Society

Crowne Plaza Hotel-Tulsa (\$80 seminar rate) reservations 1-800-227-6963

Choice of Package I or Package II

Package I Offers

- *Entry to All Seminars
- *Friday Bar-B-Q lunch
- *Saturday Lunch
- *Saturday Banquet
- *Sunday Pond Tour (Box Lunch)
- Single \$250.00 \$ _____ Couple
- \$375.00 \$ _____

Package II Offers

- *Entry to All Seminars
- Single \$175.00 \$ _____
- Couple \$255.00 \$ _____

Extracurricular Activities / Single Events

Thursday, June 23

- *Sightseeing Tour \$60.00 \$ _____
- *Breeder Tour \$40.00 \$ _____

Friday, June 24

- *Friday lunch Bar-B-Q \$30.00 \$ _____

Saturday, June 25

- *Saturday Lunch \$30.00 \$ _____
- *Saturday Banquet \$55.00 \$ _____

Sunday, June 26

- *Pond Tour & Box Lunch \$45.00 \$ _____

***Tradeshow is Free to All!**

Please indicate here if you require a vegetarian banquet meal and how many
Single Event total \$ _____

Money Saving Offers Take

Advantage of One or Both of These

Early Bird Registration:

Sign up for Package I or II on or before April 1, 2005 and save \$30 single, or \$50 couple.

First Time Special:

If you have never attended an AKCA Seminar, take an additional \$30 single, or \$50 couple off on your Package I or Package II cost.

Payment Information

Payment by check or credit card (VISA or Master Card) must accompany registration form. Cancellations must be received in writing on or before June 1, 2005 to be refundable.

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The Middle Georgia Water Garden Club is recruiting sponsors for our pond display at the Macon Cherry Blossom Festival.

Since we are a small club, and new as well, we are taking this opportunity to spread the word about koi keeping and the various organizations around Georgia that help support and promote our wonderful hobby.

The Macon Cherry Blossom Festival has an annual attendance of about 200,00 people. The Cherry Treasures building, in Central City Park, where our display has exclusive center stage exposure, will have at least half that many people walking through. Our business sponsors from last year have enthusiastically returned to participate in this grand community event.

As you probably know, Atlanta's "reach" extends all the way down here to Macon. It has become

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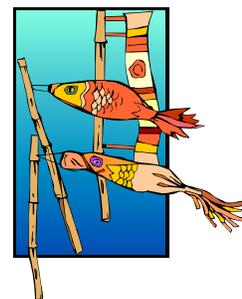
So, why is it we have a koi show? “splain” it to me....

We often see big events like our koi show as a pain in the brain to produce or just a whole lot of work for some folks to show koi If you read the Internet chat rooms on koi keeping you'll find out a lot more. I have copied the following letter for Koivet's bulletin board on January 7, 2005. I removed the name of the person posting — except to say he was from South Carolina.

Well, this is certainly a timely thread for me. My wife just asks me this morning; what is the next level I was going to take in my relationship with the fish? This is getting bad!

As I look back at where we started 18 months ago when I first learned what a koi was. We got koi because the installer I hired to put us in a water garden with a waterfall and 30' stream mentioned that I could put fish in the pond. So what levels have we gone through?

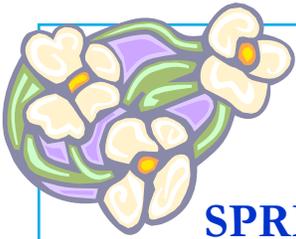
We have 15 koi and 3 goldfish
Attended 3 koi shows and 2 pond tours
Raised 3 baby koi and 2 goldfish by accident
Learned scrape and scope in Atlanta Koi Show (purchased scope)
Converted 23 x 23 storage shed into “Koi House” (power & water & heat)
Established 300 gal QT last June (in koi house)
Established 1000 gal Winter Pond last October (in koi house)
Entered koi in Charlotte Show



So, what's next?
Meeting Tuesday with Brady to plan serious koi pond (will keep water garden)
Filling new pond with show quality koi
Would like to try to raise some quality baby fry (for personal use only)
Maybe draining my 1 acre pond and filling it with the culls with color

Michael Anderson mentioned the part this and other message boards play in the growth of this hobby. The boards have certainly helped me. Along with current information and help guides I have found literature to buy and subscribe to and web sties to purchase supplies from. I guess you could say the internet itself has and will help this hobby grow. In fact, I think the hobby is about to boom.

