

# ATLANTA Koi CLUB



## Koi



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### By the Pond



Clay Melancon President

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The May meeting was a lot of fun. We had several new members attend and Vicki Knill did a great job with the club grow out. Quality Kuhaku and price were unsurpassed. I would like to personally thank her and all the members who participated in the event to make it a success.

The pond tour is going pretty much as planned, Thanks to everyone that has helped out with the planning stages and of course the folks gracious enough to show their ponds. All the information is up on the website, including the maps and tickets for purchase.

We are having a reception at Stone Forest in Kennesaw after the tour from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm for folks showing their ponds and tour participants only. So if you would like to partake in the festivities and you are not showing your pond, you can contact Melanie Onushko and volunteer to help out, [melanieo@comcast.net](mailto:melanieo@comcast.net) or 770-315-5200. Of course Julie and I will be there, so that's another great reason to sign up.

I would like to welcome our new Editor and Chief Doug Tatz, We do appreciate him taking over the editorial duties from Toni Anderson who has done a fantastic job for us in years past. Anyone wishing to turn in an article please get it to him as soon as possible for print,( Doug I promise to do better). Also, We have an opening for Club Web Master. After many years, Michael Anderson has decided to relinquish these duties, so anyone wishing to become a website designer, this is your chance.

And finely, members who purchased Goshiki from Flat Rock Koi and had them put in the mud pond to grow. We are going to have the pond pull on August 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 10:00 am until done so bring your waders slip and fall, get soaked, and get your fish.

Clay Melancon



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**Where are the Meetings in 2011? If you would be willing to host a meeting, please contact Vicki Knill.**

**12 June Summer Social— Phyllis & Mike Loudermilk**

**10 July— Chuck & Hedy Hamman**

**13 August (Saturday evening)— Wakoola Water Gardens**

**11 September (set up for Koi Show)**

**16-18 September Koi Show Coastal Pond Supply**

**9 October—Election of officers ??**

**13 November Winter Social ???**

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE...**

**THE RAFFLES HAVE BEEN REVIVED... AND YOU**

**GET ONE FREE TICKET FOR WEARING YOUR**

**BADGE... OTHER TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED**

**FOR \$1 EACH.**



**Call Joe Hatfield or Gary or JoAnn Elmore**



**We are very fortunate to have three certified KHA's in our club. These folks are willing and able to help you with questions/problems with your fish or pond.**

**[http://www.atlantakoiclub.org/KHA%20Information/kha\\_information.htm](http://www.atlantakoiclub.org/KHA%20Information/kha_information.htm)**



***Koi Show***

**September 16-18**

**New Location**

**JapanFest**

**@**

**Gwinnett Conference  
Center**

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**For the last 8 years the Atlanta Koi Club has been more than privileged to have Toni Anderson serve as newsletter editor. She is passing this job on to get a well deserved rest. When Toni started as editor this publication was hand typed and taken to a printer to make copies and then stamped and snail mailed, a very time consuming process. She initiated and created this current format and deserves a great deal of appreciation from everyone in the club for keeping the club well informed and doing it exceptionally well.**

**Thank you Toni.**



The torch has been passed.

Doug Tatz has taken the Koi Chronicles as his project. I cannot express how much this means to me. For the last few months I have really struggled to get the newsletter out. His volunteering made my life so much easier. Thanks, Doug.

One does not get the newsletter out without help. Marilyn Carol & Peggy Fricke have made sure those of you who receive paper copies get them. These two ladies – with extensive responsibilities in their “real” lives have taken the time to do this, too. My heartfelt thanks goes to them for their work and encouragement.

There are regular contributors to the Chronicles, too. Thanks folks for getting the info to me so the newsletter could go out. Remember: edit doesn’t mean “write”.

I am hoping I passed on a template that will not require “re-inventing the wheel”. Please be patient with Doug. He has a great deal to learn. There is no cadre of elves who do this work while he sleeps. If you have info for the newsletter, please get it into a form that will be easy for him to use – and send it early! If you aren’t sure...ASK.

