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## August, 2018

### By the Pond

by Diane Giangrande

Hi All,

I'm out of town so this is going to be short and sweet. First, I want to thank Corey and Hayley Nibert for hosting the July social. A good time was had by all.

As the show is getting closer I want to remind everyone about the member booth. If you make something and want to sell it at the show you will receive 75% of the sales and the club will receive 25%. You will need to let Ken or me know what you want to sell so we can be sure it does not compete with our vendors.

This year we will have another fish for a raffle for volunteers at the show. This will be the Jerry Johnson and Karoy Jacobs Volunteer raffle fish. The club will be getting one of the goromos that Happy Koi was offering for their grow out at the June meeting. The goromos will be judged at our show so this fish will compete in the grow out contest as well as the regular show. You will need to volunteer at the show in order to be eligible for the raffle. The Sign Up Genius will be out soon and more details will follow.

The trophy sponsorships are updated in the store and are available for purchase. This is really important to help defray some of the costs of the trophies and show. As always, for every \$100 you sponsor in trophies you will get a free banquet ticket. You can see the sponsorship list here: <https://atlantakoiclub.org/2018-show/> and can purchase them In the store, here: <https://atlantakoiclub.org/shop/>. If you sponsor, you will be listed as the sponsor on the web site and on the award. You will also get to present the award at the banquet if you'd like. Any help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need help, please let me know.

This month's meeting is going to be a lot of fun and I encourage everyone to attend. Dale and Patti Gingerich will be coming in from TN to visit a few ponds and talk about the fish. Dale is an AKJA judge and this will be a great way to learn and ask questions. It will be starting at 1 PM on Saturday. Ken has more info and the full schedule below.

Hope to see you all on the 11th.

## Membership

I am happy to report that we have 143 members. A lot of you got to meet newcomers at the July social at Corey's house, which I heard was fantastic! This month, I hope to meet them at the August 11th meeting. For those of you who ordered name tags, I will have them at the Saturday meeting which starts at my house.

A year ago, a friend and club member of ours, Jerry Johnson passed away. His family just put his home on the market a month ago and sold it in large part because of the pond. The new family was hooked when the young girls named the 2 Rescue fish that had been added to the pond. The father had remembered the beautiful sound of water from his home country, Mexico and being a veterinarian, is intrigued by the challenge of keeping koi. So if you're ever thinking your pond is a money pit, just remember it's worth investing in because it is an asset too.

Melanie Onushko, Membership Chairperson

## Fish Needed!

Gary Elmore

There is an urgent need for fish to be auctioned after the Koi show. I have 3-4 of the yellow fish I bred but that's about it for the auction. I still have some of last year's babies that we can use for the quarter drop (some will be quite large for that but still small). But to make any real money at the auction, we need to have more fish. If everyone would donate 1 or 2 fish then it will be a success. I just can't carry it this year. With all the trouble I have been having with the county and my HOA plus the health issues I am going thru, I have downsized my excess fish quite a bit. Anyway if only 10-20 people respond to this request we will be good to go. If not we will lose a nice chunk of cash. Think we took in about \$1200 last year. Not bad for a half hour auction. Later....

**Please remember our Sponsor:  
The Koi Store and Koi Koi Pondscapes**



## **From the VP's Desk...**

Thanks to Corey & Hayley Nibert for hosting a fantastic summer social. The food was excellent and the event was well attended. It was great to see quite a few new members participating.

## **Upcoming August Meeting – A Pond Crawl**

Our August meeting will be a treat! Please note that it will be a mini-tour of three members' koi collections where Dale Gingerich (and Patti) will talk about the good, the bad, and (at least where my collection is concerned) the ugly of the three collections. He will answer your questions and attempt to help you hone your own collections if you are looking to add some show stoppers to your collection.

With it being a traveling meeting, we will begin at Melanie Onushko's home from 1 pm – 3 pm, then venture on to Ken Jett's home from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, and finishing at Diane Giangrande's at 6 pm where refreshments will be served. Addresses can be found in the member directory and an email will be forwarded to current members detailing those. Given the format, you are welcome to visit all three ponds or only the ponds that fit your schedule. Please be mindful of start and stop times since the hosts will also be participating in this POND CRAWL!

## **Upcoming Koi Show**

We are less than 60 days from our annual koi show. We desperately need member involvement! We need help soliciting donations for our raffles and auctions, as well as, selling ad space in our first-ever program. Contact Diane or Ken for more information.

We have a few donations starting to filter in, but with attempting to co-chair the show, much of my time has been spent doing other things. Please, please, please contact me and tell me what kind of time you can devote to helping make this show a success.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will work to get the volunteer sign-up posted. Yet there are mountains of things that need to be completed prior to the actual show.

Remember that this year we are also offering a member craft table where member-made items will be sold with 75% of the proceeds to the member and 25% going to the club. Your items must not 'compete' with paid vendor offerings, must be pre-approved by show chairs, must be accompanied by pricing and inventory slips, and remaining items must be picked up at the close of the show. If you have items that you want to have considered for the member craft table, please contact Diane or Ken.

## **New This Year**

We have decided to put out the call for proxy bids this year for at least this following item to encourage active bidding. This means that if you aren't coming to the show banquet (and you should) or if you can't make it to the show at all, you can still bid on this quilt.

