

The Inland Koi Connection



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Sunday, 9/24 Potluck Meeting
Hosted by Jack & Norma Marrin ~ 2-5pm
1225 Cajon Street, Redlands 92373 ~ 909.792.3603

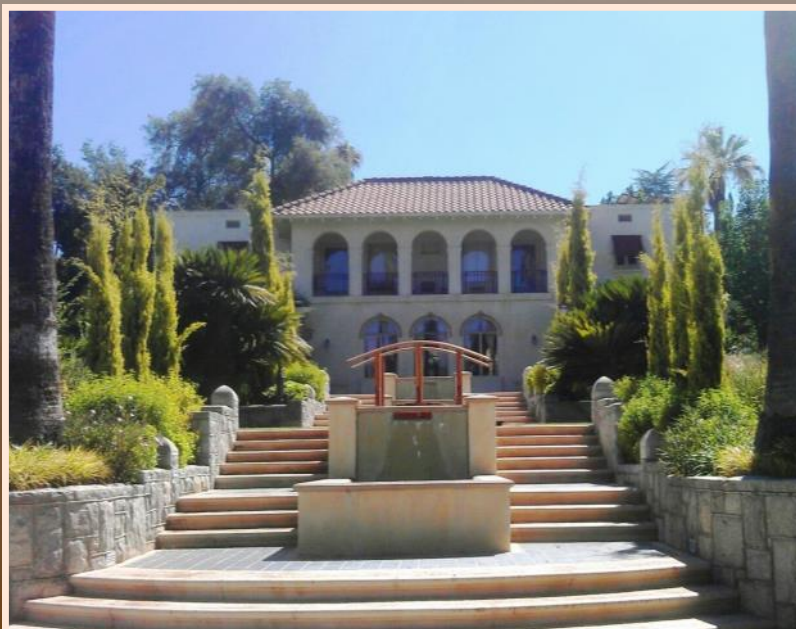
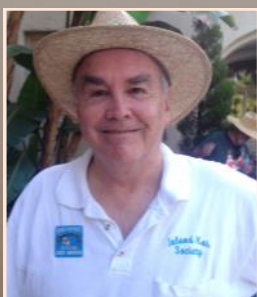
We haven't been to **Jack & Norma Marrin's** historic Heritage Home in beautiful Redlands since 2018. If you haven't been there before, you'll be amazed at how they have been slowly developing the whole five acres. Purchased as a fixer-upper in 1986, the house was surrounded by waist-high weeds, massive 90-year-old oak trees, and neglected landscaping. They started refurbishing the home and creating the gardens -- with detailed plans to guide them. A garage built for Model T's was falling apart, but the zoning department rejected plans to replace it; Jack left the original walls and built a new garage around it.

Jack & Norma's research, knowledge and creativity shine in the master plan, which surrounds the house with various "theme" gardens. The **Roman Garden** comprises the whole back yard, with a swimming pool, reflecting pool, columns and life-size marble statues, and two deep 2,500-gallon koi ponds. Made of concrete with waterproof liners, both have bottom drains and flow to sand filters converted to bead filters. Two-speed pumps pull water from the ponds, thru filters and UV lights, and back to the ponds. We will meet around the pool, on level ground for chairs.

The Marrins joined IKS about 1995. Since then, Jack has been President of IKS and an AKCA Rep. They've shown championship koi and won the Champion of Champions trophy for the best champion koi in the US. Norma was the artist for most of the koi T-shirts you see worn at meetings — shirts coveted by koi keepers across the country — and has designed many for AKCA and KCSD. We are trying to hold her to a promise to design one last IKS shirt for us, perhaps while she recuperates from her recent hip surgery. (It was great to see her at the McClains in August!

There is so much to see here that you just have to come to this meeting and take a planned grand tour (wear your walking shoes!) There will also be some preliminary training for the October hands-on fish handling program, including information about quarantining.

