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February, 2020

By the Pond

Hello koi experts & koi friends!

A very special “thank you” to Vicki and Carl (the Koi Store) for hosting our January meeting. For so many of us, it was a full day of sensory overload of beautiful fish, information, generosity and persistent, pondering ideas...not to mention the impressive lunch and sushi spread (wine too!). At times, I felt like I might have needed a supervisor to keep me focused on some of the required AKC Board tasks at hand! And a special “thank you” to Paul & Suzanne Benford for allowing us to squeeze in a few glorious moments visiting their nearby beautiful home & absolute stellar pond. Paul & Suzanne couldn’t have been more generous and patient with their time. We asked a ton of questions...while staring in amazement. Thank you!

March Host & Speaker:

This has not yet been finalized. Please, if you are interested in hosting or speaking about important Koi-related topics that affect all of us, please reach out to me personally.

To all our Koi experts (there are so many of you reading this newsletter!) - The Atlanta Koi Club members need to hear from you. Please volunteer to be a speaker. June & July are additional months still open for a speaker.

APRIL AUCTION - Volunteers Needed: Please donate some of your time. Many of us have very busy schedules and at time, full-time commitments. Volunteering even a few hours goes such a long way. We need you for the April Auction!

Hope to see you at the next, very important meeting!

2pm - February 9th - Atlanta Water Gardens, speaker and koi expert: Vicki Vaughan: Koi Fish Diseases.

Thank you!

Kevin McDonough

MEMBERSHIP

Hi everyone! We have concluded our membership drive for the January 31st deadline. Those people who have renewed by the end of January will be eligible for the full percentage at the auction. Have no fear if you forgot to renew, you still can. You will just receive a reduced percent at the auction.

We have several new members that I would like to introduce. We welcome you to our club and hope to see you at the next meeting.....

Dick Clifton - Woodstock- Welcome back!

Heather Hale - Pooler

Jax Jasper and Marybeth Reid - Snellville

Mike and Monica Kapousouz - Athens

Gregory Ringer - Lithia Springs

Randy and Barbara Smith - Smyrna

Allen Wiley and Ellen Richardson - Woodstock

We also would like to welcome some new sponsors: Splendor Koi - Marietta and T & T Uniforms - Jonesboro. Please make sure to support our sponsors. They are there for us all year long!

We are also thankful to have returning sponsors: Randy's Perennials and Watergardens - Lawrenceville, Kol Koi Pondscapes - Kennesaw, Coastal Pond Supply - Tucker, and The Koi Store - Watkinsville

Thank you all for your support of The Atlanta Koi Club. Please email me with any corrections, names or address changes. Melanie

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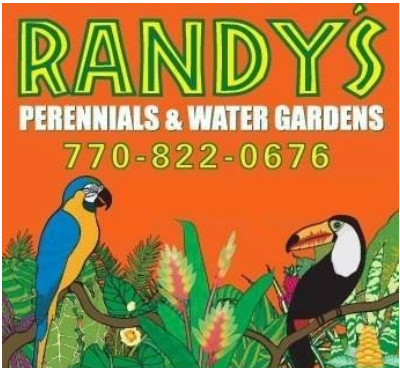


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Membership: Annual club renewals are due January 31st. If you received an email from me, you owe for 2020. Please go online and pay so that you are eligible to sell fish in the April auction. This is also a great

We had a great turnout at our first meeting of the year, 39 people. Carl and Chad spoke and told stories about traveling to Japan. Let's all go! The Koi Store set the mood by serving delicious sushi for lunch. Chicken fingers for those who are squeamish! Our raffle included 3 koi donated by The Koi Store. Thank you for your generosity!

***SPECIAL AKC MEETING* February 9th, 2PM - Atlanta Water Gardens (Speaker Vicki Vaughn - Koi Fish Diseases)**

Some of you have asked: The AKC along with Koi Expert Vicki Vaughn are going to deliver!

When: February 9th at 2:00 pm

Where: Atlanta Water Gardens, 2165 Cheshire Bridge Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30324

****BRING A FOLDING CHAIR***

Discussion: KOI FISH DISEASES with PICTURES TO HELP IN IDENTIFICATION along with TREATMENT OPTIONS

For some of you, this may be one of the most informative meetings you'll attend this year. It's not only a highly important topic that many Koi lovers dread and ultimately deal with, but it's a topic being covered by one of the most knowledgeable and respected Koi experts in the industry, Vicki Vaughn. Vicki, along with her husband Carl are the Super Heroes of the Koi world. If Marvel Comics had these characters in their lineup, they might be called Wonder Wisdom Koi and Super Skillful Koi!

