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**April, 2018**

## **By the Pond**

by Diane Giangrande

Hi All,

Thank you to Bill and Lynn Dowden for hosting the March meeting.

This month is the **auCTION** and as you know it is the main fundraiser for the club. There are still spots available for volunteering if you haven't signed up already. Sign Up Genius can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch> If you haven't registered for your auction tank(s), please register here: <https://form.jotform.com/70255302898157> I'm not sure how many tanks are left, but if you have any questions, please contact Gary Elmore.

Believe it or not, the **show** is less than 6 months away and, as always, there is a ton of work to do. One thing that Ken and I would like to do this year is have a committee to get donations. We need donations for the daily raffles at the store and for the Saturday night banquet. This helps offset the cost of the show. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Ken or myself and remember, many hands make light work .

Hope to see you all on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the auction. Keep your fingers crossed that Mother Nature cooperates and we have nice weather.

Thanks, Diane

**Hi All,**

For the 2018 auction we have some new rules. The full rules can be found here: <http://atlantakoiclub.org/auctions/> Please take a moment to read through them. I am not going to list every update/change made, but the biggest change is how members percentage of sales is calculated. Below is taken from the updated rules:

### **Percentage of Sales**

All sales are divided into the two following classifications.

Persons who had a paid Membership in the previous year and have paid the current yearly dues by January 31 of the current year will receive 75% of any sale with 25% of any sale going to the club.

Persons who did not have a paid Membership in the previous year and/or did not pay the current yearly dues by January 31 of the current year will receive 50% of any sale with 50% of any sale going to the club.

Please note the part of the requirement, to receive 75% of sales, that states that current years dues must be paid by January 31st.

If you have not paid your dues yet, you can do so online at: <http://atlantakoiclub.org/product-category/memberships/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Please contact me at [dianewg@aol.com](mailto:dianewg@aol.com) rather than replying to this email.

## Volunteers Always Needed

Thanks to Coastal Pond Supply for hosting the previous meeting. Several new and long-time members attended an informative session that Bill presented on all things lotus. There are still several lotus plants available for purchase through Coastal.

Remember that if you would like to host a meeting or know a professional speaker, please contact me. With the annual auction being held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, there will not be a meeting this month.

### *Auction Volunteers Still Needed*

We are still in need of volunteers for the AKC Auction on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The auction is held at Coastal Pond Supply (2110 Tucker Industrial Rd, Tucker, GA 30084). We encourage able-bodied members to consider the more strenuous tasks to allow for members to be involved at their individual comfort levels. As is typically the case, we are in need of set-up assistance on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Remember that to encourage volunteer participation, Gary Elmore will be providing 10-15 of his koi for a volunteer raffle. You must have volunteered to be entered into the raffle and must be present to win. Please visit the volunteer roster to sign up to support your club! The roster can be found at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090445a5a629abf49-2018>

Reach out to me as needed about any of the above. Thanks in advance for your dedication to and support of the club's mission.

Ken Jett

*Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator, Koi Show Co-Chair*

**Please remember our Sponsors:  
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# AUCTION

**April 21, 2018**

**Koi, goldfish, plants  
and equipment**

**Registration and viewing – 10:00 AM**

There will be a **free** raffle for all registered bidders for a chance to win a fish (10 fish available – must be present to win)



**Coastal Pond Supply**

2110 Tucker Industrial Rd  
Tucker, GA 30084

# Pond Construction Types

Submitted by [mikey](#) on Sun, 04/05/2015 - 12:59

Pond building is a project most of us will undertake at some point as we continue to raise Koi. Many of us first started with the introduction of a water feature, added plants, perhaps some goldfish and then Koi. A few of us bought a house where the prior owner had some type of pond or fountain, and we too evolved into having a Koi pond. Whatever way you arrived here, we all wrestled with similar questions: how large, how much to spend what kind of filters, and what do we make it out of.

The simplest ponds are made of preformed polyethylene. The corners are already rounded, the bottoms sloped, bottom drains are already in place and all that's needed is its installation, a waterfall and water. Its disadvantages are its fixed shape and size, and the risk of pH crash as this material is inert (if the entire pond, return and waterfall are made of the same material). While it may seem to be a simple option, the preformed ponds are very hard to get level while also being well supported. Another problem are the plant shelves, which make perfect places for Herons and other predators to wade and kill your Koi.

Another easier pond to build is a liner pond. Here you have fairly low cost, as well as shape and size flexibility. It can suffer from leaks from plumbing fixtures through it, and tears or punctures. It may wrinkle and fold, interfering with water circulation and catching and trapping detritus, and it is difficult to hide the liner that extends above the water line. Like polyethylene, it may result in pH crash. Do not build plant shelves when designing a liner pond, again because it will encourage predators. Sides should be basically vertical, and ideally, all Koi ponds should be 2 feet deeper than the deepest frost depth in your area.

