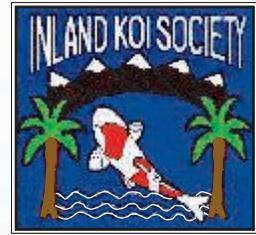


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All Koi Lovers Are Invited to our 2013

Koi Auction and Used Equipment Sale

Saturday June 1 — 10 am - 2 pm



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We were fortunate enough to have our April meeting hosted by Ed and Linda Kushner, who were great hosts. The Kushner's pond is absolutely beautiful, accented by two waterfalls, great looking koi, a catfish, and a red slider turtle. Their custom-made aluminum patio cover above the pond not only keeps the area nice and cool, but helps protect the koi from flying predators. Nearly 50 club members turned out for the meeting.

Our speakers, board members Ed Kushner and Rey Quirong, gave a very informative talk on koi predators and what to do to keep them from using your pond as a buffet line. Board member Rob Fales gave a fantastic talk on Doitsu Koi that was well received by the membership.

I briefly discussed the Inland Koi Society Scholarship which is awarded to members who are students and are involved in some type of training related to animals.

Koi of the Year, and the Koi Person of the Year were selected through our voting process. I'm very happy to announce that Ed and Linda Kushner were selected as the Koi Persons of the Year, and Mariano & Cathy Palpallatoc's Kohaku won Koi of the Year. A big congratulations goes out to the five of them.

Jack Marrin stepped up in the absence of Nick Milfeld and gave an eloquent talk on the upcoming Koi Auction and Equipment Sale. Jack will also continue to spread that eloquence as our auctioneer at the auction. This is something you don't want to miss!

Thought of the month: *Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.* - George Burns

MAC McClain IKS President

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This article is from Jack Marrin regarding the Koi Auction coming up on June 1, 2013. Many of the koi that will be sold at auction will be 10 to 20 inches long and this year they are really beautiful fish. Depending on availability, a number of smaller fish may also be sold in lots of 2 to 5 for one price. There will be every variety of koi under the sun, including Kohaku, Showa, Sanke, Doitsu, Ogon, Becko, Utsuri, Matsuba and maybe even a Kujaku.



"Sold! A beautiful Kohaku to #108 for \$75."

All Koi will be inspected for health externally before they are sold. The fish that have been on display at club member Ed Kushner's home are quite large and the fish sold at the IKS auction are always a bargain compared to store retail prices. In the past, lots of the small pond fish have gone for \$25 - \$50, the bigger fish can go from \$50- \$200 a lot, all very much less than the typical selling price. In fact, fish retailing for up to \$500 can go at the auction for \$100. Fish that would normally sell for \$200 are often purchased for \$50. The auction usually has one or two show-quality koi which can sell at auction for up to \$400, well below their retail value.



Typical quality of koi sold at IKS Koi Auction

When Jack was asked about where these auction fish come from, he replied that most come from the Inland Koi Society's Koi Rescue program. These fish were not taken from homes where they were neglected or abandoned, but rather they came from the well-kept koi ponds of people who decided to close down their ponds. Often this was because they were moving or they had retired from the hobby and wanted their koi pets to go to a better home where they could be well cared for. So in reality, many of these koi are quality fish that just need a new home.

The club houses them at Ed and Linda Kushner's home in a dedicated 5000-gallon doughboy pool with its own filtration system and this essentially acts as a very large quarantine tank. The fish are checked daily and are fed a good quality koi food. Members

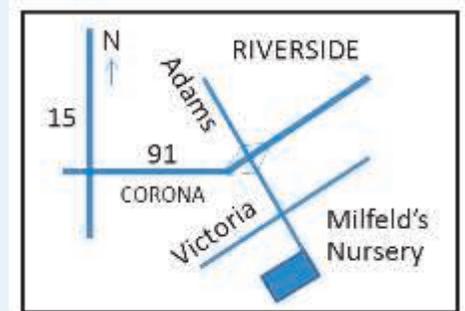
who came to the Kushner's home for our April club meeting can attest to the beauty and quality of these koi. It's important to know that many of the koi that will be sold at this year's auction have not come from a thinning out process, where the less pretty koi are just gotten rid of.