Best wishes and many thanks for all the love and support so many of you have shown me during the last 8 years as editor. I’m looking forward to just being a member. Hope to see you pond side at future meetings.

Toni

# It's Show Time

Eight years ago our koi show was paired up with JapanFest which at that time it was held at Stone Mountain Park. Increased costs forced us to leave and move to a less expensive venue. For 2 years we held our show independently at the North Atlanta Trade Center but again increasing fees meant we had to move elsewhere. Bill and Lynn Dowden graciously offered the club the use of the Coastal Ponds warehouse to stage our koi show. For the past 5 years we have enjoyed the convenience of the warehouse but drawing enough public exposure has been a struggle. Our vendors are dependent on a good rate of foot traffic. Limiting the number of fish vendors helped them but those with dry goods did not fair as well.

During this time JapanFest had garnered enough corporate support to allow them to relocate to the Gwinnett Convention Center. At their new location Japan Fest grew to draw in 30,000 visitors over the course of the weekend. Both JapanFest and our koi show is always on the same weekend in September. This past winter Carl and I approached the Japan Fest organizers to once again partner our events.

They thought it would be wonderful if the Atlanta Koi Club returned to have the koi show with them. They said they still get attendees looking for the fish show. After several emails and phone conversations Carl and I met with representatives of the Consulate General of Japan and Gwinnett Center. We met in the parking lot of Gwinnett Center to work out the ideal location and discuss the needs of a koi show. JapanFest will provide us with free advertising, we will be linked to their website and our show will be on the Gwinnett Center marquee. This year our show returns to Japan Fest. The AKC Koi & Goldfish Show will maintain it's independence but will be in conjunction with JapanFest. Due to the large amount of space needed for our show it will be staged outside in the Convention Center parking area in front of the entrance to JapanFest. Admission is free to the koi show but those attending JapanFest will be lined up across from our vendor tent to buy their tickets.

Visitors will pass through the large vendor tent to reach the koi show tanks. At the other end of the show tanks will be a smaller tent with the goldfish show, Porta Johns and roped off from the public the benching team and volunteer dining area. The Consulate General of Japan is offering free admission passes to JapanFest for our working volunteers.

Support our show by working and receive a free pass to JapanFest.

This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to see our show grow. We need the support of volunteers to make it happen. One important area where we will need help is set up. Tents will be set up Thursday. We will need to set up the tanks, fill them and have air supplied Thursday to be ready by Friday morning. During the show we will use the Gwinnett Center Security personnel to monitor the show at night. A watchman will stay at the show site. We will be able to take advantage of the special hotel prices listed on the JapanFest website.

[http://www.gwinnettcenter.com/Home.6.0.html?&no\\_cache=1](http://www.gwinnettcenter.com/Home.6.0.html?&no_cache=1)

<http://www.japanfest.org/>

If you would like to volunteer please contact me at <mailto:koishow@atlantakoiclub.org>

Vicki Knill



Atlanta Koi Club  
Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2011

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Officers Present: Clay Melancon Gary Elmore Vicki Knill  
Gary Lee JoANN Elmore

Executive Committee Meeting:

Vicki Knill discussed the JapanFest site selection at the Gwinnett Center. The dates for the Fall Show are September 16, 17, and 18. The Gwinnett Center has its own well; so the club will have no water expense.

Next discussed were blue water tanks as suggested in Bill Dowden's recent email suggesting the club may need to buy more. Clay mentioned Gloria Jones would sell us 4 for \$250 each but, since they may or may not be the same size as the ones we already own, Clay asked her to send him pictures. Mr. Lee reminded the others these would be another unbudgeted expense.

The Davids have agreed to arrange the catering for the club banquet following the Fall Show. They may choose a site other than the Elks Club facility closer to the Gwinnett Center.

Clay volunteered Julie Melancon to do the raffle.

Next discussed was the Pond Tour and the reception for hosts at Stone Forest between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Clay will again ask their management if we can have it for another hour, even if we have to reimburse them for an additional hour's overtime for one of their employees.

Briefly discussed the cost of up to \$500 for software for the Newsletter editor. Not sure what software is required and if cheaper markets have been explored. Other alternatives need to be explored. Once again this is a non-budgeted item.