..... Get it? We have a show so folks can learn about koi keeping. This bulletin board poster thinks it is worth the effort. Way to go Vicki & Erik !!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THE GREAT POND TOURS OF 2005

SPRING- MAY 21 & 22 (the weekend following the AKC meeting)

Be sure to check on the date for our May club meeting ... Decision at February meeting.

SUMMER- AUGUST 6 & 7 (the weekend prior to the AKC meeting)

Includes Night Tour

We need more ponds for the tours. You can pick either tour or both. If you choose the summer tour you don't have to do the night tour. The night tour is for ponds/yards that are lit up at night to make them of interest.

Spring Tour- this is great for yards which have early blooming plants or are very sunny.

Hours: Sat 9 am-6 pm, Sun 10 am-6 pm.

Summer Tour- a perfect tour for those who have tropicals, night bloomers or a cooler shaded yard.

Hours : 9 am-6 pm night 8 pm-10 pm Sun 10 am-6 pm.

If you have a variety of plants, then you might want to choose both tours!

AND HOW ABOUT THOSE FISH!

Aren't you just itching to show off you gorgeous koi and beautiful pond? Let Atlanta see what you've done. Just wait till all those compliments start rolling in. People will drive from miles around to see your fine handy work.

SUPPORT THE AKC!

You don't have to buy raffle tickets. You don't have to prepare food for 50 or more. You don't have to catch and bag your fish to transport somewhere else.

You don't even have to leave the comfort of your own backyard! Just sit back with a tall cool drink and let the people come to you.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

Just for putting your pond on *THE GREAT POND TOURS OF 2005* you will receive a free gift! Our thanks for your support. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Act now!

Phone or email

Vicki Knill

770-424-0622

or

Dragonkoi2@cs.com

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Make check payable to AKCA or fill out below for credit card payment:

Check one: VISA _____ MasterCard _____

Expiration Date: _____

Account No.: _____

Signature: _____

Total Payment

Package I or II: + \$ _____

Early Bird Discount - \$ _____

First Time Discount - \$ _____

Single Events total + \$ _____

Total Submitted = \$ _____

Questions? Call or E-Mail Doug Dahl, 714-731-5610,

judgedahl@hotmail.com or Barbara Collier, 918-836-1065, colliertulsa@aol.com

Mail Form & Payment to: AKCA, PO Box 3345, Orange, CA 92857-0345

Make checks payable to: "AKCA" or register on line at www.akca.org

Grab some Koi Show Awards!!! Michael Anderson

In this hobby we want as many Exhibitors as possible to have the fun and excitement of taking home awards! To accomplish this important goal, the hobby uses a "Move Up" procedure. The principle is that an Exhibitor should take home only the highest-level award a given koi earns at the show. As a koi moves higher in the award ranking, it leaves behind an award in order to receive a higher level award. In the example below, there are almost 300 different awards. Add in the special awards and the total goes to over 300! Be sure to get your share at our September koi show!!!

<u>Qty of Awards.</u>	<u>Award Title</u>
1	Grand Champion
1	Reserve Champion
2	Young Champion and Mature Champion
6	Best in Size (assuming 6 sizes in the show)
15	Best in Class (assuming 15 classes in the show)
90	First Place in each combination of Class and Size
90	Second Place in each combination of Class and Size
<u>90</u>	Third Place in each combination of Class and Size
295	Plus special awards and the total goes over 300!!!



The Southeastern Flower Show — March 2-6, 2005 at the Georgia World Congress Center

For more information please check this URL <http://www.flowershow.org/>

The Central Florida Koi Show March 11-13 2005

The All Florida Koi Show no longer exists. In its place, the 5 clubs of the Orlando/Central Florida region have pulled together to continue having a Koi show in the Orlando area. We have been able to secure the same time frame and same location as the previous shows, so this transition should go very smooth for those attending.

This new show will have its main focus on Koi and Koi keeping. The core group of this new show comes from the newly formed ZNA Southern Koi Association (ZNA SKA) club and the other four Central Florida area Koi clubs. Although ZNA SKA is a club by itself, the majority of its members are also members of one or more of the other area Koi clubs and several members from other countries. This also means that the core group that put on the old All Florida Show are the same people organizing and putting on the new CFKS show. Our expectations and goals for the new CFKS are to be just as big or a bigger show, but more concentrated on Koi and Koi keeping.

