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## September, 2016

### By the Pond

by Diane Giangrande

Hi All,

Thanks to Phyllis and Mike Loudermilk for hosting the August meeting. This was my first time seeing their ponds and I have to say that it lived up to all the wonderful things I heard.

Thanks to Ken Jett for his presentation on parasites. It was very informative. This has been a tough year for a lot of people so it was very timely.

By the time you read this, the show will be about 3 weeks away and we still have tons of open spots on the Sign Up Genius – 52 to be exact. Out of 88 slots only 36 have been filled. The same goes for the Friday Night Dinner – there are 21 slots and only 6 have been filled. So please, if you haven't already done so, volunteer – please, please, please. Remember, you have to sign up to get a free show t-shirt.

Here is a link to the show Sign Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a48afae22a75-20161> and this is a link to the Friday Night Dinner Sign Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a48afae22a75-vendor>  
If you have any questions on the Sign Up or need help, please let me know. If it's easier you can email me and I will sign you up.

As a reminder, we are offering a free show tank to any member that has not shown before. We will also be offering free goldfish tanks to all club members. If you haven't registered for a tank(s) and/or banquet tickets please do so ASAP. Remember – for every \$100 in trophy sponsorships you get one free banquet ticket (\$40 value). Showing fish, sponsoring a trophy and/or coming to the banquet are all great ways to support the club and any support is greatly appreciated.

There are going to be a lot of amazing raffle/auction items at the banquet this year, but you will have to be at the banquet for a chance to win them. There are a few pictures below of some of the items.

Our next meeting will be at Coastal and in addition to show prep being discussed Michael Anderson will talk about his DIY Foam Fractionators and a few will be for sale at the meeting. There is more info in the newsletter.

Hope to see everyone at Coastal.

Diane

## **Our Atlanta Koi Show October 7, 8, and 9** Jerry Johnson

Just a reminder, we will be having our September Meeting this Sunday, September 18th, at Coastal Pond Supply at 2110 Tucker Industrial Road, Tucker, GA 30084. Thanks in advance to Bill and Lynn for hosting the meeting. The Executive Committee will meet at 1:00 PM with the General Meeting Starting at 2:00 PM. We will go through some of the final preparation for the 2016 Koi Show as well as a demonstration by Michael Anderson on a DIY Foam Fractionator you might want to build for your pond. Michael will have some of these units available at the meeting for purchase through the club.

Speaking of which, the Koi Show is for your enjoyment and education but also requires your participation and support. If you want to show fish and have not reserved your tanks (\$35 for the first tank and \$20 for each additional tank but free to novice club members), we have plenty available but you need to get your tank(s) reserved now. If you want to sponsor a trophy and present that trophy to the winner at the Awards Banquet, please to go the web site or contact Diane Giangrande. Remember for every \$100 you spend on trophies you get 1 ticket to the Awards Banquet. If you sponsor an award and want to bring a date/spouse to the banquet, you will need to buy an additional ticket for \$30. And if you just need tickets to the Awards Banquet (\$40 for 1 or \$70 for 2) you need to get reservations in as well. We've tried to make it easy - tanks, awards, and tickets can all be purchased through the website and charged to PayPal or major credit cards. Below is the link to the Online Store.

<http://atlantakoiclub.org/shop/>

And we still need volunteers for every aspect of the show - not only during the show (Saturday and Sunday) but also before (Thursday Setup, Friday Vendor Setup) and after (Sunday Store Tear-down and Monday Tank Tear-down). We can't have a successful show without your participation - and everyone should be able to give at minimum a couple of hours. Remember all volunteers working the show get a free t-shirt and lunch for that day - but you must sign up to volunteer. Below is the link to sign up for volunteer slots.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a48afae22a75-20161>

We are also in need of food for the Vendor Appreciation Dinner on Friday night. Remember Friday is the best day to get a look at the potential new pets some of the vendors are bringing to the show. The David's are providing the main course but we need Appetizers, Sides, Salads, and Deserts. If you are cooking challenged, Kroger and Publix and other stores provide great options. Below is the link for the Vendor Appreciation Dinner signup.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a48afae22a75-vendor>

Come on people. We are trying to build on a tradition of 22 years of Koi Shows in Atlanta. It takes a lot of work and it takes help from everyone. Get involved!!!!

