

The Inland Koi Connection

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Sunday 11/21 Potluck Meeting ~ 2 - 5 pm 2022 Renewal Form Enclosed

Hosted by

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*Welcome to the home
of
Jerry & Pat Mall in
Temecula.*

Who hasn't fallen in love with all that the Malls have done to their hilltop retreat overlooking the Temecula valley? I suppose only those who have yet to take the winding roads to the top, to wander around the property... those who have yet to enjoy the warm hospitality of these wonderful hosts. We relax at this, the last meeting of the year, and breathe in the peace we find on the mountaintop; we gather with a family of choice to celebrate Thanksgiving before returning to the coming craziness of the holiday season.

Annual Thanksgiving Feast



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN IKS IN RECENT MONTHS?

• **The IKS Board will meet November 14** at the Zoetemelks' home in Norco. Members are welcome to attend; call the board member hosting in advance. We're always looking for new ponds to visit: **if you are willing to be a host, please call VP Brenda Aker to volunteer** and let her know which month is best for you. We try to leave a meeting place fully cleaned up, with only a bag of refuse to be added to the hosts' trash bin.

• **Meetings:** Hosts are needed for meetings in 2022. Please note your willingness to host on your renewal form and choose your month, or contact Brenda Aker to offer your pond for a visit.

• **Treasury:** We continue to search for a less expensive storage location; currently it costs \$370 every two months (\$2220 a year!!). If anyone has space and is willing to keep a storage POD on their property, please call one of the officers.

Members Note: All koi in QT are available for purchase, \$50-\$200 depending on size and quality...less than retail! Contact Ed Kushner.

• **Koi Auction:** Praying we'll be able to host an auction in 2022...of course, COVID-19 is still the determining factor. Looking at June.

• **Elections:** The board would like to know of any member with a desire to serve on the Board and in what capacity: there is always a possibility of a vacancy, and there are required term limitations.

We also need a new librarian, or someone to review the collection of books and videos we have available to determine what should be removed or retired. We used to have a few people willing to do an oral "book report" at meetings, or to research and speak about a "Koi of the Month." If that sounds like you, please give VP Brenda a call and volunteer your time. 🐾

11/14	IKS BOARD MTG ~ 5:30pm / Hosts: Theo Zoetemelk
11/21	<i>Note: this is the 3rd Sunday, one week early....</i> IKS POTLUCK MEETING & KOI RACES — 2-5pm / Hosts Jerry & Pat Mall ~ 43024 Via Las Rocas, Temecula 92590 ~ 951.506.4814 ~ Annual Feast, 2022 Renewals due, Koi Races! ~ see pg.5 for menu sign-up info ~ RSVP requested by Monday, Nov. 15, so our hosts can make arrangements
12/5	IKS BOARD MTG ~ 5:30pm / Host: Brenda Aker There will be no regular meeting in December.  <i>Have a Blessed Christmas</i>
1/23	IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 2-5pm / Hosts Larry & Debby Leverett, 5349 Jasper Lane, Riverside 92506 ~ 951.781.3887 / Speaker/Program from K.O.I. TBA

Welcome to our Newest Members. Make it a point to look for unfamiliar faces, introduce yourselves, and make these new members new friends:

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Look for these members & welcome them back

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Buffet & Banquet Supplies

We've been visiting the Malls for Thanksgiving for a dozen years...like going home, it's tradition now, and usually the largest meeting of the year. With the best food too— a full-on feast of turkey and all the fixin's, as long as all of us share the cooking.

The Malls grew up nearby, they married 48 years ago and raised six children who still live locally. Can't you see all the grandchildren running through this place: it must be the favorite gathering place for them, as it is for us, and we're privileged to be invited here year after year.

After 25 years in Bloomington, the Malls chose this 20-acre hilltop farm to build a new home and pursue their Jerry usually offers a tour of the pump house: passions. Travel is one; Pat is the wildlife photographer whose work adorns the walls. Jerry is a car buff, and the guys will love his lower garage — you just never know what will be down there!