Come out for a beautiful afternoon in the gardens. Remember your chairs and something for the buffet table. Information about parking is on page 3 with a map to the Marrins'. We'll see you there! ☺



A map and parking instructions are on page 3.

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

We are still searching for someone to take over the **NEWSLETTER**, and for someone with **WEBSITE EXPERIENCE**. Take a look at our site and, if you know how to play with it, consider volunteering to relieve our webmistress who lives in Texas....

Coming Dates and Hosts:

Board: 9/3 or 10 Zehm ~ 5:30pm 9/24 Marrin ~ 3-6pm
 10/1 Alexander ~ 5:30pm 10/22 TBA ~ 2-5pm
 11/5 Milfeld ~ 5:30pm 11/19 Mall ~ 2-5pm
 We do not meet in December ~ Enjoy the Holidays!

With the loss of our club president, **Ed Kushner**, the Board voted to appoint **Scott Zehm** President *pro tem* to fulfill the balance of the term. November is our Elections month: there will be openings on the Board for new Directors and some officers.

• **Elections:** After three years with no changes in the makeup of the Board, an election is important: we need/want to get some new people involved in the planning of club activities. And we have some who need/ want to retire — have tried to retire — but no one will replace them.

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS TO DATE

Aguilar	Hille	Pollock
Aker	Hoffman	Poyle
Alexander	Howo	Ross
Atkiss	Hunter	Rowland
Blais	Hurley	Triplett
Broomfield	James	Walters
Coby	Kushner	Watson
Dirac	Lei	Wolf
Elkind	Leverett	Wright
Fales	MacLaren	Zara
Fraday	Mall	Zehm
Grushen	Marrin	Zoetemelk
Halterman	McClain	<i>Honorary</i>
Hamilton	McHan	Cover
Hanson	Milfeld	Houston
Henry (Bonnie)	Mouw	Pierce
Henry (Richard)	Palacios	Svelan

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KOI SHOW PREP AND RECOVERY

By Mike Anger, K.O.I.

Koi Shows are an excellent opportunity to learn more about the hobby! My wife attended a recent show and wanted to buy some of the magnificent Koi; of course, the ones she selected turned out to be the award winners and weren't for sale. Frustrated with this, when she left, she decided to assist Mr. Tagawa with sending several of his kids through college — if you know what I mean.

Previously, there were two styles of Koi Shows, Japanese and English. In a *Japanese style Koi show*, all of the Koi of the same size and variety were displayed in a single tank. This allowed the Koi judges to better compare and contrast the qualities of each entrant against another. But this also increased the risk of spreading disease from one to another, and since KHV arrived, shows are no longer run this way.

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All current Koi shows are considered *English style shows*, where each owner has one or more tanks to display only their own Koi, never exposing them to other owner's Koi. The judges have to evaluate Koi in multiple tanks, making their job significantly more difficult. Though a much better method, it is not foolproof and Biosecurity must be constantly monitored. Biosecurity at the show is the responsibility of the Show Manager (usually also the Water Quality Manager). K.O.I. has a specific set of courses to train Show Water Quality and Koi Safety Specialists.

[See: https://koioorganisationinternational.org/courses?field_course_availability_value=All&field_course_type_tid=8]

It is required that Koi show entrants not feed their Koi for several days to a week before the show. This will reduce the formation of ammonia, and will keep the water clear so the judges can best see the Koi. Most shows use only aeration and two chemicals, *Ultimate* and *ClorAm-X*, which were specifically designed for Koi safety. The chemicals cannot be overdosed, and Koi can survive in pure Ultimate, which is why they are currently the only approved chemicals that may be used in any show in which K.O.I. is involved.

Water changes are still often necessary for dirty tanks (Koi improperly fasted before the show) and for spawning. Nitrites are not a concern at shows. pH crashes are a risk, depending on the volume of the show tanks and the number of fish present. The carbon dioxide released combines with the water to release carbonic acid, lowering the pH. Thus, baking soda may be added to stabilize the pH and prevent a crash.

