

# The Inland Koi Connection



THE OFFICIAL  
NEWSLETTER  
OF IKS  
ISSUE 191  
MAY 2012

## 12<sup>TH</sup> KOI POND & GARDEN TOUR

**Sunday, June 3, 2012**

Self-guided tour of eight  
Ponds & Gardens  
in the Redlands area

**10AM - 4PM**

Tickets, Guides & Maps available  
at each site on day of tour.  
Start at any of our Ponds:

- 12613 Wabash Ave.,  
Redlands
- 646 Palo Alto Dr.,  
Redlands
- 1 Bow B Rd.,  
Redlands
- 25 Summit Ave.,  
Redlands
- 1463 Kevin Ave.,  
Redlands
- 28 San Gorgonio Dr.,  
Redlands
- 11 Beattie Lane,  
Redlands
- 6525 La Praix Court,  
Highland

Call for more information Nick (951) 780-7395  
Dennis (951) 780-0123

Our Annual T-shirts, with the design at right,  
will be available in limited quantities during  
the Tour.

Men's & Ladies' styles ▪ \$20

Presented by  
**INLAND KOI SOCIETY**  
Associated Koi Clubs of America



**\$10** per  
person—  
under 12 free

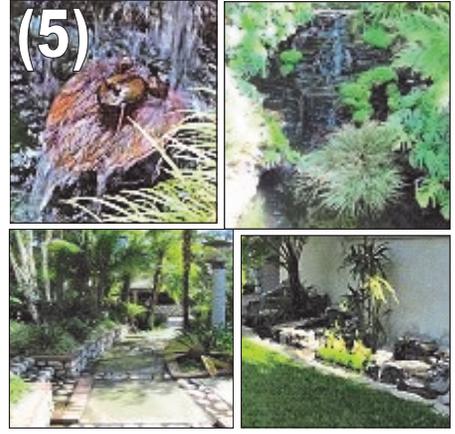
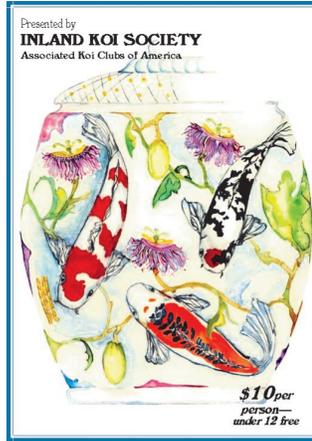


Watch for the next  
**Oval Pond report**  
 by IKS President Dennis  
 Lynaugh in the June 2012 Inland Koi  
 Connection Newsletter!



*Dennis Lynaugh*  
 Dennis Lynaugh - IKS President

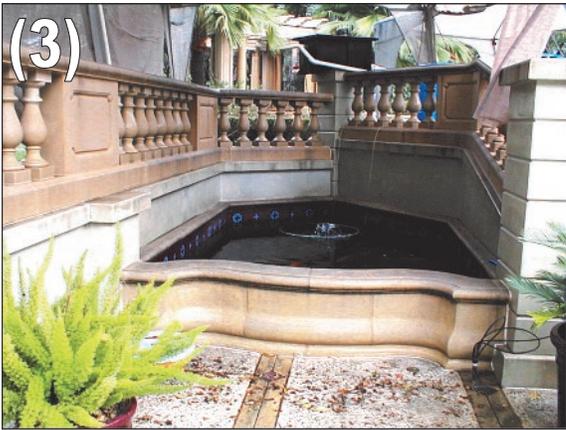
Board of Directors	Inside This Issue	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> DENNIS LYNAUGH (951) 780-0123 dlynaugh@pacbell.net	•Oval Pond •Board Members •Help Line	2
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b> MAC MCCLAIN (909) 225-2346 jmksmcclain@gmail.com	• No Hosts in May •Eight Ponds on June 3rd Pond Tour •Pictures	3
<b>SECRETARY:</b> PEGGY MILFELD (951) 780-7395 milfeld@msn.com	•Welcome New Advertiser!	4
<b>TREASURER:</b> SANDY HANSON (951) 682-3107 hanson_sandy@yahoo.com	•Hai Feng •Quality Koi Food	
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR:</b> DEBBY LEVERETT (951) 781-3887 jenniferdl1950@hotmail.com	•Secretary Notes •Mystic Koi Fest •Pictures	5/6
<b>DIRECTOR:</b> BOB HENRY (909) 783-2373 bigoldgiantbob@sbcglobal.net	•Koi Pond Class Project •Inland Koi, Quality Japanese Koi •Koi Flowers	7/8
<b>DIRECTOR:</b> PATRICIA HURLEY (951) 845-0855 sparrowhawks@verizon.net		
<b>DIRECTOR:</b> ED KUSHNER (951) 520-0092 edkushner@msn.com	•KrakTronix •Laguna Koi •L & E Integrated •Printing Connection •Harrison Koi Farm •Advertising Prices	9
<b>DIRECTOR:</b> MARK KRAKOWER (951) 371-2223 kraktronix@sbcglobal.net		
<b>DIRECTOR:</b> NICK MILFELD (951) 780-7395 milfeld@msn.com	•A Modest Proposal •Welcome •Don't Be Koi •Easy Vacation	10
<b>DIRECTOR:</b> REY QUIRONG (951) 660-1475 qrejoyz@yahoo.com		
<b>DIRECTOR:</b> PENDING	•What's Happening •Events •Monthly Program •Calendar	11
<b>~ HELP LINE ~ REFERENCES</b>		
• AKCA REPRESENTATIVE:	MAC MCCLAIN	(909) 225-2346
• INFORMATION:	JACK MARRIN	(909) 792-3603
• KOI HEALTH:	TOM WRIGHT	(951) 637-5479
• LIBRARIAN: Books, Videos	REY QUIRONG	(951) 6601475
• MEETING SITES:	MAC MCCLAIN	(909) 225-2346
• MEMBERSHIP:	TEE WRIGHT	(951) 637-5479
• NEWSLETTER ADS:	DEBBY LEVERETT	(951) 781-3887
• POND / FISH: Consultation:	SPIKE COVER, KHA / CKKS	(949) 855-2371



