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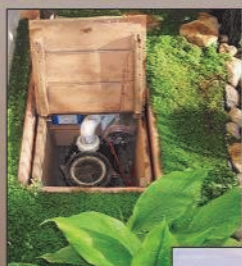


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Come and meet our
August Host's

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LAURIE
VANCE**

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**IKS General
Sunday Potluck Meeting, AUGUST 22 - 3-6 PM**



Hello IKS,

Once again the weather cooperated and seventy-two people were able to enjoy the meeting at the home of Nick and Peggy Milfeld. The pond was big and the water was clear, and everybody worked up an appetite by climbing along the slope that surrounds the koi pond. Therefore everyone anxiously gathered around the serving table when the food was ready to be served. Sort

of reminded me of my koi at feeding time...

After everyone was fed, we had a panel discussion regarding koi, ponds, and solar panels. Thank you to Bob Walters, Nick Milfeld, Gene Maingot, Jack Marrin, and Theo Zoetemelk, for participating on the panel and providing us with good information. I'd also like to thank Peggy Milfeld for her idea of asking for written questions. They helped make the panel discussion flow much better than at previous meetings.

Thank you, Nick and Peggy, for hosting another great IKS meeting.

Our trip to Little Tokyo in LA is getting closer. It will be on Saturday, Oct. 30. We will meet at Jack Marrin's office at 8:00 AM for a light breakfast. The bus will leave at 9:00 AM. We will look at the koi pond in Little Tokyo, and then have plenty of time to roam around the shops and find something to eat. We will not have a potluck, but maybe we can find a good buffet. We expect to return to Riverside between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. The cost of the trip will be \$10.00 per person. This trip is for members only, and we will have a sign-up sheet for the trip at this month's meeting.

The weather has been unusually cool this summer. That's been great for the Inland Empire, but it has kept the ocean water from warming up. My last swim was the two-mile Hermosa Beach Pier to Manhattan Beach Pier race. The water temperature was 61 degrees, but I beat my time from last year by eight minutes. I guess I was just anxious to get out of the water, but that's still giving me a better year than the Angels!

The pond equipment that the club received will soon be available for sale. This equipment includes settling chambers, bead filters, pumps, and other items. These are valuable items, which will be available at very favorable prices. Makes me wish that I was now in the process of expanding my pond. However if you are looking for some new pond equipment, keep alert for our sale which will be coming soon.

This month's meeting will be in Upland at the home of Rob and Laurie Vance. Once again the meeting will start at 3:00 PM. Making a return engagement as our speaker will be Shawn McHenry from Mystic Koi. Shawn always has something interesting to say about his koi-buying trips to Japan. After listening to him speak, you might want to go with him on his next trip to Japan. So bring your chairs, something for the potluck, and maybe your passport, and get ready for another fun meeting.

See you at the meeting,

Mark

Mark Krakower, IKS President

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Rob and Laurie Vance became interested in having a pond when they saw a friend's pond. Rob was determined, started doing research, and went on some local pond tours. The ponds were shallow with rocks covering the bottom and sides. He favored the natural looking designs and stayed with that idea. Their pond is one that is artistically done with many plants to bring out the tropical look. They had been swayed by Hawaii and want their backyard to have that look.

Rob and Laurie met over the internet and were married in June, 2004, bringing common interests and households together. A decision to remodel and update was agreed upon and completed in 2007. Their 17-year-old daughter currently lives at home, but the 22-year-old lives in Orange County where Laurie's family is located; the 24-year-old son just returned to the States last November after the Army stationed him in Iraq for a year.

After talking with them in San Diego, Tom Wright, our current Koi Person of the Year, influenced Rob and Laurie to come to a meeting. Their first meeting was at Randy and Joan Redden's house in June 2009. They haven't been able to attend as many meetings as they like because "life is busy." They are devout Christians, recently vacationed in Big Bear, take annual bicycle rides in Solvang and like to attend wine tasting gatherings. Laurie loves to cook and take care of the inside of the house, while Rob loves to eat and tinker around with little touches outside. Just before our meeting, they are going to Hawaii – but Laurie commented they really don't travel much. She said she's a home-body and, "How could I not be, with such a content home and our own backyard place of perfect happiness?"

Rob had smarts to ask the right questions before he built the pond and waterfall. He has an 1800-gallon liner pond with a 3 inch bottom drain and a skimmer that feed a 1/3 hp pump. From the pump the water goes to a swimming pool pressurized filter with Bio-fill PVC ribbon as the filter medium. He has a Jandy valve to feed water to his bio-falls with PVC ribbon, and to a water outlet under the pond surface to create movement of the water in the pond. Rob used a backhoe to dig the pond three feet deep, and then added his own special designs and touches to the developing koi paradise.

