

Executive Meeting

The Executives devoted the meeting to discussing any changes to be made with the membership survey. The survey is expected to be available to the members in May



Club Raffle

"April showers bring May flowers." At the May meeting the raffle will have plenty of planters of various styles. Decorate your patio, yard or pond. Don't forget to bring your **cash** to buy some tickets because we don't take American Express.

Stanley here is looking for a new home, he likes the sun and only asks for a drink of water now and then. His new "do" is expected to grow out long and wild.

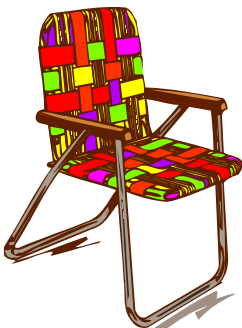
Morris & Robin Smith's Koi Journey

We became interested in koi ponds when we decided we wanted to create a garden in our backyard. At that time it was grass with a couple of trees. We visited the Southeastern Flower show that year and met Susan Wise at the AKC booth. We talked with Susan for 20 to 30 minutes. She explained what was involved. After talking with her we were hooked. We started buying books and searching the web for information. Shortly after we were pumping water. We joined the club after that. Looking back it would have been wiser to join the club, ask for advice from the experienced ponders, and then build our pond.



May Meeting Program and Special Event!

Vicki Vaughan will be the speaker. She will talk about Israeli koi, and explain the difference between various KHV studies. She will also bring about 200 small koi for sale. Now's the time to stock up.



**Don't forget
To bring
your lawn
chairs !!**



44 pound bag of Azoo Growth Formula (6mm pellets) koi food - \$50.00

Contact David Pugh or David Boyd - Doubledavid@aol.com

or 770.937.0864

A Pond Screening

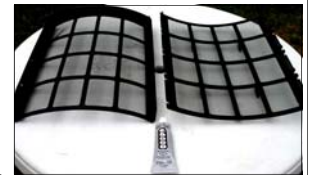
No this is not about a photo shoot for a magazine or a HGTV show. This is about a use of screen cloth. On our pond we have a Savio skimmer. The skimmer has a removable cage in the back chamber containing a matting pad. The matting pad will catch finer particles than the leaf basket in the front chamber. While the matting might be a media for some bacteria growth, it is not large enough to be considered as part of the overall bio conversion of ammonia to nitrite to nitrate. OK, so what's the problem? Matting, any matting, is a pain to clean. Granted it is not nearly as bad as sheets of foam, but it's still matting.

I made a modification to the skimmer's removable cage making it much easier to clean. I replaced the matting pad with two sheets of fiberglass screen cloth. Yes, that's screen cloth you purchased at your local DIY store to repair the screen door the dog ran through, again. I purchased the smallest roll of screen cloth I could find also purchased a 3.7 ounce tube of E6000 adhesive at a local craft store.



Steps:

1. Take the skimmer's matting pad cage out of the skimmer. Separate the two halves. Set aside the matting pad. Thoroughly clean both halves of the cage so that the adhesive can adhere properly. Set the cage aside to dry.
2. Cut two rectangles of fiberglass screen cloth that are each 13.75"x18.75".
3. After the cage is dry, test fit a sheet of sheeting on the INSIDE of each half of the cage. Trim as needed.
4. On the inside of both halves of the cage, apply a small bead (around 1/8" wide) of E6000 on all the rails and stiles.
5. Carefully insert one piece of screening on the inside of each half of the cage. Gently press the screen into the bead of E600 and smooth out the bead. Let the E6000 cure overnight. The next day assemble the two halves of the cage and insert it into the skimmer.



To clean the screens, remove the cage (notice how much lighter it is!). Use a hose at 45 degree angle and spray off the front and back. Turn the cage upside down and spray both side again. It is ready for another duty cycle. Gee, wasn't that an easier cleaning cycle than messing with that matting pad? I thought so also.

Michael Anderson

SALE!

Annual Fish Auction & Plant Sale

Come one, come all to the Koi Auction and Plant/Equipment Sale Saturday June 3rd 2006. Auction starts at 11am with an Overflow Sale after the Auction.



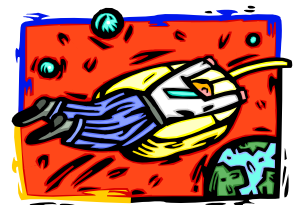
It will be at Coastal Pond Supply, 2101 Tucker Industrial Road, Tucker, GA 30084

Details and registration forms can be found online at www.atlantakoiclub.org and will also be available at the May meeting. We are going to need several volunteers to make the auction run as smoothly as possible, so, be on the lookout for volunteer sign-up sheets at the next meeting. Questions? Email auction@atlantakoiclub.org.

Roaring Mouse in Cyber Space

http://japanese-cool.co.uk/japanese_cooler_008.htm

This is the neatest web-site. It's in England. Their artwork is breathtaking. The URL in this article is the page with koi art. Remember that prices are in Pounds Sterling ... but if you use a currency conversion chart on <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>, you can figure out how much this costs. The credit cards all have no problems doing international transactions..... You might enjoy something this exciting... Grab that mouse and ROAR!



This beautiful Koi Slate is approximately 24 inches tall and koi inlay is about 15 inches tall. Koi depicted is one of the most famous Grand Champion Koi ever grown. The Dianichi Showa is the only koi to ever win both the ZNA and the Combined All Japan Shows. Slate's estimated value is \$2,000.

