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FLOWER SHOW AND GARDEN TOURS

FLOWER SHOW: 9AM - 5PM
GARDEN TOURS: 10AM - 5PM

WEEKEND OF APRIL 25-26TH

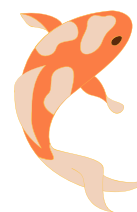
FREE FLOWER SHOW
\$10 GARDEN TOUR

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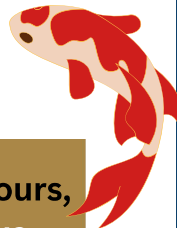
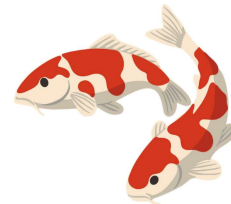
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Simply search **Inland Koi Society**, and our page should be the first result that appears. Follow us to stay updated on meetings, events, and the latest news from the club.



The annual **Riverside Community Flower Show and Garden Tour** is finally here! The theme for this year is **"Garden Party"**. Come to see beautiful displays and learn useful information from the various different flower and garden experts including our very own **Inland Koi Society!!**

Come see six **amazing** local home gardens that will show how to attract the **wonderful creatures** that pollinate our planet while maintaining the **eye-catching** garden environment for our friends.



Not only will there be self guided garden tours, but there will also be fun and informative garden presentations as well as opportunities to shop for very unique hand-crafted garden treasures for your Garden at home!!

How can you get tickets and How much do they cost?

The cost for the flower show is **free!!** For the garden tour its **\$10** per ticket for adults and **kids ages 16 and younger are free!!** Tickets can be purchased through the website, **www.riversideflowershow.com** as well as **both days of the event.** Your tickets will be exchanged for a wristband and a map **Elks Lodge in Riverside.**

Want to help out?

If you want to sign up to help with setting up or cleaning up the IKS booth, **please contact Rob and Deanna Fales! 951.279.0181**





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Upcoming Events

04 25-26~ Riverside Community Flower Show
9 am - 5 PM

Riverside Elks Lodge

6166 Brockton Avenue, Riverside 92506

05 17 ~ IKS Board Meeting
12:30 PM

Aiko Howo

1335 Sterling Road, Redlands 95373-6600

Interested members are welcome to attend, but please call hosts to let them know beforehand

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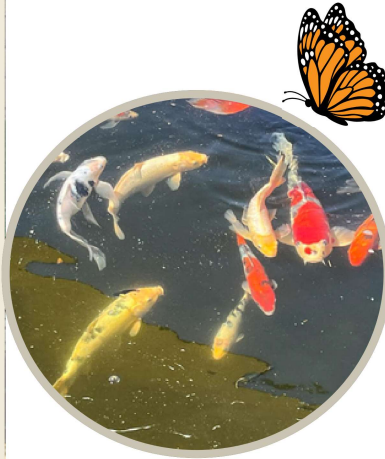
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March Meeting Recap!

If you did not attend the March meeting at Tony Coby's home in Moreno Valley, here's what you missed!



We hope to see you all at the next meeting!

Thank you to Tony Coby for hosting this incredible meeting, and a **HUGE** thank you to those who attended.

These meetings would not be possible without your participation and contribution!



What Happened at Tony's?

At the March meeting we announced that Tony Coby had some fish to donate to the flower show and to a few who needed and wanted some of the extra fish from his pond..Rob & Deanna Fales arranged the setup and catch and it was a total success



You may be featured on our Facebook page! If you prefer not to have your photo or information shared online, please fill out an opt-out form and let us know.



Constructing a garden pond is often perceived as a costly undertaking; however, with careful planning and informed decision-making, it can be achieved in a cost-effective manner. While elaborate pond installations may require substantial financial investment, a functional and aesthetically pleasing pond can be created on a modest budget by prioritizing essential components, selecting economical materials, and minimizing labor costs through self-installation **(Pond Informer, 2026)**.

A critical factor in reducing overall expenses is thoughtful planning. The size and location of the pond significantly influence material and installation costs. Smaller ponds require fewer resources, including liners, pumps, and water, thereby lowering initial expenditures. Additionally, situating the pond near an accessible power source can decrease electrical installation costs, while selecting stable, level ground helps prevent future structural issues and associated expenses **(Pond Informer, 2026)**.

Distinguishing between essential and non-essential features is another important consideration. Core elements such as a durable liner, an efficient pump, and an appropriate filtration system are necessary to ensure proper water quality and long-term functionality. In contrast, aesthetic enhancements, including waterfalls, decorative lighting, and ornamental structures, can substantially increase costs and may be deferred until a later stage without compromising the pond’s basic operation **(Pond Informer, 2026)**.

Material selection also plays a significant role in budget management. While higher-quality materials, such as rubber liners, may involve greater initial costs, they often provide increased durability and longevity. Alternatively, utilizing recycled or repurposed materials—such as stones, containers, or pre-existing landscaping elements—can effectively reduce expenses. Furthermore, sourcing materials from discount suppliers or secondhand markets can offer additional cost savings without sacrificing overall quality **(Pond Informer, 2026)**.

Undertaking the construction process independently is one of the most effective ways to minimize costs. Professional installation services can be expensive; however, many aspects of pond construction can be completed with basic tools and careful attention to detail. Proper excavation, leveling, and liner installation are essential to preventing future maintenance issues. Additionally, selecting simple and efficient filtration systems can further reduce both initial and long-term expenses **(Pond Informer, 2026)**.