See you Sunday.

A few of the items that will be auctioned at the banquet. There will be other items as well.



Wall hanging quilt made and donated by Ken Jett and Brendan Berg!

## A good deal on Polytanks

by Jerry Johnson

The blue tanks we use for the annual shows come from a company named Poly Tank out of Litchfield, Minnesota. We almost ran out of tanks last year so this year we added the purchase of 5 tanks to the budget. With that minimum order of 5 tanks, Polytank will ship for free and also provide additional tanks for use at the show.

The tanks we have ordered are the P8030 - these tanks are 80" across the top, 67" across the bottom, and 30" tall and hold 500 gallons. They retail for \$592.00 but we are getting them for \$450.00. This \$450.00 price is extended to anyone in the club, as is the free shipping. This is about a 24% discount.

We are also ordering 5 benching bowls that are not on the product catalog for Polytank - called Koi Bowls by Polytank. These are being purchased for \$40 and that pricing extends to club members.

Everything else on the Polytank website can be purchased at 20% off the list price on their website. I will readily admit that matching their products to a list price is not the easiest thing in the world to do, so let me know if you have any questions.

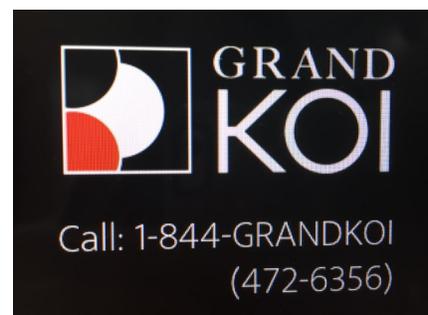
If you are interested in purchasing something, let me know and I'll put together a master list. Polytank will be a vendor at our Show and will bring everything down with them at that time as well as other inventory to sell in their booth. It is the purchasers responsibility to transport anything from the Show once you have paid the Polytank agent.

Please get your orders into me by Friday, September 16th - this will ensure Polytank will have the item available or make it if necessary.

The link to Polytank's website is below...

[PolyTank, Inc. - Aquaculture & Acid Tanks - Litchfield, Minnesota, USA](#)

**Please remember our Sponsors:  
Pondscapes of Atlanta  
Koi Store, and  
Grand Koi**



## **Club Nominations** by Melanie Onushko

The positions of President, Secretary and Equipment Manager are up for re-election, for a 2 year term.

A big thank you to the nominating committee comprised of Larry Sheets, Hal & Susan Brown, JoAnn Elmore, Gary Montalto and Melanie Onushko for coming up with a list of names for each position.

Each committee member ranks people in order of preference and people are contacted. Nominations are accepted right up until the day of voting, which I believe will be at the November meeting.

The nominating committee currently presents for nomination:

President: Diane Giangrande

Secretary: Bob Chaffer and Ken Jett

Equipment Manager:

### **Membership**

As always, if you have friends or neighbors who have an interest in Koi & Goldfish, Please refer them to our website to become a member. [www.atlantakoiclub.org](http://www.atlantakoiclub.org)

The membership directory will be sent out shortly to all members. It will contain name, address, phone and email numbers. This is for members only and is not to be passed on for solicitation purposes.