Cars and garages have been a foundation of the Malls' life: they were owners of K&N Filters and heavily involved in nearly every

form of motorsports, even having their own racing team. Jerry used to drive a Racing Dodge Viper, but in one race, doing over 220 mph, as he was slowing to 170 the motor blew. The car flipped several times, yet Jerry was unhurt! He chose to back off. Later he spent years interviewing companies who wanted to purchase K&N and, now that the company is divested, he and Pat are retired comfortably.

The Pond... Maintaining a 12,000-gallon koi pond has been simplified by its design. Jerry usually offers a tour of the pump house: it's full of Lim Pumps, Nexus filters, bubble bead filters, and large UV sterilizers. There are air pumps for the Nexus filters and for the domes on the bottom drains. Designed by one of Jerry's employees, the pond took 1½ years to build., and the fish are big and beautiful.

As you have time during the meeting, plan to explore the lower garage, the game room,

the pond and beyond. We're hoping it's a clear day! Enjoy each other in this relaxing place, and stay for the Koi Races. In lieu of Elections, please seriously consider becoming part of our leadership!

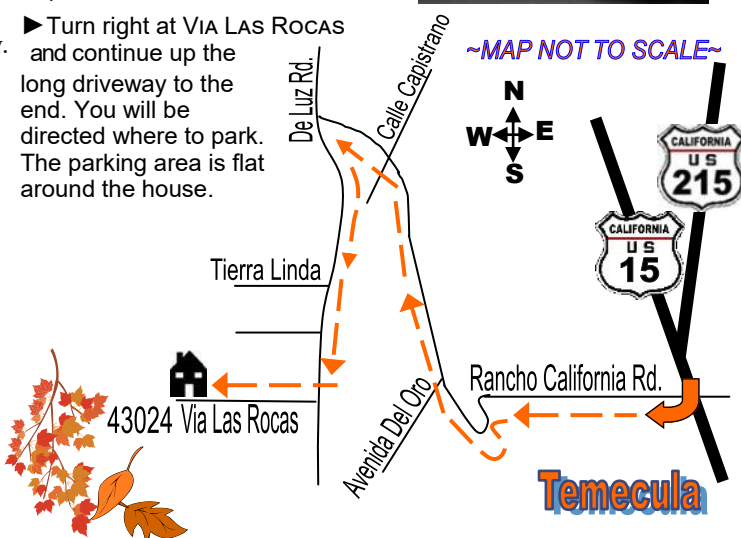
Koi Races!! Place a bet on your favorite koi (\$1 each); the pot is shared among the winners. Please bring a few \$ingle\$ so making change is easier. Thanks!

Do make reservations so we have enough seats. And turkey.... Check the list on page 5 and call the Milfelds at 951.780.7395 if you're not on it! Besides your side dish, you might want to bring a jacket and maybe your camera, but not your chairs. Last but not least, bring your Renewal Form and get it turned in early.

We'll not be together again until January 2022, so have a blessed Christmas and let's look forward to a happy new year! ☺

DIRECTIONS:

- ▶ Use I 215-15 South, or I 15 North
- ▶ Exit I 15 onto RANCHO CALIFORNIA RD. and head west.
- ▶ Turn left at the "T" onto DE LUZ RD., continuing past two dips in the road.
- ▶ Turn right at VIA LAS ROCAS and continue up the long driveway to the end. You will be directed where to park. The parking area is flat around the house.





Burt & Gloria Ballou
July 2018 ~ Fountain Valley

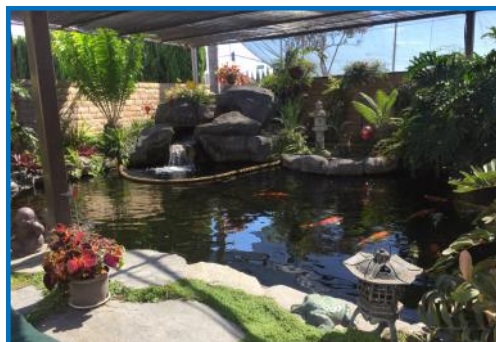
BURT BALLOU, MASTER OF KOI

My friend Burt Ballou died on October 24 of lung cancer; he had been fighting it for a few years. When I sent him our IKS newsletter for October 24, I got a reply from his daughter saying that he was in hospice care. He died a day later.