In addition to the Koi Rescue fish, members of the club donate koi for sale. Often the owners have overstocked their pond, or have too many of the same variety and are looking to buy something different. Since they have to move a few koi out of the pond to make room for the new (following the "do not overstock" rule), these "family pets" need to go to good homes, namely their fellow club members' or people new to the koi hobby who are looking for an extremely good value on a well-kept fish. IKS club members have owner-maintained ponds and typically buy higher quality koi because that's what they're used to having in their ponds as serious koi keepers. Anyone who buys one of the members' fish at our auction typically gets one heck of a deal on a quality koi.

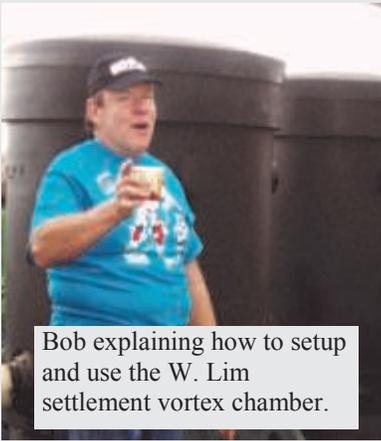
Summing it up... the auction will provide an opportunity to buy some good quality fish at some really great prices and is an ideal place for people starting a koi pond to pick up a well-balanced selection of koi to accent their pond. Anyone considering the koi hobby and who wants to buy several fish to start their pond won't want to miss this opportunity on Saturday, June 1, 9:00 AM at Milfelds' Nursery on Adams Street in Riverside.

Directions:

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- Look for the IKS signs to guide you.



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Bob explaining how to setup and use the W. Lim settlement vortex chamber.

Why is the equipment sold at the IKS auction a good deal?

Club members, koi supply dealers and some of our vendors bring all types of pond equipment to the Inland Koi Society's auction to be sold. Oftentimes this is equipment that members are replacing because they have decided to upgrade their filtration system, or they bought something they just couldn't use. A vendor or even a manufacturer might introduce a newer model of some equipment and, in order to support our club, they donate "last year's model" or a demo.

In some cases, it could even be an item that is refurbished and has been professionally repaired so it can continue to be used for a long time.

Either way, the prices are way less than new retail prices and your purchase of this equipment goes a long way toward supporting our club and its many projects and activities. The picture below shows what types of equipment have been offered in the past, plus you'll get good free advice on the installation and set up of what you purchase. Sometimes the donor of the equipment will be around to give you a bit of its history and how they used it. As an example, in the past, a barely used Ultima 10,000 filter, selling new for \$1700, was sold for \$500. There were several W. Lim settlement chambers (for pre-filtration) sold for a few hundred dollars each. Pumps and UV lights costing \$400-\$500 new have sold for less than half that. It definitely will be worth your time to check out the dozens of items and purchase something for your present pond or even for future use as you decide to upgrade or start a pond. ~ Bob Walters (of Two Koi Guys, a club member, equipment seller and advisor at the auction)

- Settlement chambers
- Microstrainers
- Bead filters (various)
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- valves & connectors
- air pumps, plastic hose

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Slightly Used Pond Equipment

Ed and Linda Kushner hosted 53 members and guests at our April meeting in Corona. President Mac McClain opened the meeting right on time, announcing first that anyone having fish for the Koi Auction should see Ed Kushner, and second that any outstanding applications for the \$500 IKS Scholarship should go to Sandy Hanson.

Before we ate, Mac noted that the day's agenda included selecting Koi and Koi Person of the Year, reminding us that he expected those making nominations to stand before the group to tell what the nominee has done for the club and how he or she has stood out in their contributions to the club over the past year. He cautioned us, please, to forewarn our nominees of our intentions to avoid any embarrassing surprises. Koi of the Year competition is based on photos submitted by members, and Mac was surprised and disappointed that as of that moment there'd only been one koi photo submitted.

Once lunch was finished, Mac asked for nominations for Koi Person of the Year. Rey Quirong, our VP, stood and spoke emotionally about one who has been a member since 2004, started doing Koi Rescue before 2008, and has already collected over 50 koi this year towards our Koi Auction, which generates the funds that allow our club to operate. After the rescues, this man houses and maintains the koi at his home until they find new owners. Ray said he believes this man deserves recognition for doing all this and named Ed Kushner as his nominee. Ed humbly accepted Rey's nomination so there was no embarrassing moment here. Francine Hoffman then nominated Erika Henry, recognizing her dedication to the club and constant working behind the scenes: she sets things up for meetings and helps close them down, and works in the kitchen to make sure our lunches flow smoothly. The entire group applauded both nominees.

