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Well, I think Spring is in the air...well sort of. The temperatures rise up, then dip back down, and so on. I'm looking forward to some weekends ahead that are warm and inviting, allowing me to get back out in the yard for a little fun working on the pond and grooming the yard a little...okay a lot. Oh wait, is that fun???? I think it is, but my back might say something a little different. :) I certainly am looking forward to some activity from my koi!

First, some **thank you's** are in order! Appreciation to Vicki Knill for putting together a great Valentine's Day Meeting at Hastings Nature and Garden Center...and for taking pictures of couples and providing beautiful frames to put the photos in. Also, thanks to Julie Melancon and a few others for not only pulling together the 'eats' for the day, but also kicking off with some good raffle prizes! I always enjoy the raffles! Vicki arranged a great speaker for us, too. Mark Dunaway, a Horticulturalist from Ed Castro Landscape shared some insights about which plants/bushes are safe to plant near your ponds. I learned a few things myself!

Big Congratulations to Bill and Peggy Fricke and Marilyn Carrol for being voted as our Koi Persons of the Year for 2009. Bill, Peggy, and Marilyn have been a huge asset to the AKC! Bill is currently Equipment Manager, and Peggy has been instrumental in securing volunteers and vendors at several past Koi Shows and events. Marilyn has organized and run the store as well as helped with registration for the Auction. Peggy and Marilyn process and produce the printed newsletter to folks who don't have internet access. Together, they reach out to club members on a regular basis looking for volunteers to staff our events, certainly no easy task. Bill, Peggy and Marilyn will be presented with their much deserved award at the AKCA Seminar in Nashville, May 21-23.

A few things...I look forward to seeing everyone at Splendor Koi for our March Meeting. Always an enjoyable setting! Please put the **Middle Georgia Koi Show on your agenda over the dates of April 9-11 in Perry, GA. It's a very quick drive.** For details, go to



To make plans for the upcoming Seminar go to www.akca.org

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Koi Shows and Events



The Middle Georgia Koi Society is having our second Koi & Goldfish Show . The show dates are **April 9-11 2010**. We hope to have some of our Atlanta friends come down and show their beautiful koi and goldfish. The show will be indoors at the Perry fair-grounds with the Home Builders Show and the Master Gardener's Show in adjacent buildings the same weekend. Plenty to come see while at the show. Please come support us and make our second show a great success.

www.middlegakoisociety.com

AKC CALENDAR 2010



The currently planned meetings and events are:

14 March— Splendor Koi & Pond

April meeting moved to May 1

May 1— Annual Auction

16 May — Flat Rock Koi

13 June — Summer Social

11 July—Atlanta Koi Garden, Inc.

8 August—

12 September -Koi Show work day

17-19 September — Koi Show

10 October— David Pugh, David Boyd

14 November — Winter Social

**To sign up to host a meeting ...
contact Vicki Knill at**

Nashville, TN

AKCA 2010 Seminar
May 19-23, 2010

Millennium Maxwell House Hotel
2025 Rosa Parks Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37219
615-259-4343

Great Tours:
Opry Mills
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Host Club: Koi Club of Middle-TN - KCMT.net - www.flatrockkoi.com

General Jackson Showboat

The 10th annual Koi Health Seminar will be held in Athens Georgia March 26th-28th, 2010.

Seminar topics:

Parasite identification and treatments
Microscopic techniques
Water quality and treatments
Bacterial evaluation and management
Culture and sensitivity
Antibiotic classification and applications
Viral evaluation and management
Fecal exam and parasite management
Surgical techniques
Necropsy and sampling techniques
Quarantine procedures

Pond design and construction techniques
Chemotherapeutic agents and their proper applications
Koi nomenclature and breeding

All course materials are included. Registration and information available online at www.koihealthseminar.com

Early registration is suggested. For more information contact Vicki Vaughan at 706-247-6274 or vicki@flatrockkoi.com





DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE... THE³ RAFFLES HAVE BEEN REVIVED... AND YOU GET ONE FREE TICKET FOR WEARING YOUR BADGE... OTHER TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED FOR \$1 EACH.