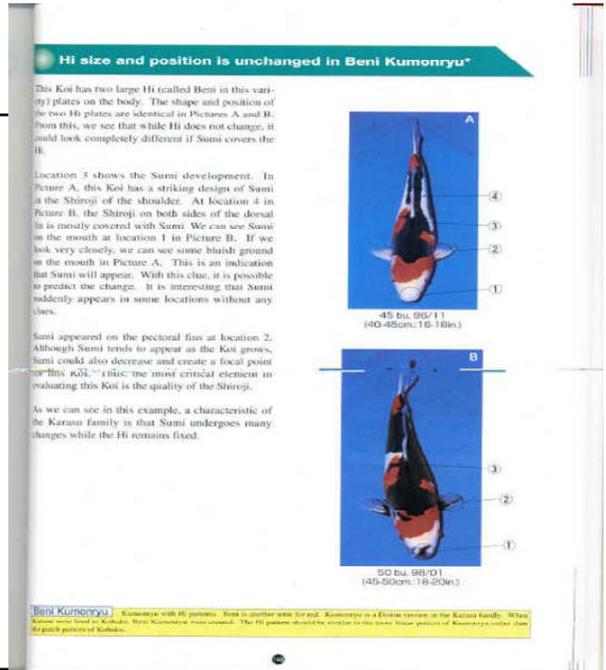
This show is being presented by the five clubs of Central Florida as a collective effort but with the involvement of ZNA SKA as a core foundation. In presenting the show in this manner, we hope to bring in some of the ideals and values of ZNA, while still being an AKCA show. The harmony of ZNA and AKCA has a long history and the two share very similar views when it comes to Koi. We expect there will be no differences in the judging criteria and most categories for Koi show entries. This is strictly a hobbyist Koi show and as such, vendors will not be allowed to compete against hobbyists. There may be a separate division for vendors if enough interest is shown.

For more information please check this URL <http://www.cfks.org/>



Kokugyo Volume 2 - Nishikigoi Development

Kokugyo is the title given to Koi that won Best in Size at the All Japan Combined Nishikigoi Show. The term can also be used to mean Nishikigoi themselves. In the over 190 page book, Mamoru Kodama provides a detailed explanation of why Nishikigoi change, how they change, and why it is important to study that change. Over half of Kokugyo II analyzes gosanke. Included are definitions of Japanese vocabulary at the bottom of the pages with an index at the back. Borrowing this book requires a \$100 deposit.



What Kind (variety) of Koi Am I?

I am the most popular fish variety in Japan.

I may be wagoi (scaled) or doitsu (scale less).

I have two colors. I am a white (shiroji) fish with red (hi) markings.

The white on my body is supposed to be snowy white — with a pearly sheen.

The red can cover 50—70% of my body. All of the red must be the same shade.

Many Japanese koi lovers prefer an orangey red, while the bright, cherry red is more popular in the US.

What variety am I?

- A) Sanke
- B) Showa
- C) Hi Bekko
- D) Kohaku

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commonplace for people in both Macon and Atlanta to travel the relatively short distance for little more than lunch, shopping, or a business meeting. Point in case, we have become members of the Atlanta Koi Club and attend meetings just as regularly as our own meetings.

This year, our display has grown and we need a little more help from community organizations and businesses. Those generous sponsors will enjoy direct exposure of their business or organization to the throngs of pedestrian traffic that will slowly pass by our pond and tea house display.

Please let me know your decision by Feb. 20, 2005. You can contact me several ways:

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Fax: 478-825-0505

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103 Edge Point Place

Byron, GA. 31008





January 2005 Board Meeting Minutes Vicki Knill

The club president David Boyd called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the last Executive meeting were approved.

Club Librarian Jane Lu mentioned the Koi Kichi books recommended in the newsletter are not yet in the Library.

Doug Tatz suggested if we have another koi growing contest we might need to get fish as soon as possible, maybe in April at the auction or, in May. It was decided that we need to find out what Vicki Vaughan can do. It was also discussed that the rules of the contest be published to prevent misunderstandings.