The voting was done later in the meeting, and when the ballots were counted, Ed Kushner was named Koi Person of the Year for 2013. With no competition, it was a unanimous decision for Koi of the Year; the honor went to Mariano and Cathy Palpallatoc's beautiful Kohaku, the Novice Champion for Kohaku 24"-28" at the 2013 KCSO Koi Show.

Ed and Linda Kushner welcomed everyone to their home and encouraged all to inspect the rescue fish in the quarantine pool in the front yard and in his Q-tank on the far side of the house; between the two there are about 60 koi for the Auction on June 1. Anyone who took the time to look at these fish would be impressed by the size and quality of fish that will be available – and at bargain prices, no less! Also available for adoption are a couple of red slider turtles which were acquired as part of a rescue effort. Ed went on to describe his pond as a work-in-progress and summarized many of the details mentioned in the April newsletter. He did emphasize the cost-saving measures he's employed that cut his electric bills drastically. He and Linda received an enthusiastic round of applause and thank you's from the members for being able to share their beautiful garden surroundings.

Next Rey joined Ed to start a discussion of three types of predators: land, air and water. The most common land predator is



the raccoon, although there can be fox, otter, or even bear, depending on where you live in our country. Air predators consist mainly of the Blue Heron. Water predators include parasites and bacteria which can harm or even kill the koi. Ed told us about the steps he's taken to protect his yard. Since the property backs up to the Cleveland National Forest and wildlife is abundant there, animals can easily climb over or even through the bars of Ed's wrought iron fence. The first line of defense against pond predators is proper pond design. If your pond is deeper and has steep sides and places for the koi to hide, you may avoid many of the problems, but in his case that wasn't so. Ed has a lot of shallow and unprotected areas where the Koi are easily accessible to predators.

In the pond's first year, the Blue Herons would fly over from the nearby golf course and stop at Ed's place for a meal! He tried a few deterrents: a statue, which seemed to attract rather than repel them, and scarecrows (Rain Bird®-like sprinklers with motion detectors designed to spray water at anything in their path) that merely attacked the dogs as they walked around the pond. The last and most effective step was to build a pergola (a shade structure) completely covering the pond and masking it from the herons' overhead view. Not being able to see the koi, they won't swoop down and clean out the pond as they had previously. Herons also need open space and distance to land and take off, like an airplane; they don't dive in like a hawk or kingfisher.

The raccoons kept coming in through the fence, so Ed put galvanized screening. He didn't expect the raccoons to be so persistent: they soon climbed over the fence! The final step was to install an electrical barrier to give them a non-lethal shock when they try to climb the fence. The nice thing about how Ed set this up is that it's almost invisible to the naked eye, but it is very effective in keeping predators out – and the dogs in!

Rob Fales then talked about *Doitsu*, a sub category of Japanese koi known for its scaleless appearance. Rob has two -- 'Shamu' is a *Kumonryu*, and 'Skip' is an *Ogon* - and Ed has a couple. The Japanese bred their scaled koi with German black carp (a meatier body type selectively bred to have few or no scales to aid in processing them as food) and the result was a fast-growing, bulky koi that matured quickly and provided a good food source. They are strong but do not live to the old age of the typical '*Wagoi*' (meaning Japanese Koi scale arrangement).

Jack Marrin, our auctioneer extraordinaire, spoke about our coming Koi Auction on June 1st at Milfields' Nursery. Equipment to be sold needs to be brought in late Friday afternoon, May 31st. Anyone bringing Koi to be auctioned should deliver them around 9:00 am Saturday morning or late Friday afternoon.

The Auction will begin at 10:00 am; Bidder paddles will cost \$5.00 and include a lunch and beverage. Jack expects to have fun as the auctioneer and invited everyone to show up and enjoy themselves, and buy a few koi! And we were reminded that there will not be a regular meeting the end of May because of the Auction on June 1, but there will be a regular meeting in June. Mac concluded the meeting by asking Rob to conduct the raffle and there were plenty of prizes to be won. *Pete Miles, editor*