**12th KOI POND GARDEN TOUR**

**Sunday, June 3, 2012  
10 am - 4 pm  
in the City of Redlands**  
Call for more information... Nick (951) 780-7395  
Dennis (951) 780-0125

Watch our website for more information:  
[www.inlandkoi.com](http://www.inlandkoi.com)  
Tickets, Maps & Guides available at each site on day of tour.



**Be sure to come on the tour Sunday, June 3rd and see which eight IKS Members have graciously volunteered public access to see their ponds, gardens and koi on this day!**  
**CELEBRATE IKS' 12th POND & GARDEN TOUR!**





HAI FENG

# PROFESSIONAL QUALITY KOI FOOD

- . DOES NOT CLOUD WATER
- . EASY DIGESTION
- . IMMUNE SUBSTANCE ADDED
- . COLOR ENHANCING



ISO 9001:2000 REGISTERED (UKAS,ANAB)  
YOUR QUALITY ASSURANCE

## Aqua Delite®

**FREEZE DRIED SHRIMPS &  
FREEZE DRIED SILKWORM PUPAE**



- . HIGH IN PROTEIN AND NATURAL NUTRIENTS
- . GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR LIVE AND FROZEN FOOD
- . FOR FRESH OR SALT WATER FISH



- . HIGH IN PROTEIN FOR RAPID GROWTH
- . BETTER SLIM PROTECTION
- . HELP TO RESIST BACTERIA AND PARASITES

DISTRIBUTED BY:  
**UP RIGHT TRADING CORP.**  
 TEL: 626-579-0578  
 TOLL FREE: 877-424-3364  
 E-MAIL: sales@uprighttrading.com

© 2012 Up Right Trading Corp. All Right Reserved.

Going to the Leveretts' over the years has always been a treat. We've met around their over-stocked 400-gallon pond with nine jumbo koi rubbing shoulders like colorful sardines. (And we chided them about having such a teeny-tiny pond when Larry was elected AKCA Chairman... representing the international Koi Hobby in 400 gallons!) We've enjoyed the evidence of Debby's green thumb (she does most of the yard work — greatest therapy around!) as well as Larry's orchid house and vegetable garden. We saw them through the major remodel of their home with the traumatic move of the original pond to an above-ground spot under the avocado trees — and the resultant mess of a major spawn with that smelly foam overflowing to the ground! We celebrated with them when the new 4000-gallon pond was finished... and their koi huddled in one corner for weeks before they ventured into the new vast unknown. What next?

Another new improvement for us to share, this meeting brought admiration for the new rock formation retaining walls created by **Leo Palomares**? What an impressive addition, creating raised planting beds — a clean canvas for Debby to plant! — and comfortable seating all around the yard. Also to be seen was the remodeled 400-gallon quarantine tank in the corner of a new rock-faced wall. Fresh water filled it, so the Q-tank was the perfect place to put four lovely koi: **Inland Koi** donated them, first to be used in our display pond at the Riverside Flower Show, and then for the raffle at this meeting. (Remember talk about the original pond size? For a visual, imagine all Larry's big fish in the Q-tank!)