### **Volunteer Raffle**

As an incentive for our club members to come out in force to make this our best show yet, we have a beautiful Japanese bred 12" Marusei Kohaku \$200 value to be raffled off to our show volunteers. For each shift you work you will receive a raffle ticket, maximum of 5 tickets for the weekend. Just another incentive of being a member and volunteering at our show! So, make sure you go to <http://signupgenius.com/go/9040a48afae22a75-20161> and

## **Fractionator Fabrication**

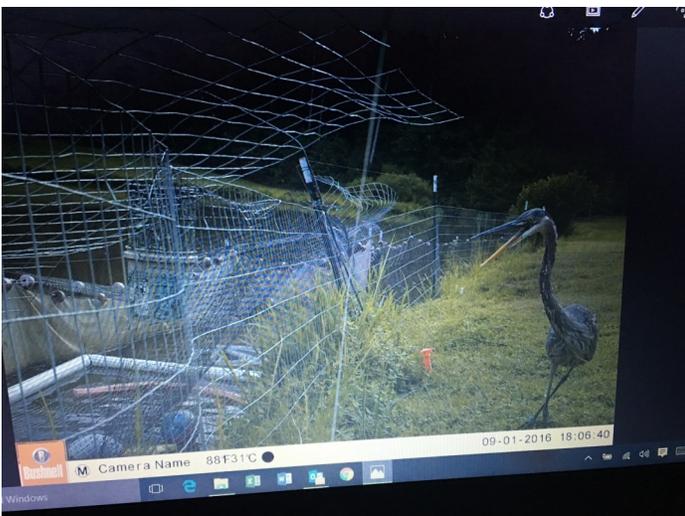
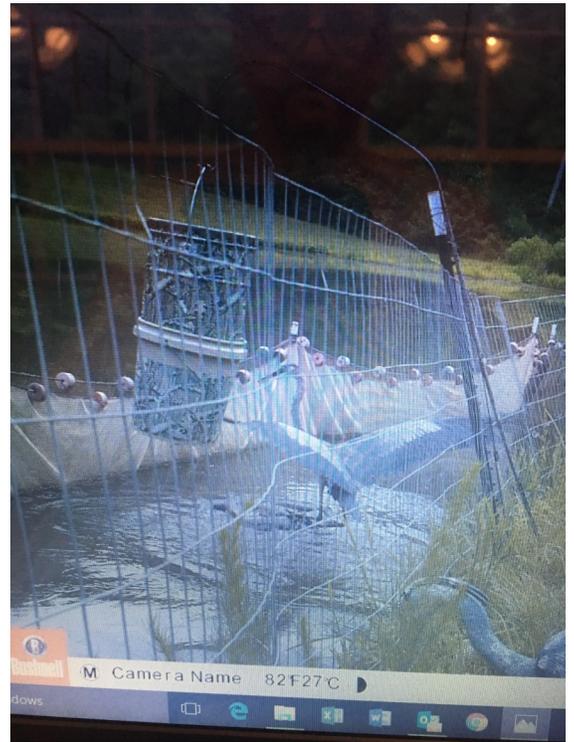
At the September meeting there will be a demonstration by Michael Anderson on a DIY Foam Fractionator. There are

4 units that will be completed at the meeting and will be available for sale. Please read the attached document to learn

how these units can benefit your pond and for pricing info.

# A very persistent heron

photos submitted by Chase Tomkosky



## Augusts' Social at the Mike and Phyllis Loudermilk's pond

On August 13th, a fine time was had by all at Mike and Phyllis's pond. Brief shower failed to dampen the spirits of the revelry. Mike had enclosed all of his piping below ground level in a covered enclosure.



# 13 August 2016 – Mike and Phyllis Loudermilk

Topic: Koi Health presented by Ken Jett

Attendance: 32

Office	Name	Term	Present
<a href="#">President</a>	Diane Giangrande	2015-2016	x
Vice-president	Jerry Johnson	2016-2017	x
Secretary	David Pugh	2015-2016	x
Treasurer	Ron Scott	2016-2017	x
Equipment Manager	Gary Elmore	2016-2017	x

Committee	Name	Present
2016 Auction	Gary Elmore	x
2016 Pond Tour	Melanie Onushko	x
2016 Show	Diane Giangrande	x
	Jerry Johnson	x
Membership	Melanie Onushko	x
Web Master	Michael Anderson	x
Newsletter	Robert Chaffer	x
AKCA Director	Gary Elmore	x
Publicity	Karoy and Chery Jacobs	
Volunteers	JoANN Elmore	x

## Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

The show is on track and planning is in its final stages.