The April 10th meeting would be used to finish off details for the Koi Auction which would be held either April 16 or 23. A discussion followed whether we should allow dealers to bring fish to the auction. The result was that we would keep the auction for non-dealer members only as it has always been a way for members to manage their koi population and at the same time view koi that other members have to offer. We value the participation of our vendors at our events therefore we will continue to avail certain monthly meetings where a vendor may participate by bringing koi for sale.

Jerry Hord stated if we wanted to return the Koi Show to the same venue as last year he could arrange better lighting and a larger area if needed. There was further discussion as to if we would have this year's show indoors or outside as it costs roughly the same to rent a tent as it did for the building. Natural outdoor light is preferred for judging koi but we are at risk of the weather. The dates and location needs to be determined soon so that we can proceed with advertising.

A possibility of having Goldfish judging added to the show agenda was brought up. After discussion it was decided that we would first need to investigate the pros and cons of such a venture before deciding.

Charlie Atwell suggested the budget for this year's meetings, speakers and refreshments be set at \$3400.00 for the year. All meeting locations and speakers are not firmed up at this time. A number of raffle items have already been secured for future meetings. The number of items at a meeting would be at least 4 but would not exceed 10.

David Marier announced the budget to maintain the clubs website is \$30.00 per month.

Vicki Knill stated she would be meeting with the same printer used to produce last year's pond tour books. The printer would not be able to repeat the amazing deal we got last year therefore we will need to increase the number of ads in the book to meet the printing costs. The goal again this year is to obtain enough advertisers to cover the costs of the books and the pond owner gifts.

Robin Scott informed us that the SE Flower show is scheduled for Wednesday March 2 - Sunday March 6. Jerry Hord has offered to create a display with the backing of his employer, Valley Crest Landscape Development. The club would need to build the display using the volunteer help of the members. Set up would need to start Friday Feb 25 to have it built in time. Break down following, is Monday March 7. Volunteers are also needed to man the display, speaking to the public about koi and pond maintenance. Persons volunteering during the show hours would be given passes to get into the show. Persons who are interested in volunteering should contact the club's volunteer co-ordinator Ray Brock at 770-469-5361 or email, broc2236@bellsouth.net

Susan Brown mentioned a problem with the date for the May meeting. The club meetings are always held on the second Sunday of the month but Mother's Day is always the second Sunday in May. As members would not likely want to attend a meeting on such an auspicious occasion it was felt we might need to change the

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Membership

Susan Brown



Please welcome the following new members into the club

Jon Margolis and Emily Sanders,
Rob Tackitt,

Dave and Brenda Ely,
Sarah Worthington,

Ralph Kayser,
Cozart Smith,

and Buryl Roe.

ATTENTION: For all members that have not already paid dues.

Dues are Past Due!!!

Out of 143 members 71 members have paid their dues for 2005. Everyone else please mail me your renewal or give it to me at the February meeting. Reminder, February is the deadline for you to remain on the active list.

If you have any changes in your address etc., notify me and submit with your check made payable to AKC. Send to: Susan G. Brown, 191 Kings Row, Marietta, GA 30067. Thanks!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

"Dedicated to Sharing the Joy of Keeping Koi"



Date: _____

Type of Membership: **Household:** \$50 for 1 Yr. _____; \$90 for 2 Yrs. _____
(Check One) **Individual:** \$30 for 1 Yr. _____; \$54 for 2 Yrs. _____
Sponsor: \$150 for 1 Yr. _____

Other: KOI USA Magazine Subscription: \$20 for 1 Yr. _____
Name Badges: \$10 for each. _____
*ZNA International Koi Club: \$100 for 1 Yr. _____

Names: _____ & _____
 First First Last Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____ Best Email: _____

AKC is a volunteer organization. We need as much help and support as you can provide, no matter how insignificant. Which of the following areas interest you?

Host Meeting ____, Pond Tour ____, Auction ____, Koi Show ____, Hold Office ____

To save money, we provide our newsletter in color via email several days earlier than mailed copies. 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.

Please make checks payable to **Atlanta Koi Club** and submit with application to: Susan G. Brown, 191 Kings Row, Marietta, GA 30067.

* Zen Nippon Airinkai (ZNA) is an international organization dedicated to the koi keeping hobby. Members receive the Nichirin magazine. Membership runs May through April of each year. There is no prorating of dues. Full dues are always paid.