Lots of fun stuff was on the day's agenda, as well as the normal business and a yummy pot luck. Dennis began by welcoming our visitors: our guest speaker **Galen Hansen** and his lovely wife **Maureen**; **William Lim**, of W. Lim Corp., one of our advertising sponsors, who brought his friend **Dennis Parson** of Riverside; and Warren & Cynthia Fowler, who were joined by their son and daughter-in-law, **Warren & Amber Fowler**, and their three darling daughters, **Kelly**, **Kelsey** and **Kylie**, all in town for a wedding the next weekend. Pond Tour chairman Nick Milfeld reported briefly on the June 3rd event, asking for a few more volunteers to sign up with **Rey Quirong**. **Sandy Hanson**, our current club artist, shared the tour's theme art with us: a watercolor of an Oriental ginger jar wrapped with passion flower vines and showing three big koi. The design will be screen-printed on red T-shirts for all Tour volunteer workers and pond owners, and could also be special ordered on Polo shirts or other style or color T-shirts.

Everyone settled in for Larry's pond talk as he described the challenges of a self-build, successfully completed with AKCA's Pond Construction Guide in his hip pocket. We were surprised that no one brought photos for the Koi of the Year competition, but there were many nominations for Koi Person of the Year. **Chris Nobles** cited the years of commitment to IKS, AKCA and KoiUSA given by **Harlan & Joyce Glenn**... **Bob Henry** asked us to honor **Orville & Sandy Hanson** for all the responsibilities they have shared in the club: speaker, treasurer, artist, rescuers... **Nick Milfeld** named **Rey Quirong** for shouldering his share of the load in the last year, as librarian, membership, speaker, and anything else asked of him. Also nominated by not eligible were Debby Leverett and Peggy Milfeld. Ballots were collected for counting and we moved on...

Next on the agenda was a mass move into the garage: Larry needed the photographic proof this time that he can seat 70 inside and still have room for a projector & screen presentation! **Mac** graciously introduced our speaker, **Dr. Galen Hansen**, who has been an avid koi hobbyist since 1981. A retired OB-GYN, he is also an AKCA-certified Koi Judge, which has taken him to koi

shows across the US and into Japan and Australia. His koi may be as well known as he is: they have been entered in 88 shows and have won over 1300 prizes!

Having been to so many shows, on both sides of the tank, Dr. Hansen has accumulated a vast number of photos and hours of experience with koi, and he shared some with us in a running commentary about Japan and koi. His first trip in 1989 was a learning experience, not only how competitive their shows are, but the etiquette of buying: there is silence around anyone inspecting two koi in a basin, and only when he is finished may another speak or ask to inspect the fish that was rejected. Koi Auctions are held in a special arena overlooking a water-filled floor. Dealers, retailers and hobbyists sit in three steep tiers of seats; bidding is based on quick visual inspection only as each lot passes by them in floating crates.

As exciting as a Koi Show may be, we would not imagine one being televised, but the All-Japan Show is watched on live TV, and the trophies are huge! The shows were run Japanese-style until after 2000, with all entries in one class held in the same tank for judging. Galen described the challenge he faced as a judge in 1992, being told to "pick #1-2-3" from a tank of 50 perfect Kohaku, taking into consideration configuration first, color (quality, clarity, and uniformity) next. The champion that show had been trained to be a loner, staying away from the others and making itself quite obvious!

Now the All-Japan Shows are judged English style: koi of various entrants are not mixed in one tank. As bagged koi are unloaded for the show, sizing is simplified by sliding bags over circles divided in eighths; a 20cm diameter is standard, and whatever angle the bag comes over it, the relative length is easy to determine. Size 4 and smaller koi are bagged in special bags made of silicon polymer, the same material used in breast implants; they are soft and pliable, clear on top for visibility, and ballast on the bottom. The bags aren't cheap — only \$25 each! There was so much to see, and it is evident Galen never tires of sharing his enthusiasm or his knowledge of koi. We were truly honored to have the Hansens as our guests.



Spike Cover spoke briefly, sharing how much Galen had helped him when he first got into koi. He complimented Galen, calling him "the guy who was Erik Johnson before there was an Erik Johnson!" Galen gave a plug for koi judge training, noting that the economy has hurt the judging process. "You pay your own way all through training, but once you've made it, you're taken care of everywhere you go. And the friendships... you can't beat the friendships!"

Everyone waited expectantly for the ballot results to be announced, and all gave a hearty hand to **Orville and Sandy** when they were introduced as the **2012 Koi Persons of the Year**. They will be further honored at the AKCA Annual Meeting to be held in Fresno, June 30 - July 1. We hope many of our members will make the trip and take advantage of the Wet Lab both days, which will be open to all attendees. [Go akca.org for more info.] We were also reminded that there will be no regular meeting on the fourth Sunday in May; instead we will meet at the Pond Tour the first Sunday in June. Those not volunteering to work the Tour, but taking the tour on their own, are invited to join us at the wrap-up banquet at Jack Marrin's house. This will require a reservation be made with Nick Milfeld, and will cost \$10 per person for the steak BBQ.

