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May 2019

By The Pond

Hello Everyone,

Thanks to everyone who helped make our annual auction a success! This year we had a great turnout. I would like to thank Bill and Lynn for hosting our auction at Coastal Pond Supply! Our May meeting will be held at Melanie Onushko's house, and Chase Tomkoski will be speaking on the importance of a will and making provisions for your estate and providing your wishes for your koi. I hope to see everyone there!

Chad Bishop

Vice President

Coastal Pond! Always the hostess with the mostest! Thanks for opening up your business to us for the Auction and letting us use your tables and carts and whatever else we need to make the auction work.

Membership.

We picked up several new members at the auction who will hopefully be able to make it to the May meeting. Make sure to introduce yourselves and share some of your vast knowledge with them.

Melanie


Pond Tours Coming Up

We're only a few weeks away! I'm sure you've all been hard at work, sprucing everything up. I can't wait to see all of your ponds! Just a few additional pieces of information:

- 1) Our next meeting is at my house . Please come and pick up your signs then or make arrangements for someone to get them to you.
- 2) I encourage you to put the signs up right away. This will give us additional advertising and be an early notification to your neighbors that something is going on.
- 3) We have leftover candy and chips from the auction. If anyone has kids/ grandkids that would like to sell these during the pond tour, please let me know and I'll have them ready to be picked up on May 5 also.
- 4) I will be at the Peeks house the day of the tour. If you have any questions at all, please put my number in your phone and give me a call. 770-315-5200
- 5) just a reminder that you will all be able to go on the tour on Sunday, May 19. I will be putting out the time frames for each house, early next week.
- 6). Have a great time talking to and meeting new people. Everyone is very excited to see what you all have created in your yards. Thanks again!

Melanie

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POND TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

This is your chance to support the club and you don't even have to work! Most of the homes on the tour have never been seen before! The tour starts where you want it to, in Smyrna or Marietta. Marottas' have a tall cascading waterfall with beautiful plantings surrounding the pond. The Munies' has a waterfall, that falls into a long "L-shaped" pond that you can walk across. Other homes on the tour are the Peeks' which has a meandering stream and many beautiful koi, Barry has a fully landscaped private oasis surrounding her pond, McDonough/Eubanks has a double waterfall feeding a nice pond and koi. Carters' have one of the newer ponds on the tour, you'll be amazed at the transformation from the picture, to now. Mohs front yard pond is an engineer's dream and if you saw this pond 4 years ago when the koi were babies, you'll be shocked to see how big they've grown. Take a stroll through the front yard and enjoy the gardens too. Parking is available at Sope Creek elementary for the Mohs house. Brown's pond is always a favorite with the pergola that makes the whole pond part of the living area. Chaffers are always adding handmade features to enhance the pond and its surroundings, the latest is an overhead structure that works beautifully to shade the pond and keep debris out. Dicken's pond has never been seen before, and is a real treat! So, get your tickets! Our club members have been working hard to make their ponds perfect for this year's tour. Support them, go to Atlantakoiclub.org after you pay, tickets will be sent to your email. Tickets will be exchanged for booklets at house 1 or 10. This will be a relaxing day full of friendship and learning. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you club members on the tour. Bring your friends or relatives too! See you all May 18!

Auction Report

- First off, we would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the auction! We can't do it without you. The morning was a little scary because of the rain, but it stopped and the rest of the day was great.

The total fish sales were \$17,550 which is down from the last couple of years,, but still a respectable number. We had a couple of last minute cancellations on tanks which lightened the fish for sale a little.

Thanks,
Diane & Alan

Our next meeting will be May 5th at the home of Melanie Onushko. Mother's Day is the following weekend, and we don't want to interfere with that. Our speaker will be Chase Tomkosky. He is also our rescue person and an attorney. He will be speaking on "wills" and different ways to make sure your wet pets are taken care of when you are gone.

The board will meet at 1pm and the regular meeting will be at 2pm. In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, we will be serving a little taste of Mexico. Looking forward to seeing you all May 5, 2pm .

A few more pictures from the Central Florida Koi Show. Mike Donahue wins The Atlanta Koi Club's Friendship Award.

Our own Atlanta Koi Club member Gaye Langley Jones wins Grand Champion for her 6month old Black Oranda!



Fixing Your Club

By Spike Cover.....Koi Organisation International

I have been in clubs that survived and prospered and others that have gone by the way side. Here's what I've learned: People join koi clubs hoping to get more enjoyment from their hobby. With regard to club meetings, members generally like two things best:

- ✦ Learning about things that can improve their enjoyment of koi - this generally means good (knowledgeable and entertaining) speakers at meetings, and socializing with others who enjoy the hobby.

What members universally DO NOT LIKE are politics, bickering, badmouthing and/or controversy. You may benefit from new blood in your club but what successful clubs do is to focus on helping people have FUN in this hobby. Young, old or in between can do that if they understand the goal, know how to make it happen and have the desire and the drive to do it.

2019 Koi Auction at Coastal Pond

Although the weather threatened a moist start to the club's Koi Auction, by the time of the auction's start, the rain threat went away and the temperature climbed, resulting in a perfect day.