- Don't start feeding your fish until the WATER temperature settles in at above 50 degrees.
- Watch all of your fish for signs of parasites. Extreme winter weather has compromised some of their immunity and they may become more vulnerable to infection.
- Be sure to limit feeding until the filter system has time to catch up with bacteria.
- Check for AMMONIA and do water changes as necessary.
- Keep your pond clean. Fish deserve a clean place to live.
- Clear water IS NOT ALWAYS GOOD QUALITY WATER...keep checking the water parameters.



Koi USA, Heads Up!

All Koi USA subscribers please be aware you must request the club member \$20 subscription price for AKCA club members each time you subscribe or renew your subscription to KOI USA.

PCS, the subscription service AKCA hired, groups subscribers into groups based on how they subscribed last. So, if you subscribed at the full rate of \$24.95 then the renewal invoice you receive at the end of that subscription will show that amount, even though you have joined an AKCA member club. Simply list the AKCA member club you belong to and send a check for the \$20 club member rate subscription for 1 year or \$36 club member rate for 2 years.

The 2010 AKCA Seminar will be held in May in Nashville, TN. This provides members of our club with the opportunity to attend a Seminar within a 5 hour driving distance.

This also give our members a chance to cheer on our Koi Persons of the Year when they receive their Certificate at the banquet. Congratulations to Bill & Peggy Fricke and Marilyn Carroll! Don't miss this chance do Music City, and do Atlanta Koi Club proud.

Michael Anderson
AKCA Director

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www.MiddleGAKoiSociety.com.

Also, please keep the Hatfield and Speed families in your prayers. They each have lost family members recently. Thank you.



Meeting Minutes – February 2010

Officers Present: Mike Roach Bill Fricke Vicki Knill JoANN Elmore

LOCATION: Hastings Garden Center

OLD BUSINESS:

We are still waiting for Contracts to be completed for equipment rental in 2010 by Mid-Georgia and the AKCA Show in Nashville.

The Budget was reviewed again and discussed changes in Rental, Advertising and Income.

Bill Fricke will set up a time to inventory the Trailer. Mike Roach volunteered to help Bill.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Melancon has volunteered to coordinate the raffle at the monthly meeting. Vicki Knill discussed how she handled purchasing prizes in the past and was reimbursed. After today's raffle and the income is determined, a budget will be established for future prize purchases.

Steve Castel has some changes to make to the Auction Procedures. Bill Fricke will discuss the changes with Steve. More help is needed in the bagging and pickup area.

Steve Castel will be asked to notify members of the Auction Rules and signage at the auction. Most importantly attention will be directed to not selling/buying fish outside of the auction process.

The Koi Show will be the 3rd weekend in September. All Wet Vendors have paid registration fees. Still lining up Judges and Benching. Other Vendors are being determined.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Mike Roach opened the meeting by thanking and introducing Kate Gunderson the Manager of Hastings. Kate then welcomed the members and offered the meeting room for future meetings and other Organizations to which the members may belong. A 10% discount will also be applied to any purchases made that day. Vicki Knill announced as a special Valentine day treat she and Carl would be taking couples pictures and frames were available for framing. Pick your frame and have your picture taken with your sweetie. Jan Speed has passed away and a donation has been sent to her organization of choice. Joe Hatfield's mother passed away and we offer our condolences.

The 2010 Budget was handed out and the changes were discussed. The Advertising budget was increased for the Auction and Show. The 2009 Show had a shortfall of \$1200. Rental is now being paid to Coastal for equipment storage.

Peggy Fricke proposed accepting the 2010 Budget and was seconded by Robin Scott.

The floor was opened to nominations for Koi Person(s) of the year. A blind vote named the Fricke Household to be Koi Persons of the year. Congratulations Bill, Peggy and Marilyn.

Mike introduced Mark Dunnaway, Horticulturist of Ed Castro Landscaping as our Guest Speaker. Mark did a wonderful presentation on landscaping around Koi ponds with specific attention to plants toxic to fish. Other plants were identified as hazardous to ponds because of invasive root systems.

He specified the purpose of Landscaping was to connect the earth to the sky. He began by identifying tall

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trees to use followed by understory trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses and ground covers.

