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KHA CLASS STARTING - \$100 REGISTRATION FEE ELIMINATED



Some say they joined a Koi club to be better keepers of their Koi babies. They even give the babies names. We name dogs, cats, and horses, but fish? OK, Koi fish, too. Some want to build a pond and do it right the first time or remodel and get it right the second time. I told everyone I was just too old, too poor, and too lazy to want to build something two or three times to get it right one time so I joined a Koi club in California.

Some have a need to do their best at whatever they do, and being involved in the AKCA programs and local Koi club functions put them in a position to learn more than the average hobbyist ever dreams of. It's about our Koi's health, our ponds, learning to do it right, being the best at what we do, making friends, supporting our clubs, and finding that doing all this turns out to be fun. We would not put this much effort into something otherwise. In life we work hardest at that which is the most enjoyable and gives us pleasure. Being able to give good advice, help someone find a solution, winning some recognition at a show or pond tour, or helping solve a Koi health problem lets us feel the pride. Pride, self satisfaction in doing well, and a sense of helping, being valuable, and being needed is our reward for having fun within this wonderful hobby.

While many participate in our Koi and/or water garden hobby there are, unfortunately, those who are missing out on some of the potential satisfaction of being fully involved in helping themselves and helping others. Part of the mission of most of our clubs is to promote good Koi husbandry and/or to show our Koi. We can not show Koi if they are not healthy. We can not even maintain them very long in the back yard pond if we do not learn to keep them healthy. We all need to understand good Koi husbandry. The AKCA invests a great deal of time and money to develop, maintain, and continually update and improve the Koi Health Advisor (KHA) Program so many KHAs can give back to their hobby by sharing what they have learned. The KHA program is wasted if not taken advantage of. Are you missing out on the self satisfaction of learning to be a better Koi keeper both for the good of your own Koi and for the satisfaction of being able to help others do what we do – promote good Koi husbandry, our hobby, and our clubs? KHAs are not geniuses that know everything but are part of a dedicated group that has highly qualified teachers, mentors, and veterinarians they can call on. Individually each KHA is one, but working together they are over a hundred trained people sharing their experiences and knowledge to help each other find the right answers.

Over the past 8 years since the KHA program has been in existence some of the old timers who were the first KHAs have retired and are no longer involved. It is time for some of the newer members of AKCA affiliated clubs to get involved and join the KHA program to continue the tradition of sharing the knowledge. That may be you. Classes are soon to start so a decision needs to be made now whether you are going to get involved or sit on the sidelines, be a watcher or enjoy being a player. Help yourself, your club, and fellow members promote good Koi husbandry as you join me in feeling good while having fun and sharing the pride.

The AKCA-KHA Committee has reconsidered the KHA class \$100 registration fee and eliminated it. With a goal of improving good Koi health husbandry it is more important to continue to help educate our members to keep abreast of ever improving knowledge. This is accomplished in a number of ways including KHA Certification, KHA Continuing Education, and articles in our magazine, KOI USA. Membership in any AKCA affiliated Club and a two year subscription to KOI USA is now the only basic requirement to take the class. The \$100 registration fee is gone. This is in keeping with our focus on education and promoting the hobby. To promote the hobby we must first promote you.

The classes are all on line at your own pace except for the hands on lab which will be held at the AKCA Seminar in Nashville, TN, May 19-20, 2010. Classes start at your convenience anytime from July 1 through November. An early application allows you more time and greater assurance of a seat.

Interested? E-mail Tim Czech, KHA Class Coordinator at 65blcc@gis.net and ask for an application and particulars. If you have questions, I am khajerry@yahoo.com. Since you are already involved, take the next step. We need YOU!

Jerold Kyle, KHA



Jim & Mary have a quiet retreat.



Mary & Donna have an ever-changing landscape!



Billy & Brenda have a tropical plants & Asian decor.



Harvey's waterfall is spectacular!



Bill, Peggy, & Marilyn have a breathtaking view of Mt. Peggy and the fish.