When I first got into koi, Burt was my mentor. He was instrumental in starting the Associated Clubs of America (AKCA). He also helped start the magazine KoiUSA. He wrote, edited, and was a contributing author for many AKCA-published books on koi, pond building, filters and koi health. Burt was a guest speaker at our club many times. Just recently, as we were helping Norco High School build their koi pond, Burt designed the filter system that they used.

When I was elected to be Chairman of AKCA, Burt was my go-to board member. I could always count on his advice. Burt was tough and when I was wrong, he would tell me, but also explain why. The koi hobby has lost a wonderful mentor to all hobbyists, *and I will miss him greatly.*

~Larry Leverett



Besides his own three ponds, Burt had built or helped build 350 koi ponds and had designed another 150-200 over the years.



Members, I need your help! *As your VP*, I am responsible for arranging meeting sites and speakers for our monthly meetings. My most important job is to find willing hosts to share their ponds with us. **We** don't really need a huge yard: just enough space to line up chairs, plus room for a buffet table, indoors or out. Oh, and a bathroom!

We bring our own seating and food, provide the plates and all, and the beverages; you don't really need to provide anything more than the space for us sit. Think about it and call me. At present, my first is need a site for Sunday, February 27, 2022. Thank you! ~**Brenda Aker**

Members, we could use your help too. *As Directors in charge of Raffles*, we are always searching for things you would like to take home. We have generous vendors who give us koi food, but it's the unusual, fun or practical items that we need, and maybe preferably koi-related, maybe not. For every item you donate, you will be given a free ticket for the drawing. Cleaning out your cupboards or closets? Keep an eye open for interesting things to put on the gift table. ~**Rob & Deanna Fales**



What a gorgeous day at *Aiko Howo's* home in Redlands! She had lush 'green & leafy veggies' growing in her aquaponics system, and more in the raised beds; the pond was clear and sparkling, her koi eager to meet their visitors, and she had a lovely set up for our buffet. There are so many seating options, few needed their own chairs. Thank you for hosting us!

Eric Triplett, the Pond Digger, was our guest speaker with an interesting discussion of "Five Trends in Pond Building today." In the last few years especially with the COVID pandemic, he has identified five specific reasons people contact him for pond help.

1 ~ RESTORATIONS

Lots of people have had to 'refind' themselves during their time at home, especially when everything shut down. And one thing they 'found' was that their ponds had really been neglected. They called with the query, "What do we have to do to clean this up and make it work properly again?" There were options....

2 ~ RETROFITS

A new design is created by adding new technology to an older pond to bring it up-to-date. This may be achieved by adding new lights, UV, or more efficient equipment. Efficiency may mean replacing submersible pumps with an external one. It may force a choice between removing some fish or adding more filtration or a skimmer. All are ways to make life easier for the pond owner and his koi.

3 ~ REMODELS

Restorations often become remodels (35% or more of Eric's business for 20 years) because retrofits are a lot of money spent with nothing visible to show for it. People suddenly spending more time at home have the chance to bond with and enjoy the pond more; they fall in love with it again and realize they want it bigger, longer, deeper....It's a touchy topic, suggesting enlarging a pond.

4 ~ MAINTENANCE

This aspect of business has grown considerably: people want the pond and all its benefits but can't do all the maintenance themselves for any of a number of reasons. In addition, people are newly interested in learning how to take of their own pond, so maintenance becomes on-the-job training until they understand the ins and outs and are confident; thereafter, we're just on call for the breakdowns and emergencies.

5 ~ GRATITUDE

Getting a little emotional, Eric note that the past 18 months have been hard on so many, and they have realized a new appreciation for life — for family, friends, hobbies, the things that make their lives more complete and enjoyable. That includes their ponds, so they have reached for any of the four needs above to bring back the joys of the pond. And it's all good for business.