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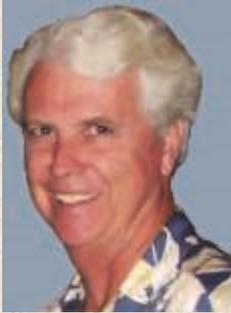
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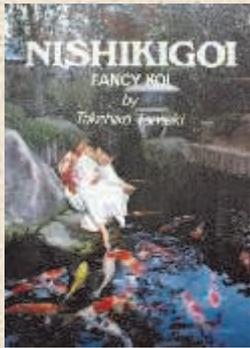
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A lot of people start early with tropical fish before they move on to koi. In my case, it was at three years old with goldfish in a washtub. In my preteens, I moved on to guppies in jars and a blue-gill in a barrel. By the time I was in my teens, I was an old pro with fish and kept my tropical freshwater fish in real aquariums. In adulthood, I needed more and more freshwater tropical fish in bigger aquariums. Anybody who has ever had an aquarium and tropical fish knows what I'm talking about — always bigger and better, then even bigger and much, much better.



Regarding koi, about 30 years ago I met a guy in Costa Mesa who had a koi pond and I bought a book from him by Takehiko Tamaki, with a forward by the Japanese patriarch of koi, Takeo Kuroki. After I studied the book, I thought about it for a while and when my kids were in their teens, I started digging a pond in my backyard with a shovel. I put down a liner and on the Fourth of July in about 1985, a friend came over and we mixed and poured some concrete and set some block. The empty pond sat there for several years, collecting rain water. I put some mosquito fish in there — for obvious reasons (it had become a swamp) — then a water lily, a few goldfish, pollywogs and eventually a couple of cheap little koi.



At that time, I was working for a company that packed up and moved back east. I stayed in California and eventually became an entrepreneur. This took all my time so the koi pond had to wait. I finally became successful and had the resources to finish the pond, so I hired a company to build a stream on my hill and complete the pond. My pond is a 3000-gallon system with a prefilter, two 300-gallon up-flow rock, gravel & sand filters, two 1/4-hp Lim pumps, and a 50K BTU natural gas heater. Next came the landscaping.

I put koi into the pond and they got sick. I thought this is no fun! So I started to research how to keep koi healthy. There weren't many people around at the time who knew how to keep fish healthy so I had to do a lot of self-study to find the answers I was looking for. That's what put me on the road to studying koi health. I met Burt Ballou and from that got involved in the AKCA.

They discovered I had an interest and a background in engineering and science and we finally agreed that what this hobby needed was a program to help people interested in taking proper care of their koi's health.

The goal was to set up program that would be accepted

as solid and get everybody on the same page as to how to take care of their koi and treat them when they have an illness or injury. In 1999 I became the head of AKCA's scientific committee and, because of my persistence, they approved my program and funded it as the KHA (Koi Health Adviser) program.

From 2000 to 2008, I served as the program director, course writer and instructor (for anatomy, physiology, KHA/Hobbyist Interface, Labs and KHV). From 2005 to 2009, I was also the director of the AKCA's Project KHV-Koi Herpes Virus.

I enjoy being a speaker or presenter at AKCA Seminars and club meetings and even participated as a presenter at a veterinary seminar on Koi health. Topics on which I have made presentations include: Basic Things You Can Do to Become a Better Koi Keeper; Pond Retrofits; Koi Herpes Virus (KHV); Quarantine Tanks; Biosecurity; Water Quality Issues and Testing; the Importance of Water Changes; Koi Organisation International; the Best Health Practices (BHP) Program; and Examination, Anesthesia and Treatment.

In 2009 I became associated with a group that later became Koi Organisation International (K.O.I.). I helped develop their training materials and am currently a Certified Koi Keeper, an instructor, and serve on their Board of Directors. website: <http://www.koiorganisationinternational.org/>



I've conducted experiments on koi and koi filters, and I have been a member of several koi clubs; you might say I am an incurable "fish geek."

And finally, I believe people participate in hobbies for enjoyment. So let's get on with the business of having fun. Keeping our fish healthy certainly leads to more fun. And besides, a healthy fish is always better looking!

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KOI OF THE YEAR 2013



Mariano and Cathy Palpallatoc's beautiful Kohaku, also the Novice Champion for Kohaku 24"-28" at the 2013 KCSD Koi Show, won the IKS Koi of the Year and the photo has been submitted to the AKCA for judging at the national level.