If you entered any Koi at the show, despite the temptation to place them back into the pond as soon as you get home, they need to be quarantined. The word quarantine originally meant 40 days of isolation, from the Latin *quadraginta*. K.O.I. recommends quarantine for a minimum of 21 days while keeping the water temperature between 70°F and 80°F (in order to determine that the Koi do not have KHV).

The water needs to be of good quality, with frequent monitoring of the tank water parameters. It may be salted to 0.2—0.3%, remembering to add more salt when performing water changes. The fish should be closely monitored for any sores or 'itchy' behavior, and, if needed, may be "scraped and scoped" to look for parasites. It is much easier to observe, examine and treat a Koi in a quarantine tank vs. a larger pond.

As long as quarantine is required after a show, the tank should be set-up and used **before the show** too. Catching the Koi, when the owner has lots of time and is calm, is much less stressful for both Koi and owner! You can use the tank for close observation of the health and beauty of the Koi, and to purge them of food before the show (it's next to impossible for a Koi to fast while in the company of other fish being fed regularly).

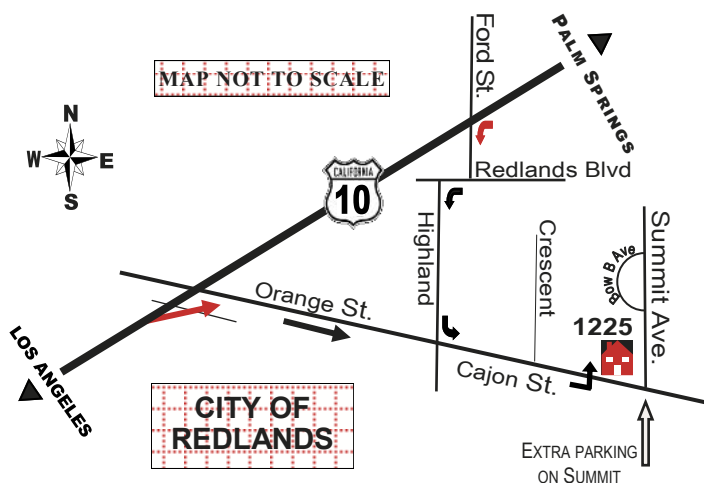
K.O.I. recommends that tank aeration should be achieved with two different air pumps, each with their own air stones, and each plugged into a different GFCI circuit. Rather than trying to start a filter, use the same chemicals — Ultimate and ClorAm-X — that will be used at the show. Using the chemicals is actually healthier for the Koi than using a filter, as ammonia is instantly bound up by the chemicals as it is released, rather than the ammonia sitting in the tank, waiting to be run through the filter. Tanks with Ultimate/ClorAm-X **always** test as ZERO Ammonia, rather than low

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background ammonia. A *salicylate-type Ammonia test kit* is needed to get correct readings with Ultimate/ClorAm-X. (The *Salicylate-type kit* reads from yellow to green, as opposed to a *Nessler type Ammonia test kit* which reads from yellow to red.)

Quarantine tank water quality can go bad very quickly because of the much higher loading of inches-of-fish per gallon, compared to a larger pond. Thus, any time Koi are in a tank, Ammonia and KH should be checked daily. **Ammonia must always read zero**, or more Ultimate and ClorAm-X will be needed, and **KH should always be over 100**, or more baking soda is needed.

Using these procedures, you can look forward to healthy Koi that you can enjoy and consider entering again in next year's show!



Getting to the Marris'

DIRECTIONS:

- ◆ Coming from the West, exit 10 Freeway at Orange St. and go East; OR
- ◆ Coming from the East, exit 10 Freeway at Ford St. and follow map.

1225 Cajon Street is on the corner of Cajon and Summit, on the left. If you park on Summit, walk along Bow B Ave. to enter the Marris' backyard.

PARKING:

If you come up the driveway from Cajon, park on the left side only; that will leave room for exiting drivers to pass by your vehicle.