The show chairpersons discussed plans for a two-tiered raffle at the show. Also, the board discussed giving raffle winners until Sunday to pick up their winnings. Details will be provided at the show.

The auction at the banquet will be supplemented with a raffle.

The banquet will be held at the show venue and will feature a Latin fiesta themed menu. The cost includes beer, wine, sangria, and non-alcoholic beverages. Banquet tickets are on sale on the club website. Receive a free ticket for every \$100 in trophy sponsorship(s) (also on the website).

There is still time to volunteer to bring your favorite dish for the Friday evening meet and greet. The main dish (various pastas) will be provided and we are asking people to please bring an appetizer, side or dessert. The purpose of this Sign Up is to ensure that we do not have an over-abundance of any one type of food. Each item that you sign up for should serve 10-12 people.

Please use the comment section to list what you are bringing and please plan on bringing your food to the Fairgrounds by 5:30 PM. You can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a48afae22a75-vendor> or email [doubledavid@aol.com](mailto:doubledavid@aol.com) Thanks for your help.

The board approved an advertising budget of \$500 for the show.

Michael has completed most of the website updates, login to [www.atlantakoiclub.org](http://www.atlantakoiclub.org) to see the changes. You can also sponsor show trophies or procure tank rental through the site using PayPal.

The board voted to fund the cost for materials to build 4 fractionator towers that will then be offered for sale to club members. Michael Anderson is crafting these and will share details at the September meeting.

Chase Tomkosky is the new coordinator for Koi Rescue. If you need assistance or know of someone that does contact him at [rescue@atlantakoiclub.org](mailto:rescue@atlantakoiclub.org)

### Other Meeting Minutes

Welcome back, Nancy Hammon.

Longtime club member, David Marier lost his battle with cancer on August 17, 2016. He will be missed. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to Jay and all of David's family and friends. The club will collect donations at the September meeting. Shirley Jean Cross Alexander Clifton, who was a club member previously, was taken suddenly on 8/26/16, while vacationing in the Smoky Mountains.

Robin Scott is steadily recovering from her recent surgery. This is great news.

Please send corrections or updates to David Pugh at [doubledavid@aol.com](mailto:doubledavid@aol.com) with "AKC Meeting Minutes" in the subject line.

No corrections were identified in last month's minutes.

**Atlanta Koi Club  
Financial Statement  
Year to Date  
As of August 31, 2016**

**BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:** **\$4,263.11**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**Income**

2300 Koi Show		\$713.90
	Banquet Tick-	
	2310 ets	\$70.00
	Vendor Par-	
	2320 ticipation	\$450.00
	Koi Show	
	2340 Sponsor	\$193.90
2700 Membership		\$93.89
	Membership	
	2730 Dues	\$68.89
	Koi USA Sub-	
	2735 scriptions	\$25.00

**Total Income** **\$807.79**

**Expenses**

200 Club Store		\$733.52
	Equipment -	
	240 Club Owned	\$733.52
700 Misc.		\$150.00
	Monthly	
	740 Meeting Food	\$150.00
1100 Rent		\$185.00
	Rent - July	
	1101 2016	\$185.00
1300 Membership		\$75.00
	Koi USA Sub-	
	1325 scriptions	\$75.00

**Total Expenses** **\$1,143.52**

**Month Net Income/(Loss)** **(\$335.73)**

**ENDING BALANCE:** **\$3,927.38**

**Outstanding Checks:**

						\$1,262.20
05/13/16	EFT	\$342.00				
05/16/16	EFT	\$615.00	8/23/2016	EFT	\$150.00	
05/25/16	EFT	\$18.00				
7/18/2016	EFT	\$137.20				