That was three years ago. Today, the lush tropical pond houses fifteen koi, two Red Eared Slider Turtles, and a frog that keeps residence in the pond in a hollow

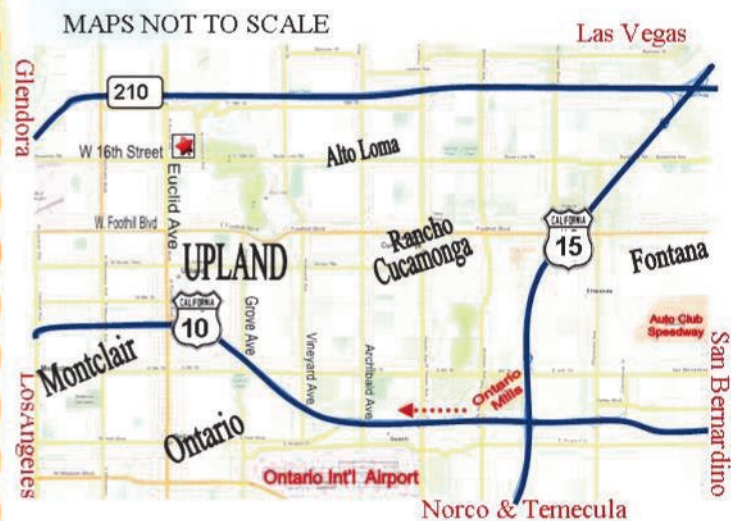
rock (You can hear him in the evening: he croaks 10 times – stops – then croaks again 10 times, continuing with the pattern.) Rob heard how koi sometimes like certain protective hiding places, thus leading to hide-aways in the pond for all the creatures.

Their landscaping complements the tropical feel and includes a deck with a fire pit, a 3-to-8-foot-deep swimming pool, a workshop, a covered patio, and an outdoor kitchen.

If you wish to get in the pool, or cool your feet off a bit, be courteous and please bring your own towel and suit. If you bring children, be responsible for their safety and ask Laurie what the house rules are regarding the pool. Please remember to bring your own chair and an "easy" summer dish to share with about 8 people.

Larry and I will see you there! *Debby Leverett*

PROGRAM: This month our speaking guest will be Shaun McHenry from Mystic Koi.



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IKS GENERAL MEETING

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A big "Thank You!" to Nick & Peggy Milfeld for hosting the July IKS General Meeting; there was a crowd of 72 in attendance. Members who have seen the Milfelds' lush garden knew this was the perfect place to relax on a summer's afternoon with others who enjoy collecting and talking about our living jewels, koi. Visitors and members who hadn't been to the Milfelds' home before were delighted with the pathways winding through the redwood and pine trees, mesmerized by the waterfalls, and seemed a little envious of the 'perfect' landscaping and seemingly carefree pond with clear water and well behaved, colorful koi.

IKS President Mark Krakower introduced visitors and new members, asking each to explain how they became interested in koi. Our newest members present were: Mark & Charlene Whalen, Robert & Deanna Fales, Francine Hoffman and Michael Reisner, and Ted & Shirley Snowden. Visitors included the Baclawes family, Melissa Christiansen, Heather Living, Anita Marshals, Theo Smith, Karen Wilson (who helps Pete Miles at Mission San Luis Rey), and the Zoetemelks' daughter and granddaughter, Marika & Braelynn.

Mark then called on our host, Nick Milfeld, to give us a little insight into his koi, the pond and property. Nick explained a little about the landscaping, then talked about having the pond and waterfalls built. The 11,000-gallon pond has two underwater walls so he can drain one side while keeping the koi in water deep enough on the other side, and vice-versa. This makes maintenance easier when needed. He uses hydrogen peroxide to clean the extensive waterfalls every two or three months. There was a short question and answer period before Nick turned the microphone back over to Mark.

Mark mentioned the July 28 Business Meeting, inviting members to come and see how club business is handled. He reminded us about the IKS Library, referencing the information available to members and giving thanks to Bonnie Henry for organizing and taking charge of the Library. Then he expressed special appreciation to 17-year-old Erika Henry for her organization of the potluck table and for helping to direct members at the General Meetings.