You may park on Summit Avenue and enter the back yard from Bow B Ave. A side gate on Summit, before the garage, might also be open that day.

Be sure to bring your chairs and a potluck dish to share. Raffle items are always appreciated, too.



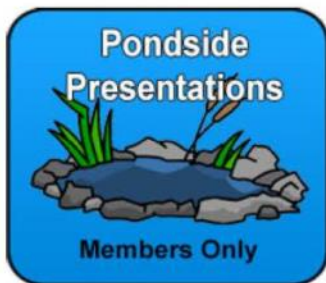
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HELP WANTED!



Spike's passing left a big hole!
Members Need to **Step-Up** to help keep K.O.I. running!

- We're here to serve the hobby! Everyone is a volunteer, and we're non-profit!
- **We need a Membership Coordinator (must work in Windows)**
- We need someone who can help us interface with the Google Non-Profit arm
- Email pattist@snet.net for more info



Free POND SIDE for Members – September 16

- LIVE from the Boise Koi Show!
- Walk around the show and see the Champions. Discussion will focus on Water Quality and Koi Safety issues, and how to run a successful show!

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/pondside-membership-perk>

Hoping many of you were able to watch this Zoom conversation.



Nominations for the "Spike Cover Award" 2023 CLOSED

For Lifetime Achievement in Koi

- Winner Announced Oct 1, 2023
- See the criteria for nominations on the K.O.I. website
- Nominations for 2024 Open September 1

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/spike-cover-memorial-award>



TIP OF THE MONTH

Aeration is CRITICAL to Koi survival!

Larger Koi have a much greater need for oxygen, so are first found gasping when there is a lack of oxygen

K.O.I. recommends to ALWAYS RUN:

- 2x Air pumps, each with an air stone
- Each air pump must be plugged into a separate GFCI receptacle



Koi Club of San Diego Annual Friends of Koi Auction

SEPTEMBER

23

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2023

Buyer Info

Bidder registration is \$15.00 and includes a lunch & drink ticket for one. Additional sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase.

- 9:00 am - viewing of the koi and used equipment for sale
- 10:00 am - Auction begins
- 12:30 pm - 30-minute lunch break
- 3:00 pm - approximate end of the auction and pick-up of your new koi

Please note that koi cannot be removed until the end of the day without approval prior to the day of the Auction.

Buyers should quarantine their purchases; the club does not guarantee the Koi's health. Bring boxes/coolers to transport your new fish safely.

Payment is accepted in cash, check, or credit card. Sales tax is added to each purchase. Your Koi will be in a new plastic bag with oxygen; all you need are boxes/coolers for the trip home.

For more information please contact Matt (619) 517-8270

Sign up for Our Thanksgiving Feast

Sunday, 19 November ~ 2 - 5 PM

It has become a tradition to celebrate the end of the year together with a Thanksgiving Feast with all the trimmings. IKS provides the turkey, the Malls provide a beautiful place to gather, and we potluck the rest of the menu, sharing old family favorites or trying out new recipes before we serve them to our families. **And we take reservations** so we'll know how much meat to buy and how many tables to set.

There will be a sign-up list on the registration table at this month's meeting: the Malls will be out of town the week before the meeting and would like an **early count**. You can **call the Milfelds** at 951.780.7395 to **leave a message** of name, number of mouths, and your menu choice; or you can email the info to PeggyMilfeld@inlandkoisociety.org.

**DEADLINE TO CALL
MONDAY EVENING, NOV. 6**

The menu options are listed here:

- *Stuffing or Potatoes ~ mashed, yams, cheesy....*
- *Vegetable Dishes ~ all the family favorites....*
- *Salads, any kind ~ green, fruit, molded....*
- *Muffins, Rolls, Breads....*
- *Desserts, any kind and all the favorites!*
- *Other Items, including Appetizers....*

The list will be printed in the October & November Newsletters, with updates each time. When you sign up, please do remember to put your name on the list as well as the menu choice.

~Thanks!