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— INLAND KOI SOCIETY —  
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## A BRIEF HISTORY

The Inland Koi Society was founded in 1978 by a small group of Koi enthusiasts living in the Riverside area. Together they also helped found the Associated Koi Clubs of America (AKCA) and then provided funds for AKCA to purchase the KOI USA magazine and make it the classic publication it is today, with national and international circulation. Unfortunately, the club started to die in the mid-80's, but it was reborn in the early 90's and is now fully revitalized. We boast over 125 member families and have hard-working officers and board members.

IKS serves as a consultant and caretaker of the ponds at the Kimberly Crest Mansion of Redlands, a registered State Heritage House. Supplies and our labor are donated so this magnificent old Victorian home and its ponds can be enjoyed by the thousands who visit it yearly. We have also actively worked on the pond at the Edward-Dean Museum in Cherry Valley. Our efforts put water-gardening and Koi on public display year 'round.

Inland Koi Society has hosted an annual Pond Tour or a Koi Auction and Used Equipment Sale in early summer for over 20 years. For a Tour, we select six or more members' ponds, small, medium and large sizes. The Tours are heavily advertised as we invite the public to visit and hopefully become interested in having a pond of their own. At the end of the day we host a banquet for all the members who volunteered time and energies to prepare for and work at the tour, and a good time is shared by all. Auctions are a way of rehoming koi that have been rescued from ponds that have had to be closed down; this happens for many reasons, from a death in the family to a new owner who doesn't want the pond. Members, too, can sell some of their koi to thin the population in their ponds. The used equipment is collected from members, donated by dealers, or donated by the people whose koi we have rescued.

The club can provide an orphaned Koi home (tank) for fish that have lost their owners, and would try to locate new 'parents' for them. This relieves the previous owners of worry and makes the new owners happy, as well as being a rescue of some wonderful pets from uncertain futures.

IKS cooperates with several local garden and flower clubs by setting up a display pond at their annual flower show. We station someone by the pond to answer questions and sign up new members. We used to work with AKCA to set up and man the booths at the Great American Pet Expo held every Spring at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona — until it moved out of the area — and in the garden area at the National Orange Show in San Bernardino. Over 20,000 people may have seen our displays during the shows.

The main goal of the Inland Koi Society is to increase member and public enjoyment of Koi and water gardening by offering education and information in a user-friendly format. We hold informal meetings at members' homes on the 4th Sunday of each month. There is a pond-viewing period prior to the meetings so that we have an opportunity to enjoy the host's pond and discuss the type of construction and filtration. We invite guest speakers on such subjects as fish health and diseases, filter systems, water plants, picking show winners, and other related subjects. Meetings also include a potluck buffet, a raffle, and most importantly, loads of fun and good fellowship, and visitors are always welcome. We also plan periodic socials and field trips to various points of interest, other clubs' meetings, Koi shows, or special events.

IKS has its own web-site and a colorful monthly newsletter, *The Inland Koi Connection*, which helps to keep our members informed of local Koi news and business matters of the club.

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