The entire club wishes you success



Mariano and Cathy's Awards won at the Koi Club of San Diego Show

- ◆ First Place Hikari Moyo 24"- 28",
- ◆ Best Novice Mature, WWKC Friendship
- ◆ First Place Taisho Sanke 16"- 20"
- ◆ First Place Showa Sanke 16"- 20"
- ◆ Second Place Showa Sanke 20"- 24",
- ◆ Second Place Tancho 20"- 24", North-West Koi Friendship

SELECTING A KOHAKU

by Dr. Art Lembke, Maryland

AKCA and ZNA Certified Judge & Member of the AKCA Judging Committee

When looking at a large batch of kohaku, perhaps hundreds at a time, the first thing to look for is a white tip at the front and back of the fish. It is very important to have the red on the head of a Kohaku only go down about as far as the nostrils. Do not choose a Kohaku that has red all the way down to the mouth. The head must have red on it. Do not choose a Kohaku with an all white head. Kuchibeni (red on the lips) is allowed if the spot is small and the rest of the red on the head only comes down to the forehead. Red over the eyes of the koi used to be a demerit, but in recent years the red is allowed to cover one eye but never both eyes.

The head is generally one of the most important parts in a young koi. Once you have found several koi with acceptable head patterns, look at the rest of the body. As I mentioned earlier, look to see if there is a white patch right before the tail. It is preferable to have this white area by the tail, but if the rest of the koi has positive characteristics, this is not as important as the head.

On the body, look for red that is balanced side to side and covers about 70 to 80% of the body. This is so that as the koi grows, and the white spreads faster than the red, there is still adequate red on the body. It is preferable to have the red on the body be either in a zigzag pattern (inazuma), or a 3 or 4 step pattern having white creeping up the sides in several areas. These are signs that the red will break up to form steps. If the red is in a straight pattern with no signs of breaking, the pattern will look boring as the koi grows.

Look for a koi that has broad shoulders and relatively large pectoral fins. This generally indicates a koi that will grow large and compete well in shows.

When buying young Kohaku, do not worry too much about the color. The white should preferably be snow white, but may be pink if it was fed color-enhancing food before shipping. Avoid koi with a dirty grayish-white. The red may be bright red or orange-red. Many kohakus that are orange-red when young will turn a beautiful red as they grow. Next, make sure there are no black or red spots on any of the fins. Red on the pectoral fins, which is tucked in very close to the body, is okay. Also, make sure there are no black marks on the body. All red areas on the body should be in sizeable patches, not in single scale areas (i.e. small red spots). The Kohaku should have white eyes, not blue.

Last but not least, put the koi in a show tub and check for any body defects and any signs of disease. If these exist, do not buy the koi no matter how nice it looks. □

Kohaku: A white-skinned koi, having large red marks on the top. The name means "red and white;" The Kohaku koi was the first patterned variety to be established in Japan in the 19th century.



Tom Wright's Kohaku was selected as the Inland Koi Society's Koi of The Year in 2011 and for 2013 Mariano and Cathy Palpallatoc's Kohaku won the honor .

KOI PEOPLE OF THE YEAR 2013

Koi Person(s) of the Year is an honor given in recognition of someone who has made a significant contribution to koi keeping or to their club during the past year. We are pleased to honor Ed and Linda Kushner for 2013.

Ed Kushner has been a member of the Inland Koi Society since 2004. He started doing Koi Rescue before 2008 with other club members, but a couple of years ago he took charge and coordinates the club's efforts. Using his own car and time, he "jumps in" and gets down and dirty with the koi often entering the pea soup green environment to find and extract them. Ed has already collected over 50 koi this year towards our Koi Auction, which generates the funds that allow our club to operate. Linda became enchanted with koi and in her more-than-five years with Ed, both share an excitement learning about the *living jewels*.

For the last couple of years, Ed has maintained a 15-foot diameter above-ground pool as a primary holding tank and a 1400-gallon quarantine tank for koi taken from several members' ponds that had to be closed down.

Ed was also Vice President of our club. After the rescues, this man and wife house and maintain the koi at their home until they find new owners. Ray believed both deserved recognition for doing all of this and named Ed Kushner and his wife Linda as his nominees.

Obviously, our votes as club members made this a unanimous choice!



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Aloha!

AKCA and the Hawaii Goldfish and Carp Association invite you to the **2013 Wet Lab** in beautiful **Honolulu, Hawaii** **29-30, June 2013**

Enjoy a summer break... **SUN, FUN** and **LEARNING** about our favorite hobby.

Wet Lab • Judging Seminar by Taro Kodama
Dinner Meeting/Banquet (Sam Choy's)

Wet Lab will be presented by Dr. Nick Saint-Erne.
This day and a half session will cover various aspects of koi health.