Mark introduced Tom Graham, who shared Mamoru Kodama's newest book, *KOISHI: Koi Breeders – Creators of Living Jewels*. Mr. Kodama is a koi dealer now located in Hawaii, and his book recognizes over 50 breeders in Japan. This specialized koi book has 257 pages with pictures, histories of koi farms, breeders' policies and practices, the size of each operation, the best time to visit the breeders, and the most important points to remember when you purchase their koi. Also, the book describes each breeder's particular specialty of koi. Tom brought several books, offering a discounted price to anyone interested at this meeting.

The program this month was in two parts: a panel for Question & Answers, and information on Solar Panels. The panel of five knowledgeable and experienced members included Nick Milfeld, Bob Walters, Gene Maingot, Jack Marrin and Theo Zoetemelk. Written questions were submitted and the panel shared extensively on each. Some of the questions covered were:

Q: Any suggestions for a do-it-yourself Vortex system?

A: "The bigger the filter, the better." Vortex is a gravity flow system with no media, but a long enough travel time that lets heavy solids

settle out to the bottom of the vortex container; it takes a big load off regular filters. Plus the pump doesn't grind up solids before it gets to the regular filter.

Q: Is it necessary to put a liner under a waterfall?

A: Yes! The water might leak through the waterfall and it will hit the liner, and then return to the pond. Water naturally goes through rocks and concrete because they are so porous.

Q: Are dragonflies good or bad for a pond?

A: The dragonflies will eat mosquitoes. They are very colorful around ponds and the koi will usually eat any eggs laid.

Q: What percent in gallonage should a filter be in relation to a pond?

A: Best judgment would be the room you have to build on. Capacity and efficiency is always better. Bigger is better. You will always have to watch out for ammonia and nitrates.

Q: What is the most important item to consider in a 2,000-gallon pond?

A: Good water quality obtained with bottom drains, location, aeration.

The last word from each panel member was:

- 1) *When buying new fish, DO NOT put the newbie in your pond until you have quarantined it. This goes for koi, mosquito fish, frogs, plants...be safe!*
- 2) *Circulation – pumps & filters MUST run 24/7. Have a back-up!*
- 3) *Be aware of sick, unhappy, or bored fish. When one is off by itself and does not come running (swimming) towards you when you approach, something's wrong. When you feed your koi, watch for about 5 minutes and inspect for sores or problems.*
- 4) *If you slowly put your hand in the pond, the koi will eventually eat out of your hand, get to know you, recognize certain sounds before feeding, and you'll experience more koi joy.*
- 5) *People who know about your pond can help feed koi and keep a watch on the pond when you are out of town or away. That might be neighbors, relatives, friends or the IKS Board of Directors. Just mention it or ask.*

The second part of the program let Jack Marrin and Theo Zoetemelk discuss their solar energy experiences. ■ *Jack had his system installed on the roof of his home.* He stated there is usually a seven year pay-back time frame on most systems but it gets more favorable as energy costs increase. The most efficiency from solar panels is in the spring; they are least efficient when it is raining, cloudy, or a sunless time of year. He feels technical installation is more efficient. For more information you can contact him at jack@marrin.com. ■ *Theo installed his solar system himself, on the ground beside his home.* He bought a used system from a friend and got the required permits himself. The city warned him because his electric usage was running \$760 monthly. So, he decided to do something about it. His last electric bill was \$64. "Nuff said."

The raffle concluded the meeting, with Mary Leever drawing tickets and Nick reading the numbers.

Respectfully submitted by ~ Debby Leverett







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 Subject: Decaying plant mulm*
 From: "Tom Bates" <fish2r at netzero_net>

I have heard reports of adding fish food to a non-stocked aquarium to keep the nitrifying bacteria viable. I can understand that this is possible due to the oxidative breakdown of the animal proteins found in most fish foods. In the decaying process of these foods, ammonia (um) is released. Does decaying plant mulm* create any ammonia (um) release (even in minimal quantities) through the same oxidative breakdown? If so, does this release occur over the duration of the decaying process or just at the beginning? Thanks in advance for any and all responses.

***New word of the month—Mulm** is the undecomposed fish wastes and other solid matter that accumulates in the aquarium as a fine, brownish, fluffy material requiring periodic removal by siphoning.

The **sludge** that collects at the bottom of an **aquarium**, consisting of fish **excrement**, **decaying** plant matter, and other assorted **drack**.

(I think a good description for this word would have just been 'muck'...) djl/pm.