No meeting is over until the raffle has been called, so we evacuated the garage, picked up seconds on desserts, and were reminded that there were four donated koi in the Q-tank. **Patricia Hurley** pulled the tickets, and needless to say, the first few winners chose koi and got to try their hand at netting and bagging the fish themselves. Also on the table were some wonderful books, bags of foods, and other koi-related gifts. In the end, **Larry**, our host, and **Nick**, **Mark Krakower** and **Dennis Lynaugh** went home with new little fish for their ponds.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Milfeld, IKS Secretary





Mystic Koi presents:

### 2012 GROW OUT SELECTION AND KOI FESTIVAL

Last years grow out was a great success and this years is even better. Come to Mystic Koi on the 26th to participate in the selection process for next years grow out.

This is easily the go to event of the year:

- We have insane quality tosaï from Beppu, Omosako, and Taniguchi
- Huge sales on almost everything available
- BBQ by L&L
- Live Music by The Studio
- Quick Learning Seminars

This a great opportunity to pick up a very high quality koi from Japan, learn, compete, and most importantly have a great time! Oh and did we mention the first prize next year gets a free trip to Japan! Also Cody Turtle has agreed to do a painting of the champion koi. There is way too much information to fit here, so click on their website

<http://www.mystickoi.com/Koi-Festival-2012-g-12.html>



Can't make it?

No problem, this year we've made it super easy to participate from any where you might be. We are doing a lottery system which will enable you to pre select the koi you want. We have a ton of information on our web site about the selection process, and photos.

**Phone: (909) 920 3767 / Toll Free: (800) 775 - 2095 / Store hours:  
Mon.-Sat.: 10:00-05:00 / Sunday: 11:30-04:00 / Wednesday: Closed  
1250 West Arrow Highway, Upland, CA 91786**



**KOI POND CLASS PROJECT**

Magazine Title: [www.pondtrademag.com/](http://www.pondtrademag.com/)  
 Online Exclusive Articles  
 Paul Moore

As Batavia Middle School science teacher, Paul Moore, grappled with the task of fall leaf removal from his newly acquired garden pond, it was at this time, unbeknownst to him that he would begin a project unlike any before. One that would spark imagination and be forever embedded in the minds of his students. "I was seconds from removing the pre-formed pond liner that the previous owner so half-heartily installed," Moore explained. Luckily, for his students he decided to breathe a second life into his decrepit garden pond.

After a few months of research, Moore was anticipating the spring weather that was approaching in this suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. Anxiously, Paul drove to the fish store and made his first fish purchase. "I started off with a few small Koi and with a little patience and help from my local fish hatchery, I had a beautiful pond by the end of June. Every evening that summer would end with my wife and me sitting by the pond watching Chester, our largest fish."

Knowing that the next school year was just around the corner, Moore was begrudging the fact that he would not get to spend as much time with his newly adored garden pond. It was while sitting by his pond one evening that he decided that he was going to install a pond in his classroom. The decision was easy. The tough part wasn't going to be convincing his principal but rather discovering a method to pay for it.

"I walked into her office and just said it, 'Susan, I want to put a pond in my classroom'." She laughed but honored the request.

Moore was pretty confident that what Principal Susan Hakel heard was, "I want fish in my room" but what she got was an over 400 gallon indoor koi pond. The first step after getting the approval was to go beseech the local businesses for financial help.

The first stop that Moore made was to his local farm supply store. Moore acknowledged there was potentially one imperative obstacle that would put the brakes on this project immediately, a pond that leaks. To combat this, Moore decided that he would utilize a farm stock tank and a rubber liner. After traversing through the wide varieties of stock tanks, the perfect candidate was selected. It was a slightly beat-up six foot round tank that was two feet deep. "I told the manager my intention for the stock tank, and he made me a very fair deal." With the tank purchased, Moore sought the services of the local fish hatchery in Newtown, Ohio. Jones Fish Hatchery proved to be an invaluable resource in the project.

Their experienced staff helped select several Pondmaster Mag-drive pumps, a Pondmaster Ultra-Violet Clarifier, and a Pondmaster 1250 submersible filter. Moore chose to go with a completely submersible filtration system due to the size restraints of his classroom and location of the pond. The Jones staff was not only more than willing to offer expert advice but also awarded Moore and his students a sizable donation. Moore found it quite easy to locate people who were equally excited about his project. "I am very grateful for the kind people and businesses that helped make this project possible."