For more information contact Carole Elliott (714) 968-5624 or
Bonnie Nakahara at (808) 291-4999

2013

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Coming Events	
24-27	GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ~ Free / Fri. 1pm-10pm, Sat. 10am-10pm, Sun. 10am-8:30pm / Euclid and Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92842 / (714) 638-0981
27	MEMORIAL DAY ~ Always remember, and be thankful! 
30-6/2	NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW ~ Thurs.-Fri. 4pm-10pm, Sat.-Mon. 11am-10pm / Admission Charge / 689 South E Street, San Bernadino, CA 92408 / (909) 446-0900
31-6/1	POMONA SPRING HOME AND GARDEN SHOW ~ Parking charge / Fri. 2pm-7pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. 10am-6pm / 1101 West McKinley Avenue Pomona, CA 91768 / (800) 358-7469
31-6/2	TEMECULA VAL. BALLOON AND WINE FESTIVAL ~ Lake Skinner, 37701 Warren Road, Temecula, CA 92596 / (909) 676-6713 / www.tvbwf.com



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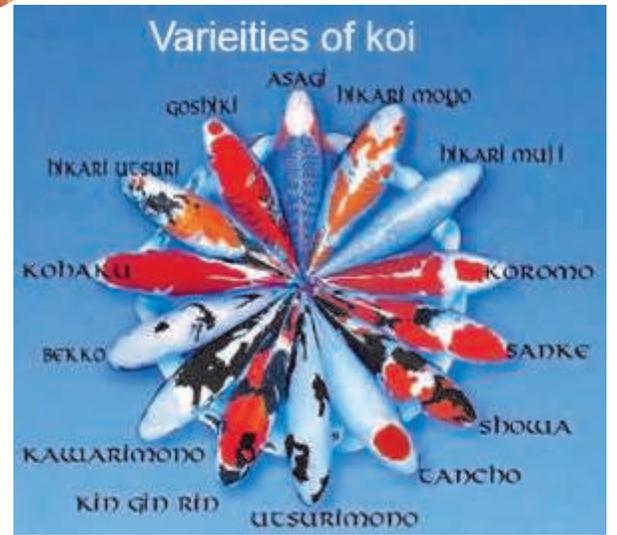
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*Weather permitting

JUNE

June 1	IKS KOI AUCTION & USED EQUIPMENT SALE ~ 9am-2pm / All members of IKS welcome! — Milfelds' Nursery, 2550 Adams St., Riverside / Nick (951) 780-7395
10	KCSD POND FILTRATION ~ Presented in a two part presentation by IKS member Orville Hanson. Second presentation will be August 12
16	FATHER'S DAY ~ "A man's children and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season." -- Unknown
21	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.
23	INLAND KOI SOCIETY MEETING & POTLUCK ~ 2:00-5:00 pm. Hosts Phil and Rachel Hunter - in Temecula For more info (951) 587-0476
26	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ at 6:30 pm, at Kountry Folks Restaurant - 91 Fwy and La Sierra. Mac McClain (951) 398-7048
28-Sep 1	LAGUNA SAWDUST FESTIVAL ~ Open 10 am - 10 pm daily / 935 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA 92651(949) 494-3030 www.sawdustartfestival.org





INLAND KOI SOCIETY
5198 ARLINGTON AVE., #146
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**One of several holding tanks.
 Over 200 koi were sold at the
 last IKS auction!**



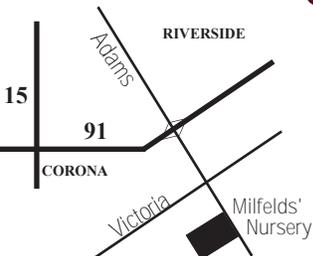
Greetings, Koi Friends!
*No Pond Tour this year; it's your opportunity
 to buy koi and equipment.*

Inland Koi Society's Fourth
Koi Auction and
Koi of every size and color at affordable prices.
Used Equipment Sale

Saturday, June 1, 2013
at Milfelds' Nursery
 2550 Adams Street, Riverside 92504
 (One mile south of the 91 Freeway)

Registration & Viewing 9-10 am
Equipment Sale 9:30 am-2 pm
Koi Auction 10 am-2 pm

Fish or equipment to sell? Questions?
 Contact Nick ~ (951) 780-7395
 NickMilfeld@inlandkoi.org



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