Pond Tour '09

Thanks Gloria for being the Tour Sponsor!!



Deepak & Priya have just started on their koi journey! Good luck!

Celebrating our 15th Koi Show!



**ATLANTA
Koi CLUB**

September 18-20, 2009

Coastal Pond Supply
2101 Tucker Industrial Road
Tucker, GA 30083

Koi and Goldfish	Show Times:
Vendors	9 AM-5 PM / Saturday
Pond Dry Goods	Showing Koi, 9 AM-2 PM / Sunday
Vendors	Long-fins (butterfly) and Goldfish

No Admission Charged

The show committee has been hard at work trying to make this the BEST show yet! Now that we have much of the planning done, we are turning to you, the members of the Atlanta Koi Club, for some suggestions and help! You can email your reply to doubledavid@aol.com – in the subject line please put Koi Show or something like that so I can find your email if it goes to spam or find one of the co-chairpersons at the July meeting. We have to place a July deadline on responses so that we can finalize the plans. This is your chance to have a say in the show without having to be on the committee.

Website

All show materials have been posted to the website. We hope you have already checked them out or will do so.

Vendors

We still need a few dry vendors. If you know of someone that is interested in a space, please refer them to Peggy Fricke or have them contact the show committee at vendors@atlantakoiclub.org.

Cost Control

One of the major costs encountered by the show is when we give each volunteer a t-shirt. The cost of a custom t-shirt is now exceeding \$12.50. One idea we are discussing is to offer members that show up for the set-up or volunteer a t-shirt at a huge discount (\$7.50, your cost \$5.00).

While this does not totally cover the cost, it makes a dent in the overall outlay. We typically buy 12 dozen shirts to obtain a quantity discount. In the past 60 – 70 shirts have been given to volunteers this means a potential savings of \$350 to the overall budget. What are your thoughts?

Banquet

The caterer we have used the past two years has closed up shop and we had to find a new one. We have found one and will be able to offer great food once again at the banquet. We are looking for ideas to get more club members to attend this year. Tickets are typically \$35 per person which covers the cost of the food and rental of the facility. If members were offered a discount would you be more likely to attend? What amount would make this offer appealing? Is there anything we can do to get more club members to attend?

Friday Night Vendor Appreciation Party

Many questions here! As a member is you aware we have this party on the Friday night before the show? We have food, beverages (wine, beer, sodas, water, etc.), and offer you the opportunity to shop during the party? This is also a great chance to talk with the show's judges in a relaxed atmosphere. Did you know that if you buy a fish you can enter it into the show for a small fee or free if you have a tank reserved? Would you assist by supplying either a side dish or dessert (should feed 12 – 20) for this event? We have the entrees covered.

Finally, thanks in advance to all who respond and all that help us in our quest to make this year's show a celebration of the club's 20th Anniversary and our 15th Anniversary of hosting a show. We look forward to your suggestions on these topics or any other topics we may not have thought to include!

Your show committee:
Toni Anderson
Peggy Fricke
Vicki Knill
David Pugh





Membership

Robin Scott

The June meeting was our summer social, held at the Loudermilk's house. Lots of great food, a beautiful pond, house and yard. We had a ton of members and guests present.

Please join me in welcoming Bob and Sue Chaffer & Tom and Karen Worthington, our newest members to the club, and look for them at our next meeting.

AKC's total membership is currently at 145 members plus 7 Sponsors.

Hope to see everyone next month, July 12th at Chuck and Heddy Hamann's.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

"Dedicated to Sharing the Joy of Keeping Koi"

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. _____
	Sponsor:	\$150 for 1 Yr. _____	

Other: KOI USA Magazine Subscription: \$20 for 1 Yr. _____
 *Name Badges: \$5 each. _____

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:
Robin Scott, 4331 Filppen Trail, Norcross, GA 30092.

* 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.

July Meeting — Home of Chuck & Heddy Hamann
Sunday, 12 July 2009 Officers meet @ 1 Members meet @ 2

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To find the address and directions, please refer to the e-mail which announced the newsletter.



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