The goal of this project was to enrich and advance student skills beyond the state-mandated curriculum. In the first few weeks of school, Paul Moore's 8th grade science students were researching,

designing, engineering, building, and maintaining an aquatic ecosystem that gave them the opportunity to practice workplace and career readiness skills. "When construction began, I had students who had never pulled the trigger on a cordless drill, never read a tape measure, and didn't know how to use a builders square." It was surely a learning curve for these students but through trial, error, and plenty of practice, these students produced a very high quality Koi Pond.

The pond has become an everyday staple in Moore's student's school day. Students are required to perform all maintenance to the pond. Taylor Albright a student, said, "I really like having the pond in the classroom. It teaches us responsibility, but it doesn't really seem like work." Students were also challenged to research, design, and construct prototypes of submersible pond filters. In the future, students will research and create a comprehensive Koi care guide that includes information ranging from general care to caring for an ailing Koi. "No one wishes for an ill fish but having the pond in the classroom gives students an opportunity to experience first hand how to nurture ill fish back to health." The value of such experiences go beyond the scope of any textbook, rather they are learning skills that are applicable to real-life.

- I would also like notoriety for my sponsors:
- Jones Fish Hatchery
  - Smyth Automotive
  - The Stone Source
  - Amos Insurance
  - Private Donations

Photos by Vincent Woyan



# INLAND KOI

Quality Japanese Koi  
& Pond Supply



Importers of high quality  
Japanese koi.  
Complete line of koi &  
pond supplies.

Our recent shipment  
of Japanese Koi  
is looking good.  
**INLAND KOI**  
Come and see them!

10000 Indiana Ave., Ste #7  
Riverside CA 92503  
(951) 352-5128

Store Hours: Mon-Sat 10:00-5:00  
Sun 10:00-4:00



Phone: (951) 352-5128

Email: inlandkoi@inlandkoi.com

THE BEST QUALITY  
**Japanese Koi**  
AT A REASONABLE PRICE!

## Koi: Flowers that swim: March 2007

By Ariel Swartley, Special to the Sentinel

Long a symbol of good fortune, the fish are prized by many for the splash of cheerful color they provide aquatic gardens.

This garden could be a study in tranquility. Slender reeds emerging from the pond's surface form an elegant kimono pattern with the reflection of a pastel sky.

An 18-inch koi streaks into view, its red-and-white blotches as gaudy as a clown suit. More fish soon follow. Their Japanese name, nishikigoi, translates as "brocaded carp," and its aptness is apparent. There are fish whose scales glitter as though they have been embroidered with gold thread. Others are robed in thick swirls of jet black and glistening white.

The explanation for their arrival stands nearby: a fish-food dispenser. Here at the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden at California State University, Long Beach, a quarter buys a handful of pellets, and the frenzy of leaping bodies and gaping mouths that greet this offering leaves no doubt that koi are descended from the legendary Chinese carp. This carp's arduous mythical journey up a waterfall to the Dragon Gate has made it a widespread symbol of perseverance.

Images of koi and its ancestor, the common river carp, are everywhere in Asian culture. In Japan, families fly carp-shaped streamers called koinobori on Children's Day in May. These bright-colored fish are a sign of good fortune (the number of streamers equals the number of children in the household) and a reminder of the obstacle-leaping that is required in any successful journey to adulthood.

Chinese feng shui texts point out the beneficent effects of keeping a statue of carp in the home -- or, better yet, of having a pool of swimming koi.

To a gardener, the fish have something in common with camellias, another Asian specialty. All koi are one species, *Cyprinus carpio*, but fanciers recognize a bewildering number of varieties classified by color, pattern and the type or absence of scales. Recent introductions such as the platinum Ogon, an all-silver fish with the texture of quilted satin, are startlingly beautiful, but among traditionalists the vivid red-and-white fish known as Kohaku are particular favorites.

The Japanese, first to breed river carp for decorative purposes, associate those colors with happiness.

Lisa Barnett, president of the Nishiki Koi Club, in Orange County, Calif., notes another traditional preference -- that for female fish.

"It's the only hobby where they want the women chubby," she says.

The female koi's silhouette, chunkier than the male's, is said to represent robust vitality. Regardless of symbolism, the koi's grace and flowerlike brilliance are a mesmerizing addition to a garden.

### High-priced fish

At Eastern Nishikigoi in Westminster, Calif., a licensed importer of Japanese koi, sales associate Nancy Morales walks to the back pools where the biggest fish swim. Koi grow rapidly under favorable conditions, reaching half their adult length in 24 months, and the 2-year-olds in these pools are already more than a foot long. Fish in well-designed pools can easily live 40 years. In Japan, some koi have topped 100. Morales, who raises prize-winning koi with her pond-designer husband, Frank, points to a pale gold behemoth rising from the pool's depth.