Vicki Vaughn: (Owner of The Koi Store/Flat Rock Koi) – Koi Health Specialist, Koi Food Sales – Koi Sales. *20 years at University of Georgia involved in fish research.* Instrumental in the development of potentiated antibiotics for use in fish as well as the development of KHV testing for the koi hobby. Coordinator of the Koi Health Management Course. Director of KOILAB LLC which is a full service reference lab dedicated to helping hobbyists, breeders and retailers maintain optimal health for their fish.

Carl Forss: (Owner of the Koi Store/Flat Rock Koi) Koi Specialist, Koi Sales, Pond Design and Construction. Carl has traveled to Japan 48 times in the last 11 years. That is 52 days in an airplane! He has imported over 100,000 koi from Japan's top breeders. Their customer's koi frequently take top awards at shows across the country. Carl has 12 years experience in designing and building koi ponds.

Vicki and Carl are strong supporters of our AKC and their willingness (again) to share their vast knowledge and experience is really something that you shouldn't miss.

Please support the AKC, The Koi Store and the Atlanta Water Gardens and put this important meeting on your calendar – **February 9th, 2pm – Atlanta Water Gardens.**

See you there!

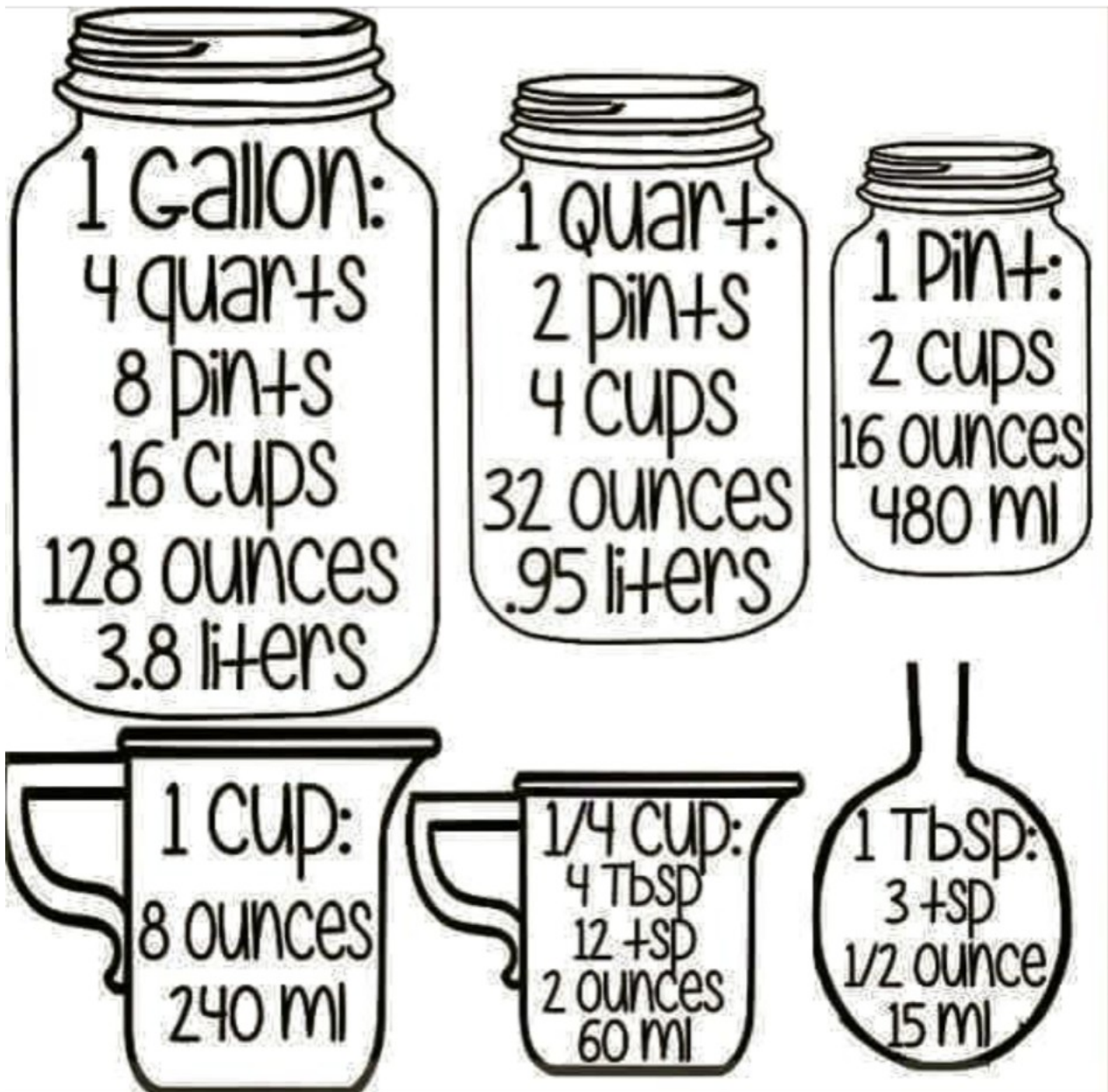
Sincerely,

Kevin McDonough

“Your AKC VP”

Did ya know...