Little Tokyo

in Los Angeles
OCT. 30 - See page 11


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PROGRAM PLANNING CALENDAR 2010**

REGULAR MTG 4th Sunday	HOSTS Address	PROPOSED PROGRAM Speakers	BOARD MEETING Wed. after Mtg
August 22	Rob & Laurie Vance 428 Mariposa Street Upland, CA 91784 909-214-8115	Shawn McHenry of Mystic Koi	Wed. Aug. 25
September 26	Ben & Tammy Kimble 18315 Roberts Road Riverside, CA 92508 9951-368-4448	Tom Graham: What Not to Buy When Buying Koi	Wed. Sept. 29
October 30	IKS Annual Bus Trip	\$10.00 per person	Wed. Nov. 3



IKS Annual Bus Trip
Inland Koi Society
Members:
You're Invited

Be sure to sign your name on the reservation sheet at this meeting if you are going and pay your \$10.

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010 at 8am
WHERE: Little Tokyo in L.A.
HOST: President Mark Krakower with The Inland Koi Society
PHONE: 951-371-2223
MEET AT: Scott Marrin, Inc. 6531 Box Springs Blvd Riverside, CA 92507

Our club is going to LITTLE TOKYO in Los Angeles. Continental breakfast at 8 am in the Scott Marrin parking lot. We will board a bus and leave at 9 am sharp. After arriving and visiting the ponds in Little Tokyo, you can have lunch on your own and go shopping. We will board the bus again at 3 pm and head back to Riverside. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Drinks included.

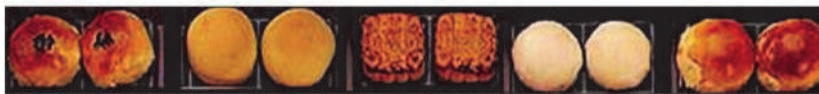
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The legend of the Lady on the moon, Chang Er, dates back to around 2170 BC. Her husband shot down 9 extra suns that were causing everything to get too hot on the earth. As his reward, he was given an elixir of long life. His wife drank it before he could and was transported to the moon. A Jade Rabbit then appeared and built a palace and made potions for the gods.

There is symbolism in the shape and ingredients in moon cake: the egg yolk inside stands for the moon, the round shape stands for family unity. According to legend, moon cakes helped overthrow a Mongol occupation in China: Revolutionaries communicated plans for a revolt by hiding secret messages inside the cakes; their festival night attack was successful and the Ming Dynasty was established.

Chinese around the world celebrate the moon festival by eating moon cakes, enjoying the full moon, and as an occasion for family reunions. It is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th month of the Chinese Lunar Calendar, Sept.18-19 this year. Many Chinatowns have festivals at this time of year and moon cakes are sold in Chinese bakeries and supermarkets in the US.

2010 AUGUST

Coming Events

14	ANNUAL TURTLE & TORTISE SHOW ~ See the July Inland Koi Connection for information and a map concerning this event.
15	SWING STREET JAZZ BAND ~ Free 6:00 pm Concerts on the Castle Green. Teen Challenge, 5445 Chicago Ave., Riverside, CA 92507 (951) 682-8990
15	ORANGE COUNTY FAIR ~ Last day of the Orange County Fair / 88 Fair Drive / Costa Mesa, CA 92626 / (714) 708-3247 http://www.ocfair.com
20-22	NORCO RODEO ~ Gates open at 5 pm. Admission fee. George Ingalls Equestrian Center. (951) 371-1204; www.norcoprarodeo.com
22	IKS GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK ~ 3:00-6:00 pm / Hosts will be Rob & Laurie Vance in Upland / For more information, contact Kelly Houston (909) 885-2503
25	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7 pm / <i>All members of IKS welcome!</i> — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Mark Krakower at (951) 371-2223.

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06	LABOR DAY ~ This weekend in USA is the last hoorah before summer ends. Be safe & be careful.
07	NEITHER RAIN OR SNOW DAY ~ Check out this cute calendar www.gone-fa-poft.com
11	DANCING UNDER A CRESCENT MOON ~ See the advertisement to the left
12	GRANDPARENTS DAY ~ "Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future." ~ Gail Lumet Buckley ~
16-19	ROUTE 66 RENDEZVOUS ~ Down town San Bernardino (909) 388-2934 www.route-66.org
19	EDWARD-DEAN MUSEUM & GARDENS ~ Bridal Show / 9401 Oak Glen Road Cherry Valley, CA 92223 / 12pm-4pm / Laura Reisner 951.845.2626 www.edward-deanmuseum.org
23	CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL ~ 6-8 pm/ Heritage House, 8193 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, CA (951) 826-52763 www.riversideca.gov/museum/heritage.asp
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