Thank you, Eric, for sharing with us again. 🌸

"FAMILY FEAST" MENU PLANS & SIGN-UPS

We had 27 members sign up at the October meeting, but I know that's not everyone. Check the list below if you're still deciding what to bring, and yes, changes of mind are okay!

Your RSVP tells us how much turkey we'll need.

- **Stuffing or Potatoes ~ mashed, yams, cheesy....**
 Fales ~ Mashed Potatoes Zara ~ Mashed Potatoes
- **Vegetable Dishes ~ all the family favorites....**
 Hoffman ~ Vegetable
- **Salads, any kind ~ green, fruit, molded....**
 Aguilar ~ Green Salad Poyle ~ Broccoli Salad
- **Muffins, Rolls, Breads....**
 Lei ~ Rolls Zoetemelk ~ Hawaiian Rolls
- **Desserts, any kind and all the favorites!**
 Coby ~ Pie Leverett ~ Surprise!
 Richardson ~ Cheesecake
- **Other Items, including Appetizers....**
 Mall ~ Turkey & Gravy Henry ~ Butternut Soup
 Hoffman ~ Appetizer Hunter ~ Deviled Eggs
 Milfeld ~ Applesauce ***Anyone care to bring ham?***

If you're not on the list, call ASAP to sign up. We need a count for seating and ordering the turkey. Deadline to call is Monday evening, Nov. 15. Leave a message for the Milfelds at 951.780.7395 or email peggymilfeld@inlandkoiociety.org

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Inland Koi Society Club Membership Renewal Time

All members receive this month's newsletter by mail with a blank 2022 Renewal Form enclosed.

Database Manager Orville Hanson respectfully asks that you return the form, with current information carefully PRINTED on it. Turn it in at the November meeting, or mail it back before January 1, 2022

If you will not attend this meeting, please put the form with other unpaid bills so it will not be lost, and send it in as soon as possible.


Thank you!



Be praying for our members who are going through some medical challenges:


Peggie McManigal ~ in LA with Orville Hanson for a few days while she has a heart-related operation on Nov.10. Just heard from Orville: surgeon says operation went well; Peggie may be released this evening or tomorrow morning, depending on how fast she recovers. *Praises!*

'Big Ol' Bob' Henry ~ has been in Redlands Community Hospital since Saturday. Heart function is 25% and they are waiting for referrals to Loma Lind and approvals for a procedure to allow his pacemaker full control of the heart. He has severe edema in his legs and feet. Pray the pacemaker can take care of it, or he will need a heart transplant. *Hugs to Bob & Bonnie!*



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- For more information, see our website:
<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/2021-2022-certified-koi-keeper-scholarships>

Remember, limited time to apply: Nov. 1 - 15

TIP OF THE MONTH

Dosing a Pond
From the K.O.I. Guide

G = V x M x 0.00378, where

G = amount to be added in grams
V = pond volume in U.S. gallons
M = desired ppm

Example: To achieve a 2 ppm concentration in a 5000 gallon pond,
G = 5000 x 2 x 0.00378
G = 37.9 grams


Salt

P = V x T x 0.00833, where

P = Pounds of Salt
T = Concentration Change in ppt
V = Volume in U.S. gallons
25 # per 1000 gallons = 0.3% or 3 ppt


Estimating Pond Volume with Salt
V = P / T x 120
Same term definitions as above

The holidays are nearly here! Here's a gift idea. Get yourself, or the Koi crazy person in your life the **K.O.I. Special Package Ebook Deal.**



Receive all 25 ebooks on keeping Koi in a downloadable package.

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WELCOME to K.O.I.'s NEWEST MEMBER CLUB!

- The Koi Society of Western Australia
Website: <https://www.koiclubwa.com/>

CORRECTION!

Last month I misnamed one Koi Rescuer as Brenda Kushner. Although the team works together as tightly as family, our blonde koi handler is **Brenda Aker**. My apologies.

2021 Koi Persons of the Year

Brenda Aker
Ed & Linda Kushner
Rob & Deanna Fales

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