Contact Diane or Ken with your information (name, phone, max bid) and we will have a non-bidding attendee bid for you. So if your max bid is say \$500, your proxy bidder will advance the bid as needed to win but will not go over your max bid. If you win, we will contact you for payment and shipping.



About the quilt... The Asian themed cotton materials feature four geishas in the center of the piece; coordinating meticulously selected fabric creates a vibrant quilt. Black sashing and borders allow the colorful patterns to pop. To continue the Asian inspiration, we chose to quilt with a cloud motif. The backing fabric is a honeycomb Asian print. The quilted throw measures approximately 82" x 69". The quilt was donated, designed, pieced, and quilted by Atlanta Koi Club members Brendan Berg and Ken Jett.

~Ken Jett



The Quilt Front



Quilt center close up



Asian Cloud Quilting Pattern



Another shot





Quilt back



Close up of quilt back

## Hidden Cost of Maintaining a Pond

Bob Chaffer reprint from 2014

If a stockbroker offered you a fund that provides a steady 24% return each and every year, tax-free, wouldn't you want it? Great deals like this are also available through effective pond management, with an ability to calculate operating costs. Consider one of the hidden costs of pond management.....electricity.

Even a high-performance 1/2Hp pump costs \$47.28/month to operate.

Or....a 1/3Hp pump costs \$35.09/month

Or....a 1/4Hp pump costs \$28.20/month

Or....a 1 Hp pump costs \$128.22/month

Most filter pumps are at least 1/3 Hp, with some exceeding 1 Hp. Sure, they provide a lot of flow, but the proper adapting of pump curves might go a long way toward reducing the hidden cost of energy. There is a technical method and a "gut method" to determine the pump size that best fits your need:

Technical Method:

1. Determine the flow rate (gallons per hour) that you need (average is about 1 water changes per hour).
2. Determine the pump pressure needed to push the water through the system. A pressure gauge located at the present pump output will provide this.
3. Obtain a copy of the pump curve supplied with your pump. A typical pump curve will provide the flow versus the head (in feet or psi). For instance, for a 6,000 gallon pond will need a pump capacity of 50gpm to provide 1 water change per hour, or 100gpm for 2 water changes per hour (volume x (Number of water changes per hour desired)/60)
4. Decide what size of pump will fit your needs. You may be surprised that a smaller pump will suffice. The other method is to do a "gut feel" a just choose a smaller pump. But beware that the cost of a new pump/strainer assembly will cost about \$700.

### What are the savings?

- Electrical costs are \$0.106/kw-hr (Georgia Power)
- 1/3 Hp pump consumes 360kw-hr/month (kw x 24 x 30)
- 1/8 Hp pump consumes 225kw-hr/month
- Savings are 135kw-hr/month
- @\$0.106/kw-hr = \$14.31/month (or \$171.72/year) (a 4-year payback)

This is one example. Your situation may vary. Most systems employ larger pumps, but might not be able to reduce the capacity much.

### How can we measure the power we are actually consuming?

If your pump has an electrical outlet, its power consumption can be measured by plugging in a KILL-A-WATT meter (costing about \$28 at Amazon, FRY's, and others).

It reads voltage, watts, kilowatts, and even costs per hour on some models.

# Atlanta Koi Club

Financial Statement Year to Date as of July 31, 2018

## BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:

**\$13,434.58**

<b>Income</b>	2300	Koi Show					\$1,605.00
		2310	Banquet Tickets			\$75.00	
		2320	Vendor Participation			\$610.00	
		2322	Vendor Participation Advance			\$50.00	
		2340	Koi Show Sponsor			\$740.00	
		2350	8' Tank Rental - Non-Vendor			\$130.00	
	2500	Misc.					\$276.00
		2510	Donation			\$100.00	
		2545	Raffle - Monthly Meetings (June & July)			\$176.00	
	2700	Membership					\$172.00
		2730	Membership Dues			\$72.00	
		2745	Sponsorship			\$100.00	
<b>Total Income</b>							<b>\$2,053.00</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	200	Club Store					\$809.24
		240	Equipment - Club Owned			\$809.24	
	400	Insurance					\$556.25
		410	Liability Ins. Premiums Paid			\$556.25	
	500	Koi Show					\$116.34
		520	Show Banquet Costs			\$116.34	
	700	Misc.					\$150.00
		740	Food for Monthly Meeting	June		\$150.00	
	1000	Raffles					\$18.31
		1030	Monthly Meeting Raffle Items			\$18.31	
	1100	Rent					\$185.00
		1101	Rent			\$185.00	
	1400	Bank					\$46.39
		1466	PayPal Charges			\$46.39	
<b>Total Expenses</b>							<b>\$1,881.53</b>

**Month Net Income/(Loss)**

**\$171.47**

## ENDING BALANCE:

**\$13,606.05**

## Outstanding Checks:

\$2,104.90

09/07/16	EFT	\$65.00	05/07/18	EFT	\$337.50
10/08/16	1311	\$16.85	06/15/18	EFT	\$150.00
10/24/16	EFT	\$216.00	07/18/18	EFT	\$116.34
10/03/17	EFT	\$107.17	07/23/18	EFT	\$752.29
12/31/17	EFT	\$262.05	07/24/18	EFT	\$75.26
02/23/18	EFT	\$6.44			

## Amount Shown on Checking Account Bank Statement:

\$13,160.23