Fiberglass has the advantages of flexibility of size and shape, smooth corners with no folds or wrinkles. It has few problems with leaks, is very durable and can be remodeled. It can be quite expensive, may leach some chemicals that are harmful to Koi if the resin is not fully cured, and it too is at risk for pH crash.

Concrete ponds tend to be very popular. They are quite durable and can be in any size or shape. They do take a bit of planning (and expense). They require rebar for support and strength. Once installed, concrete must "cure." This process strengthens the concrete reducing the chances of cracks and leaks. Compounds that leach out of concrete will raise the pH to lethal levels, unless the pond is cured. Curing requires adding water and muriatic acid. Some opt for a liner or spray-on lining over their concrete. Of course, the advantage of properly cured concrete is that the pond may never be prone to a pH crash, and will also have sufficient alkalinity to insure healthy fish and filters.

Ponds produced out of cinderblock or bricks need a plaster coat or some other type of waterproofing material. Any type of masonry pond that needs a final plaster coat must have it done all at once. This is because in order for it to be waterproof, all edges of that plaster have to cure at the same time. When planning on building a pond, whether your first or last, carefully weigh the pros and cons of each type of construction, utilize the expertise of K.O.I., and consider taking the Pond Construction course #202 BEFORE you build. Spending time to learn in advance will save time and money, and help you to get exactly the pond that you desire.



## March's Meeting at Coastal Pond

Our March 18th meeting was held at Coastal Pond, courtesy of Bill and Lynn Dowden. A pizza dinner presentation by Bill centered upon the care and dividing of lotus plants. Many thanks to Bill and Lynn for hosting the meeting.

We are in need of hosts for the next several months. Please consider showing off you pond during a meeting.



# ATLANTA KOI CLUB

18 March 2018 – Coastal Pond Supply – Tucker, GA

Topic: Lotus care and splitting, Fish bagging and transport tutorial  
Attendance: 22

## Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

Executive Officers:

Appointed Chairpersons:

Office	Name	Term	Present
<a href="#">President</a>	Diane Giangrande	2016-2018	X
Vice-Secretary	Ken Jett	2018-	X
Treasurer	Chad	2016-	X
Equipment	Robin Scott	2018-	
	Jim Dricker	2017-	

Committee	Name	Present
2018 Auction	Gary Elmore	X
2019 Pond Tour	Melanie Onushko	X
2018 Show	Diane Giangrande	X
	Ken Jett	X
Membership	Melanie Onushko	X
Web Master	Michael Anderson	X
Newsletter	Robert Chaffer	X
AKCA Director	Gary Elmore	X
Publicity	Chery Jacobs	
Volunteers	Melanie Onushko	X

General discussion about our inventory of show tanks and folding tables stored at Coastal pond.

43 show tanks accounted for at coastal pond

9 of 10 folding tables accounted for at coastal pond

Discussion about transportation of tanks and supplies for auction and show events

General discussion about limiting the auction tank number to 36 tanks

Plan to buy plastic totes to resale to people purchasing fish at the auction: Plan is to buy 10 for resale

Chad Bishop made motion to adjourn.

2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Giangrande

Passed unanimously

## **Member Meeting Minutes**

January meeting was held Coastal Pond Supply in Tucker Georgia. The general discussion included talking about care and splitting of lotus plants. Topics covered include:

- How and when to split a mature plant

- Fertilizer and pots suitable for a lotus

- General tutorial and question about bagging and transporting fish to/ from the auction or show

- 3 handouts provided to attendees;

  - The basics of a clear pond

  - Pea Soup, But, But, In My Pond?

  - KH – So that your fish will not die

A reminder about AKC Annual Koi Auction on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Coastal Pond was announced.

Questions on the material presented and meeting was ended.

New members were welcomed. Melanie Onushko will be notifying new members of their mentor's name.

Please send corrections or updates to Chad Bishop at [chadbish@gmail.com](mailto:chadbish@gmail.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 March 30, 2017**

**BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:** **\$10,513.29**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**Income**

2500 Misc.		\$100.00	\$100.00
	2510 Donations	\$100.00	
2700 Membership			\$108.00
	Membership		
	2730 Dues	\$108.00	

**Total Income** **\$208.00**

**Expenses**

800 News Letter/Website		\$455.52	\$455.52
	Website Ex-840 penses	\$455.52	
1100 Rent			\$185.00
	1101 Rent	\$185.00	
1400 Bank			\$6.63
	1466 PayPal	\$6.63	

**Total Expenses** **\$647.15**

**Month Net Income/(Loss)** **(\$439.15)**

**ENDING BALANCE:** **\$10,074.14**

**Outstanding Checks:**

							\$673.51
09/07/16	EFT	\$65.00	10/03/17	EFT	\$107.17		
10/08/16	1311	\$16.85	12/31/17	EFT	\$262.05		
10/24/16	EFT	\$216.00	02/23/18	EFT	\$6.44		