Peter Enfield has made another extremely generous donation of one of his custom made koi slates to the AKCA PROJECT KHV. Peter and his wife Silvia live in Oregon and are avid koi hobbyists. Peter is well known for his beautiful and unique pieces of koi art. Peter starts with a photograph of a Grand Champion Koi to create his glass patterns. He takes a beautiful piece of gray slate and carves out the powerful koi shape. Next he takes special fusible stained glass and cuts it into the koi's unique patterns. The pieces of cut glass are put together like a jigsaw puzzle and then fired in a special glass kiln to fuse it into a solid glass koi. Then the fused glass koi is fitted into the indentation in the prepared piece of slate to create an extraordinarily beautiful and unique piece of koi art.



Unlike our perishable pets, Peter's koi art is timeless. His koi colors will never fade. The vibrant reds, porcelain whites, and shiny ebony blacks are perfect. Peter creates the beautiful image of Grand Champion koi floating on the surface of a deep dark crystal clear pond.

Many koi hobbyists have been trying to obtain one of Peter's koi/slate art pieces for years, however; Peter does not sell his creations. One way to get Peter's koi slates are to win the Annual AKCA Bob Spindola, Champion of Champions, Award. This award and accompanying piece of Peter's koi art is given to the top Koi chosen from photos of all the Grand Champion Koi winners at Koi shows in the USA. Not an easy thing to accomplish. You might also get one of Peter's koi slates at a special auction at events like the annual AKCA National Seminar. For many of you this could be your best opportunity to own one of Peter's unique pieces of koi art and help the AKCA PROJECT KHV at the same time.

Once the auction is concluded a check payable in \$US to AKCA PROJECT KHV must be sent to AKCA PROJECT KHV, 15514 Elm Park, San Antonio, Texas 78247 and received within five business days. If it is not received on time, the 1st place bidder will default and the 2nd place bidder will be contacted and notified that they have won the auction.

<http://www.akcaprojectkhv.org/index.htm>

It's Almost Time for Koi Across Niagara Excitement in the Water!

Have you made your reservations for The 25th AKCA Seminar? Better hurry. The Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club has done so much work. AKC members have no problem understanding just exactly what that means. Well, they've done the work and now it's time to invite the world to enjoy the fruits of the labor. www.nfkpc.com

Thursday Buffalo Architectural Tour: This tour will focus on the city of Buffalo, including designs of [HH Richardson](#), [Louis Sullivan](#), and [Frank Lloyd Wright](#). One featured structure will be the [Darwin D. Martin house complex](#), the most extensive [Prairie house](#) designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Lunch will be at the [Pearl Street Grill & Brewery](#). Forest Lawn cemetery, designed by [Charles E. Clarke](#) will be featured, which will include the [Sky Mausoleum](#), the only Frank Lloyd Wright designed memorial open to the public.

Thursday Niagara Falls Tour: This tour will showcase the mighty Niagara, one of the "[7 wonders of the world](#)", from the American side. Participants will be afforded a view of the [Whirlpool rapids](#), the Niagara river, the marooned barge, etc. Additionally participants will "[get up front and personal](#)" with the falls, as they ride on the [Maid of the Mist boat](#). This will literally take participants to the foot of the falls, where they will be able to appreciate first hand, all of its might! (rainwear will be provided). **Passports are required for all US/Canadian border crossings**, so be sure to bring your passport, if you plan to visit Canada!



Sunday Pond Tour: Our pond tour will include 6 ponds, 3 located North of the city of Buffalo, and 3 located South of the city. For lunch, we will stop at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, one of only 2 of the large Lord and Burnham conservatories in the United States, and the only one located in an Olmstead park!

Wet Lab: Our wet lab will offer one half day of instruction in handling fish, anesthesia, skin scrapes/gill snips and other diagnostic procedures, injections, blood draws, etc. Experienced instructors will take the students through the entire process starting with anesthesia and ending with reintroduction into the pond or quarantine facility. You won't want to miss attending this lab!





AKC & ZNA DUES ARE WAY PAST DUE!

I would like to welcome Bart and Kathy Atkinson to Atlanta Koi Club and ZNA. We are looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting or event. I would also like to welcome new members Ken and Marilyn Rose. Also we would like to welcome the following new sponsors to our Club Alita Industries, Inc. Aquaculture Systems Technologies, LLC, and Atlanta Koi Garden, Inc. Look for their advertisements in this newsletter and on our web site. Thank you all for your support.

The April meeting was held at Mike & Sheryl Hutson's lovely home and garden. Everyone had a wonderful time and went home with new and beautiful plants. 26 members and 4 guests were in attendance. We now have a total of 141 active members and 6 sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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www.AtlantaKoiClub.org



Date: _____ Check No.: _____ Check Amount: _____

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

Other: Sponsor: \$150 for 1 Yr. _____
KOI USA Magazine Subscription: \$20 for 1 Yr. _____
*Name Badges: \$5 each. _____
**ZNA International Koi Club: \$100 for 1 Yr. _____

Names: _____ & _____
 First Last First 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. In which of the following areas can you help?

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

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.

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

* Please consider buying **Name Badges**. For only \$5, you will get to know and be known by everyone and also receive a free raffle ticket every time you wear your badge to a Club Meeting.

** 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.

May 21, 2006 Meeting @ Morris & Robin Smith's.
Executive Meeting begins at 1 p.m. Members meet at 2 p.m.

The driving directions to this meeting are in the letter you received announcing the newsletter was up on the web. We are trying to protect the privacy of our members.

Events Calendar

June 3, 2006 — Annual Koi and Pond Equipment Auction — Coastal Pond Supply, Tucker

June 11, 2006 — Hal & Susan Brown, Marietta SUMMER SOCIAL — Special Display

July 9, 2006 — Bill & Lynn Dowden, Tucker — Sean Williams — Atlanta Bonsai Society — bonsai sale/or raffle

August 13, 2006 — Drew & Marier, Lawrenceville — Carl Forss — Keirin Koi — Fish sale



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