"Here, Buttercup," she calls.

Buttercup is a 6-year-old, 34-inch Chagoi. With a price tag of \$8,500, Morales says she is also the least expensive fish in the pool. In a Japanese competition last year, one entrant fetched \$150,000 -- and that was before it won.

<b>BUSINESS CARD</b>	<b>\$100 / year</b>
<b>QUARTER-PAGE DISPLAY</b>	<b>\$140 / year</b>
<b>HALF-PAGE DISPLAY</b>	<b>\$275 / year</b>
<b>FULL-PAGE DISPLAY</b>	<b>\$550 / year</b>

Approximately 135 copies of the Inland Koi Connection are printed and mailed eleven times yearly. For more information call Debby, IKS Editor, at (951) 781-3887



**KrakTronix Technical Services**

LASER PRINTER SERVICE  
REMANUFACTURED TONER CARTRIDGES  
ALL TONER / INK NEEDS  
HP AUTHORIZED

**MARK KRAKOWER**

501 N. Smith Ave. • Suite 110 • Corona, CA 92880  
(951) 735-9996 • (951) 2782849 Fax  
email: kraktronix@sbcglobal.net • www.kraktronix.com



**LAGUNA KOI PONDS**

**Ben Polonski**

Phone (949) 494-5107  
20452 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
bplonski@lagunakoi.com Fax (909) 494-1679

Jack Cords



**20% Off For First Time Customers!**

800.491.1964 • 951.351.9437  
printingcolor@yahoo.com • www.printingconnection.net  
11800 Sterling Ave., Suite E • Riverside, CA 92503

**951.369.9998**

**HARRISON'S KOI FARM**

POND KOI • SHOW QUALITY KOI  
2000 KOI on display from 3" to 30"

Specializing in hard to find varieties

- KOI FOOD
- SUPPLIES
- EQUIPMENT
- CONSULTATION



**Terry & Koren Harrison**  
5580 / 5582 Rio Road  
Riverside, CA 92509

**Welcome to Inland Koi Connection**

**L & E INTEGRATED SOLUTION**  
IT IS YOUR GATEWAY TO PC'S AND NETWORK SUPPORT



**LINDA KUSHNER**  
Founder  
lindakushner1@gmail.com

Cell: (951) 333-4147

**L & E INTEGRATED SOLUTION**

- Computer /Laptop repair and recovery
- Remove viruses and malware
- Install security protection
- Maintain and manage computer via remote access
- Troubleshoot any hardware/software

May 2012 Newsletter

**A MODEST PROPOSAL...**

Have you ever thought about showing off your pond to the club, but feared trying to get 50, 60 or more people seated with room to spare for food tables and speakers and all that, not to mention having half of them wandering through the house to use the bathroom? We understand! Have you thought it would be fun to be on one of the Pond Tours, but there's never enough others nearby to create the tour? Or maybe you are reluctant to have a few hundred people tromp through and trample your yard? Or maybe the pond is finished but the yard isn't...maybe the pond isn't either, yet. We understand that, too!

Well... What if we could visit with the guarantee that not a blade of grass would be touched, not a door would be opened, not an hour would be lost, yet everyone would get the grand tour and understand your enthusiasm for koi? Would you invite us over for a few minutes fitted into your schedule, not ours?

We are hoping to plan a **Virtual Tour** of our reluctant members' ponds for a future meeting that needs to be held indoors, and what we are asking is cooperation from a lot of members we rarely

see or never get to visit. The idea is to have as many members as possible take their own photos as if on a tour of their own ponds. Snap a shot from the street maybe, or through the garden gate; approach the pond from several angles, distant and close-up; spray the cobwebs off the filter equipment and take shots of it; capture some views of your fish, the waterfall, the details that make your pond special to you. Show it off! And don't show anything you don't want to show!

Besides photos, we would like to have a little information about your pond, similar to what we publish in the tour booklets. People are interested in dimensions, water volume, your filtration system, how many koi you have and what you feed them. Are they pond fish or named pets? They want to know how you got started in koi, whether this is your first pond, the second or third revision, or the "last pond built first" as everybody recommends. Was it a DIY project or built for you? Have you had any great problems (snow, earthquakes, flooding...), unique solutions, or great successes? Yep! We're all nosy, admittedly guilty as charged.