A reminder from Mike Anderson



January 12th meeting at The Koi Store

Prior to the meeting, members were invited to view Paul and Susanne Benford's pond nearby.

After a sushi lunch provided by The Koi Store, Carl Vaughan presented a travelogue highlighting some of his many trips to Japan to buy fish.



This is a list of plants that are poisonous to koi – originally published on the *Bonnie's Plants* website.

Allamanda – all parts
Aloe - leaves
Alocasia - leaves and stems
Allspice - leaves, seeds
Amaryllis - bulbs
Anemone - all parts
Anthurium - all parts
Apricot - leaves
Azalea - all parts
Baneberry - berries, roots
Bird of Paradise - seeds
Black Locust Bark - sprouts, foliage
Black walnut - all parts confirmed reports of fish loss
Boxwood - leaves, stems
Buttercup - sap, leaves
Cactus
Calla Lily - leaves
California tern - roots seeds
Cardinal flower - all parts (perhaps not true)
Carolina jasmine – all parts
Caladium - whole plant
Cherry - bark, twigs, leaves, pits
Chenille plant
Choke cherry – all parts (pond keeper reported fish loss when they ate the cherries that dropped in the pond - use caution when placing a pond under this tree)
Colocasia - all parts (koi have been known to chew roots without problems)
Coral Plant - seeds
Croton - seeds
Daffodil - bulbs
Datura - all parts
Day lily - very poisonous to cats
Delphinium - all parts

Death Camas - all parts
Dumbcane (dieffenbachia) - all parts
Digitalis - all parts
Easter lily - very poisonous to cats
Elephant's - ear all parts
Eggplant - all but fruit
Elephants Ear - leaves, stem
English Ivy – all parts confirmed reports of fish loss
Foxglove - all parts
Gloriosa lily - all parts
Hemlock - all parts
Holly - berries
Honeysuckle - flowers and leaves (fish loss reported – it stopped once the leaves and flowers were removed from the pond and the water changed)
Hyacinth - bulbs
Jack-in-the-pulpit - all parts
Japanese laurel - all parts
Indian Turnip - all parts
Iris - leaves, roots, rhizomes
Jasmine - berries
Java Bean - uncooked bean
Lantana - all parts
Larkspur - all parts
Laurel - all parts
Lily of the valley - all parts toxic to cats
Lobelia – leaves
Locust - bark, leaves, seeds
Locoweed - all parts
Lupine - all parts
Marijuana - all parts
Mayapple - all parts
Mimosa - all parts
Mistletoe - berries

Mock Orange - fruit
Morning Glory - all parts
Mustard - roots and seeds
Narcissus - bulbs
Nightshade
Oak - acorns, foliage
Oleander - all parts
Peach - leaves
Philodendron - all parts
Pine - sap
Poinsettia - leaves, flowers
Potato - eyes, new roots
Privet - berries, leaves
Prunus varieties - seeds, some parts
Ranunculus - all parts
Redwood - sap (from decks also)
Rhododendron - all parts
Rhubarb - leaves
Snapdragon - all parts
Snowdrop - all parts
Taro - all parts
Tiger Lily - all parts, especially to cats
Tomato - leaves
Trumpet vine - all parts
Tulip - bulbs

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Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

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Vice President	Kevin McDonough	Jan 2020 - Dec 2021	Y
Secretary	Cheryl Jacobs	Jan 2019 - Dec 2020	Y
Treasurer	Angie Jones	Jan 2020 - Dec 2021	Y
Equipment Manager	Alan Puch	Jan 2019 - Dec 2020	Y

Executive Team Discussion Items:

2020 Budget

- Maintain equipment at \$3000 to cover additional purchase of Poly Tanks

- Increase show trophy budget by +\$1000 to allow for purchase of unique show trophy awards

Raffle Items for Monthly Meeting

- Increase budget +\$500 for 2020

- Feature raffle item in monthly newsletter to promote interest amongst club members to participate in purchasing raffle tickets

- Create team to handle purchase of raffle items

By-Laws Revision

- On going discussions to improve by-laws

 - Auction rules

 - Membership dues

Volunteer participation at events

- Out of town members