Gloria Jones asked if there would be any interest in a future presentation in Landscape Lighting.

Respectfully submitted,
JoANN Elmore - Scribe

AKC Financial Statements		
For January		2010
INCOME STATEMENT		
<u>Income</u>		
3000 No category		\$13
Total Income		\$13
<u>Expenses</u>		
1300 Membership		\$20
700 Miscellaneous		435.47
Total Expenses		\$455.47
Net Income (Loss)		(\$442.47)
BALANCE SHEET		
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash in Bank		\$24,130.82
Total Assets*		24,130.82
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Total Liabilities		\$0.00
Net Worth		\$24,130.82

* not including property in inventory



Annual Koi & Goldfish Auction

The annual Koi Auction will be held on **May 1, 2010** starting at 11A.M. at Coastal Pond Supply, 2101 Tucker Industrial Road, Tucker, GA 30084.

Please see the event webpage:

<http://www.atlantakoiclub.org/Auction/2010/2010.htm>

for auction rules and seller registration forms. Seller registration is from March 15 - April 16, 2010.

For further information contact Steve Castel, chairperson.

Calloway Gardens Koi Pond Clean-up



Dave Jones, Harvey Siskin and Doug Tatz went to Calloway Gardens to do a koi rescue in the pond in the front of the conservatory. It's a 70- thousand gallon pond without filtration. Dave asked them drain the pond overnight and when we got there is was knee deep... but with 8-10 inches of muck. It hadn't been cleaned since 2003! I think we pulled out around 80 — 2 foot average— koi and nearly 2000 goldfish out of there.

The koi were put in a fountain in the conservatory. It's not filtered either, so they will have to do water changes and watch them closely, but it was the only place to put them until the big pond was cleaned.

Callaway Gardens thought they had more koi, but most of what they were seeing were the goldfish.

They kept nearly all the koi because 80 koi in that size pond is ok, but we put the goldfish in containers to be frozen for food for the raptors that they have a show for. Dave took about 100 goldfish and Harvey took about 20 of the goldfish. The idea was no more goldfish in the pond going forward. It was a lot of work, especially seining the pond with that much muck in it. Then lifting the

fish up and over the 5 foot wall of the pond. Boy am I sore today!

Callaway is going to scrape all the muck out, pressure wash it, and then refill it and put the koi back in. So it will look great when they are done.

Doug

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Thanks to Susan Brown for the great photos in this issue! We really appreciate your expertise!



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Membership

Robin Scott ⁹

Well, sounded like everyone's, at least those attending the Valentines' Day February meeting, pond made it through all the snow. We had 32 members and a few guests present at Hastings for a very interesting presentation on landscaping around your pond or yard. Also had our first drawing of the year and had some neat door prize items given away in the drawings, as well as, having really good food. As usual, if you didn't make the meeting you missed out and really need to schedule yourself to attend next month at Splendor Koi and Pond.

If you've ordered a name tag and haven't picked it up, it will be available at this month's meeting. Be sure and get yours. (I'll try not to forget to pick up the latest one I've ordered.)

2010 Dues are DUE!!!! After this month you will be past due and no longer a voting member! Please make your payment and stay current in the club. Please either send us your check or bring cash or check for your dues to the March meeting. See you there.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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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: _____ & _____
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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:

* 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.

Sunday, 14 March 2010 Meeting

Officers meet @ 1:00 P.M. Members meet @ 2:00 P.M.

Hosted by: Splendor Koi 1552 Rosewood Circle Marietta GA 30067

From I-75 North or South:

Take Exit 263 and head east toward Roswell. (120 loop) Stay on 120 until you reach Lower Roswell Road. Turn left onto Lower Roswell. Take a left at Lott Avenue. Rosewood Circle is on the right. Turn right, and Splendor Koi and Pond is on the left at 1552.

From Cobb Parkway:

Turn onto Roswell Road (near the Big Chicken) heading toward I-75. Go under I-75 and turn right onto Lower Roswell Road. Take a right at Lott Avenue. Rosewood Circle is on the right. Turn right, and Splendor Koi and Pond is on the left at 1552.

Please bring your lawn chairs.