Oh! What do you do with all those photos and info? Well, hopefully the photos are digital so you can

put them on a disc and send them to us, or email the photos. The info can be a file on the disc, too, or just printed out and included. We'll make a PowerPoint show of the various ponds and be able to take everyone on the "tour" someday soon. *(If you really get into it, you can send us your own PowerPoint, narrated or with subtitles... or not.)* We would promise not to post any of it on the website, to keep it "in the club."

We hope this sounds interesting to everyone. We would especially enjoy hearing from our far-flung members who would host if we could get to them. We know the Frady's and the Poppe's in Virginia deal with snow and a frozen pond each winter; we'd like to see 'seasonal' views and understand how they deal with it. Information and photo CDs can be sent to the IKS address, Attn: Virtual Tour, or emailed to me at [milfeld@msn.com](mailto:milfeld@msn.com)

Looking forward to visiting many of you soon! Write or call if you have questions.

~Peggy Milfeld

\*Editor's Note: YOU CAN DO THIS! :-) You can be a little more active in your Koi Club! Remember; AN ORGANIZATION IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE MEMBERS WHO SUPPORT IT.



*Looking for an easy vacation? Try Bird-watching at the Flamingo Hotel in Los Vegas.*

Chilean flamingos, distinguished by their gray legs and pink knees, are the namesake bird of the hotel's 15-acre wildlife habitat, also home to pheasants, swans, native grackles and some koi fish. OK, it's nerdy, but bring your binoculars just in case. Go to <http://www.flamingolasvegas.com> and click on "wildlife habitat."

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

NEW MEMBERS	CITY	JOINED
RICHARD & DEEDEE HENRY	NORCO	05 - 12
RANDY & PAULINE MCGARVEY	YUCAIPA	02 - 12

**IKS HOPES YOU ENJOY A FUN AND INFORMATIVE ASSOCIATION WITH OUR CLUB! FOR EXTRA HELP, QUESTIONS, OR INFORMATION, BE SURE TO REFER TO THE 'HELP LINE' ON PAGE TWO.**



**WHAT?? WHO, ME??**

**INLAND KOI SOCIETY  
MONTHLY PLANNING CALENDAR 2012**

REGULAR MTG 4th Sunday	HOSTS & City	PROPOSED PROGRAM Speakers	BOARD Wed. after Mtg
May	No General Meeting	Pond Tour on June 3	May 30
June 24	Steve and Laura Nyrady - Yucaipa	Mark Whalen - Pond tips (Improving Quality of Pond and Fish)	June 27
July 22	Miguel Sierra - Murrieta	Shawn McHenry, Mystic Koi - Topic to be determined	July 25
August 26	Pam Spindola - Santa Ana	Pam Spindola - Slide show	August 29
September 23	Patricia Hurley - Cherry Valley	Spike Cover - Topic is Quarantine	Sept. 26
October	Bus Trip	Destination - Barstow Koi	Pending October
November 18	Jerry and Pat Mall - Temecula	Pending	Nov. 28

Could your pond water be clearer? Do you wish the filter did a better job removing the fine matter? Does your biological filter keep up with the demand that comes with increased summer feeding? Do you feel that you spend too much time maintaining your filtration system?

Maybe you are thinking about building that bigger pond or your first pond – then the good news is that the Koi Club of San Diego (“KCS D”) is hosting an encore presentation of **Orville Hanson’s** “The Perfect KOI Pond Filter System” talk.

Orville’s presentation will be split into two pieces to accommodate the KCS D meeting format and presented on **June 10<sup>th</sup>** and **August 12<sup>th</sup>**. The June meeting will be hosted by Paul and Cheryl Atkiss in Scripps Ranch and the August meeting by Shirley Elswick in Point Loma. KCS D members bring their own chairs and gather at 1:00 with the host providing drinks and snacks or light eats with the meeting starting 1:30.

Orville has been keeping Koi for 30 years after becoming interested in Koi during numerous trips to Japan. After retiring from the Department of Defense, where he analyzed the performance of combat systems for the Navy, Orville and his wife Sandy became active in the Inland Koi Society. He has applied his engineer’s training and knowledge to compare the many Koi pond filtration systems and their components.

Orville will help us better understand the many filter methods and options that are available for our Koi ponds, along with sharing valuable performance and costs details for each system.

Cheryl and I live at 10364 Rue Riviere Verte, San Diego, CA 92131 (858-693-4125) and hope you have the chance to join us for Orville’s talk. Together we can learn and improve our Koi keeping skills. The KCS D web site provides an Email link to the meeting address, 3 weeks prior to the actual meeting date, at <http://KoiSD.info/t3db>. Paul & Cheryl Atkiss  
IKS & KCS D Members



Hi Debby,

I’ve been talking with Mac about being listed in the newsletter as someone who can help with pond/fish problems. I live a long way away from the core IKS group but can often do a lot by phone. You can list my phone number, 949-855-2371, and my email [discover1@cox.net](mailto:discover1@cox.net).