Discussed using PayPal for club merchandise. Mr. Lee said it was nearly ready to go, and again mentioned it will be vital to involve Michael Anderson, the club webmaster.

General Membership Meeting:

New members were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

The Pond Tour will be held on June 25, 2011 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. A reception will be held at Stone Forest in Marietta, Ga from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM following the Tour.

Doug Tatz has accepted the duties as the Club Newsletter Editor.

The 2011 Auction had fewer bidders but made more money than last year. Good job all who worked setup, auction and cleanup.

The 2011 Koi Show will be held in conjunction with the Japan Fest at Gwinnett Civic Center. The Show will be held in the parking lot so at no cost to the club. Other amenities such as tents and generators will be required and are being explored.

Vicki Knill was voted 2011 Koi Person of the Year. Naturally Carl is included in the honor as a supporting party.

The Kohaku grow out was then begun. All persons who had prepaid drew numbers for the Koi they were to take home. Pictures had been taken earlier and assigned numbers matching the lottery numbers. The quest then was to match numbers, pictures and fish. It got a little exciting at times but all in good fun. The remaining koi were sold to persons not having prepaid but wishing to be in the grow out. Remember, the object is not to grow a Grand Champion but to grow the best fish you can for the 2012 Show competition. Can you keep it alive, can you grow it large, will it keep its color? Of course if it does become a Grand Champion, good for you.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoANN Elmore - Scribe

### Wanted: AKC Webmaster

The current webmaster is stepping down after many years of service. Time for someone else to maintain the club website. Routine work consists of posting of monthly newsletters, changing the officer contact info after elections, creating new for events such as auctions, shows, and pond tours. Current website design was done via FrontPage 2003. A legal copy of the program, plus the hosting account information, will provided to the new webmaster. The new webmaster is free to use other web design software (i.e., MS Expression, Adobe Dreamweaver, other). If you are interested in being the new AKC webmaster, please inform Clay Melancon, AKC President.

### Wanted: AKC Photographer

This isn't an official position as of yet, but the club needs someone who can photograph and/or video the club meetings and events. Being a professional shutter bug is not a prerequisite, just someone who has a knack for digital media. The job description is simple: attend meetings and events, take pictures, pick out the best ones and send them to the Editor and Webmaster.

If you are interested in being the new AKC Photograprer, please inform Clay Melancon, AKC President.

I'd like to put more Sponsor, Pond and Koi related informational articles in this newsletter, but I'm just the Editor. I need YOUR help.

Please email me any written articles, pictures, or links to web sources that would be of benefit to the AKC and I will post them in here.



For those of you who are photographer's, I'd like to post club meeting pictures, or if anyone took pictures of the Grow Out project at the Knill's last month, I would like those too.

reporter@AtlantaKoiClub.org



**Financial Statements**  
**Year to Date**  
**As of May 31, 2011**

**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**INCOME**

Club Store Income	\$236
Membership Dues Income	2,042
Auction Income	13,129
Miscellaneous Income	290
Pond Tour Income	<u>70</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$15,767</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

Newsletter Expenses	\$188
Club Store	37
Koi Show	694
Koi Auction	10,861
Insurance	225
Raffle Expenses	0
Rent Expense	1,200
Donations Expense	13
Membership Expenses	40
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>410</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$13,668</u></b>

**Net Income (Loss)** **\$2,099**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**Assets** (not including property in inventory)

Cash in Bank	<u>\$24,763</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>24,763</u></b>

**Liabilities**

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
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**Net Worth** **\$24,763**



## June Meeting

**\*\*\* NOTE THE NEW TIME \*\*\***

**5:00 PM, Sunday the 12th of June 2011 @ Mike and Phyllis Loudermilk's home.**

**This is the Summer Social and is not a meeting.**

**You are encouraged to bring your favorite covered dish to share.**

### **Driving Directions:**

You will find driving directions in the letter notifying you of this meeting. We do not publish directions to members' homes.

Look for the club signs.

**Be sure to bring your lawn chairs!**