Ongoing maintenance should also be considered when evaluating cost efficiency. Selecting hardy aquatic plants and low-maintenance fish species can reduce the time and resources required for upkeep. Routine cleaning and monitoring of water quality can prevent more significant issues, thereby avoiding costly repairs. Seasonal maintenance practices, such as pruning vegetation and preparing the pond for temperature changes, contribute to the system’s longevity and overall sustainability **(Pond Informer, 2026)**.

In conclusion, constructing a garden pond need not be prohibitively expensive. Through strategic planning, careful material selection, and a commitment to self-directed construction and maintenance, individuals can create a visually appealing and functional pond while maintaining financial responsibility.

All Credit goes to : Pond Informer. (2026). How to save money building a garden pond.

Retrieved from <https://pondinformer.com/how-to-save-money-building-a-garden-pond/>



April 2026



Individual Membership Renewals OVERDUE!

3 FREE Renewal Perks for 2026!

- 10 Behaviors that Indicate Problems—Chart
- Koi Emergency Supply List
- Koi Varieties ID Sheet

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/koi-memberships>



POND SIDE Presentation April 25 Noon EDT

From WaterGarden to Koi Pond – Maximize Water Quality & Minimize Maintenance

Do you know anyone that has purchased a house with an ornamental pond, but wanted to keep Koi?

What Should you Do to keep Healthy Koi?

Individual Members sent Zoom link.
Club Members – see your K.O.I. Club Rep

HELP WANTED

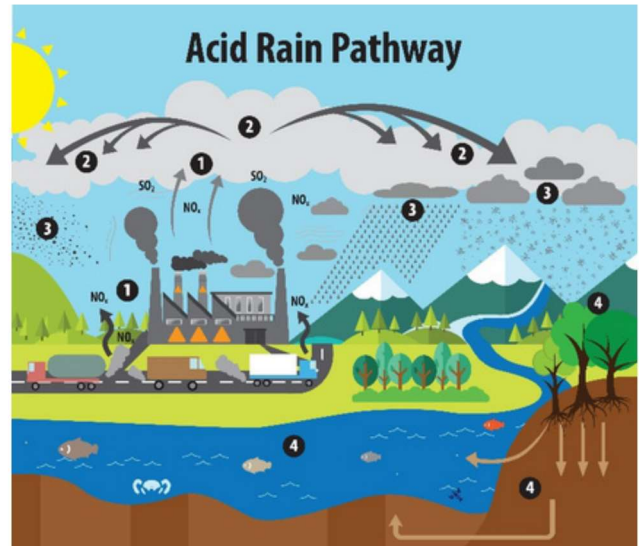


For Badge Design using Photoshop

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TIP OF THE MONTH



This image illustrates the pathway for acid rain in our environment: (1) Emissions of SO₂ and NO_x are released into the air, where (2) the pollutants are transformed into acid particles that may be transported long distances. (3) These acid particles then fall to the earth as wet and dry deposition (dust, rain, snow, etc.) and (4) may cause harmful effects on soil, forests, streams, and lakes. Source: EPA.gov/acidrain

Spring rains can cause pH crashes!

- Rain is usually more acid than city or well water.
- A substance is considered acid if its pH is below 7.0.
- Acid rain may have a pH as low as 4.
- To prevent a pH crash, keep Total Alkalinity (KH) over 100 ppm. Remember KH is always being used up, so monitor with your test kit.
- If Ammonia is ZERO, then KH may be raised with 1 lb of Baking Soda per 1000 gallons, which will raise KH 72 ppm.



2026 Riverside Community Flower Show & Garden Tour

Garden Party

Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & April 26

Gardens 10 am - 5 pm • Show 9 am - 5 pm

FREE Flower Show & Seminars at the Elks Lodge

6166 Brockton Ave., Riverside

Garden Tour \$10 • 6 Gardens New to the Tour!

Tickets available on our website (Children 16 and under Free)

Don't miss
our Garden Fair
at the Flower
Show!

Submit an entry to our flower show for FREE!

Accepting entries Friday, April 24 only • 4 to 8 pm

Flower Show Seminars Include:

Saturday, April 25

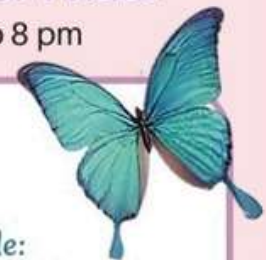
9:30 am **A Garden Party with Hummingbirds and a Touch of Orioles**
Suzanne Colquitt
Wild Birds Unlimited

10:30 am **Creating Arrangements with Your Garden-Grown Flowers**
Ronald Lang NGC
Certified Judge

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am **Garden to Table: Preserving Your Harvest All Year**
Patti Reiter
UCCE Master Gardener

10:30 am **SoCal Succulent Favorites**
Dave & Karen Brandtman, Gold Badge UC Master Gardeners, Proprietors of Brandtman Gardens in La Sierra



Raffle Prizes
at each
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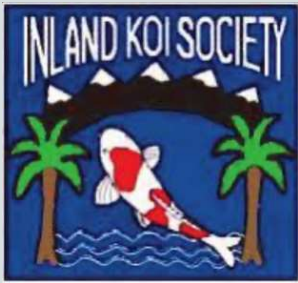


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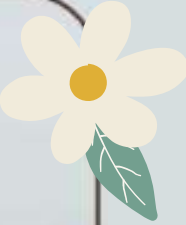
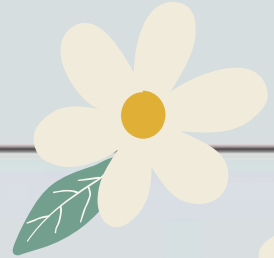
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