All the best,  
Spike Cover

*Thank you SO very much Spike!  
Your knowledge and dedication with Koi far exceeds expertise and we appreciate your generous offer! Debby*

Members,

There is a possibility that the AKCA web site may shut down until a new webmaster is found.

All of the material for the Koi Health Advisor program and other articles on koi husbandry, are available on the web-site for no charge. If you are interested in accessing any of the material, you should download it as quickly as you can.

Mac McClain, VP IKS & AKCA Rep.

2012

M  
A  
Y

**Coming Events**

- 25-28 **GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** ~Free Euclid and Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92842 / (714) 638-0981 [www.strawberryfestival.org](http://www.strawberryfestival.org)
- 26 **GROW OUT SELECTION AND KOI FESTIVAL** ~ Mystic Koi . See flyer on page 6
- 26-27 **SANTA ANITA BONSAI SHOW AND SALE** ~ 9 am - 5pm / 301 North Baldwin Avenue Arcadia, CA 91007 / (626) 821-3222 [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org)
- 28 **MEMORIAL DAY** ~ Always remember and be proud of the USA
- 30 **IKS FINAL POND TOUR MEETING** ~ 7 pm / All home owners & members involved, meet at Scott-Marrin, Inc., 6531 Box Springs Blvd Riverside CA 92507; Phone: (951) 653-6780. Call Nick for more info (951)780-7395

J  
U  
N  
E

- 01-03 **TEMECULA VAL. BALLOON AND WINE FESTIVAL** ~ Lake Skinner, 37701 Warren Road, Temecula, CA 92596 / (909) 676-6713 [www.tvbwf.com](http://www.tvbwf.com)
- 02-03 **KODAMA KOI FARM KOI & POND PARTY** ~ Grand Opening in New Jersey at Waterford Gardens, 74 East Allendale Road, Saddle River, NJ 07458 / (201) 962-3915 [info@kodamakoifarm.com](mailto:info@kodamakoifarm.com)
- 03 **IKS POND & GARDEN TOUR IN REDLANDS** ~ \$10. 10 am - 4 pm - All eight of the houses within a radius of 10 miles. Watch for more information. [inlandkoi.org](http://inlandkoi.org) (951) 780-7395
- 08 **AKCA BOARD MEETING** ~ 6pm / 529 W. Blue-ridge Ave., Orange 92865 / Call Mac at (951) 398-7048 for more information.
- 10 **KCS D POND FILTRATION** ~ Presented in a two part presentation by IKS Member Orville Hanson. Second presentation will be August 12
- 17 **FATHER’S DAY** ~ A man’s children and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season". -- Unknown
- 20 **SUMMER SOLSTICE** ~ is the longest day of the year, the Sun reaches its most northern point in the sky at local noon. After this date, the days start getting shorter.
- 24 **INLAND KOI SOCIETY MEETING & POTLUCK** ~ 2:00-5:00 pm. Hosts Steve and Laura Nyrady - in Yucaipa. For more info (951) 398-7048
- 27 **IKS BUSINESS MEETING** ~ 7pm / All members of IKS welcome! — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Dennis Lynaugh (951) 780-0123
- 29-30 **LAGUNA SAWDUST FESTIVAL** ~ Open 10 am - 10 pm daily / 935 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA 92651(949) 496-3030 [www.sawdustfestival.org](http://www.sawdustfestival.org)



**KODAMA KOI FARM**  
We love koi and koi people

**Koi & Pond Party**  
Join us on Saturday and Sunday June 2 & 3, 2012, 9 AM - 5 PM  
Enjoy the beauty of Japanese koi and the Waterford Gardens.

**Enter to win great prizes!**

**GRAND PRIZE**  
One lucky winner takes home this beautiful Koi fish valued at \$2000!  
Watch her video at [www.kodamakoifarm.com/ny](http://www.kodamakoifarm.com/ny)

**KOI BEAUTY CHALLENGE**  
Win a \$500 gift certificate  
Test your skill (or luck!) Make your picks and find out if your picks match the Kodama's pick. You could win a \$500 Kodama Koi Farm gift certificate!



INLAND KOI SOCIETY  
5198 ARLINGTON AVE., #146  
RIVERSIDE, CA 92504

Return Service Requested

**Always be ready for any  
surprises in life...**



**Always look at where you're  
going...**

**Always be alert  
and then wait.  
Perhaps what  
you're looking  
for, will find  
you...**



**But,  
most of all,  
don't let the  
situation  
confuse you.**



Visit our website: [www.inlandkoi.org](http://www.inlandkoi.org)