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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM

CARLOS O'BRIEN



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our new year begins with the changing of the guard as Dennis Lynaugh becomes president and Ed Kushner becomes vice president. I've had a great two years as president of IKS. Over the last two years we had well attended meetings at the very impressive ponds of our members, a successful koi auction, a successful pond tour, and two club trips that were enjoyed by everybody who went on them. These events were so successful thanks to everyone who works so hard to keep this club running smoothly. We have the best

newsletter in AKCA thanks our newsletter editor Debby Leverett (who will no longer have to beg me to get my Oval Pond in on time), and Peggy Milfeld who assists her in getting the newsletter done. Tom Wright and Tom Ross are always there helping members who need help with their ponds and fish. Nick Milfeld, who is stepping down as club treasurer after many years, has helped keep the club solvent. We have also had a board that that is always there help when help is needed. Thank you to everybody who helped to make it look like I have been doing something over the last two years.

Our first meeting of the year will be on Jan. 23, 2011 (I remembered to write 2011). I wonder how many resolutions will have been broken by then. This meeting will be at the Carlos O'Brien restaurant in Riverside. The meeting place is a tribute to the growth of our club. We will be meeting there because the attendance has been so large that it is hard to find a home that has an indoor facility that can accommodate us in case of rain. However, Inland Koi is nearby so you can drop in there before the meeting, see some koi, and see if you can resist buying one that interests you. For all our great cooks, get ready for our February meeting when we will have our pot luck. I know some people who are looking forward to peanut brittle.

See you at the meeting.

Mark Krakower – IKS president – retired.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ALSO!

I am sure everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Our November IKS general meeting at Pat and Jerry Mall's turned out to be an excellent day. The threat of the weather was questionable right up to an hour before the meeting, but it cleared up in time. The attendance was a good size crowd of 66 IKS members and guests. The Malls' koi looked fantastic and healthy. The indoor meeting room (a spotless garage with covered tables and chairs) was appreciated and provided an enjoyable place for the food and members.

We are starting off the 2011 New Year by having a general meeting at Carlos O'Brien's Restaurant in Riverside. This is different from what we have done in the past in January, but will provide a comfortable indoor venue for having a meeting. Our speaker will be **Tony Rideau** who will discuss Japanese Gardens. Unfortunately, Dorothy and I will not be able to be there for the meeting. We will be in Panama / Peru and won't be back in time for it.

I want to thank all who volunteered last year to make IKS a successful koi club. This year we will be having our third koi auction which should again be a successful event taking place in late spring.

Our February meeting will be in a location that we have been at before, the Edward Dean Museum in Cherry Valley. This will again an indoor meeting place which will be enjoyable for everyone and out of the weather.

I want to thank Ed Kushner ahead of time for taking over for me for the first general meeting of 2011.

~Dennis Lynaugh, IKS President

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As was proposed to members at the November General Meeting, and overwhelmingly accepted as an option, this month we will gather at a restaurant in the Riverside area for a warm and cozy indoor meeting, safe from whatever climate the season would present to us. We've certainly weathered windy, chilling, damp and downright wet meetings in the past few months, so a safe site should be a welcomed alternative.



Carlos O'Brien's Restaurant, formerly located at The Plaza off Central, is now serving the Westside near Tyler and the 91 Freeway, in what many will remember as the *Acapulco*. This is a very reasonable Mexican restaurant which has a big banquet hall and all the AV equipment we could want for a speaker to present an onscreen program.

If you love flavors such as tomato, melted cheese, ground beef, and garlic, these authentic Mexican dishes will definitely delight you. The Inland Koi Society will enjoy a freshly created **buffet** luncheon consisting of:



- Chicken enchiladas made with corn tortillas rolled up with shredded chicken and 2 kinds of cheese, and then served with a zesty Salsa Verde and sour cream.
- Shredded beef tacos with ingredients of your choice to add (lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, fresh spices like cilantro and salsa)
- Rice, one of the staples in Mexican food. This dish combines the flavors of garlic, cumin, tomato, chicken broth.
- Frijoles, or flavorful refried beans, made fresh daily.
- A green salad made of fresh mixed greens, vegetables and cheese. Your choice of dressing included.
- Chips and salsa. Who can resist hot, fresh made batches of freshly fried corn tortillas with tasty salsa?

Iced tea, water and sodas are included, as well as tax and gratuity, for a per person cost of \$13.

Because the restaurant will need a tentative count in advance, we will again take reservations for the meeting. **Please contact Peggy Milfeld at 951-780-7395 as soon as possible** and leave your family name and the number attending, or you can email the information to milfeld@msn.com. The deadline for reservations is **Wednesday, January 19**. Payment will be collected at the door upon your arrival: cash, or check payable to IKS. In addition, because the restaurant will need an accurate count of how many actually are served, we will have lunch tickets to be deposited when you go through the buffet line.

You need not bring your chairs for this meeting, but if you are so inclined, you may bring a dessert to share. We were surprised and thankful that the restaurant would allow this, for you know our group doesn't do well without the sweets! 😊

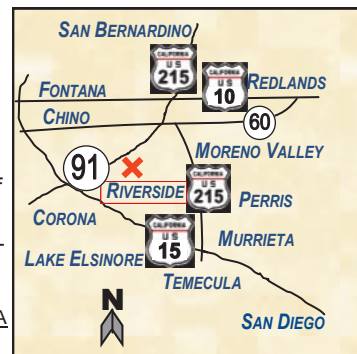
An informal five star quality Mexican Buffet will set the stage to savor the food, celebrate with friends, thank and honor the outgoing officers, induct the new club officers and maybe win a few raffle prizes. Be sure to join us for this fun event on **Sunday, January 23 at 2:00 pm**.

SPEAKER: We have tried to accommodate this month's speaker for the better part of a year now, and finally we have a place with a reeeaaally big screen on which to present a slide show to our best advantage. **Tony Rideau** comes to us from the Temecula/Murrieta area with a program exploring the creation of Japanese gardens. An American of Italian descent, Mr. Rideau spent the early 1950's in Japan with the U.S. military; there he developed a lifelong interest in the traditional Japanese garden styles, which so often include koi ponds. He has been a featured lecturer at such places as the Norton Simon Museum and we are pleased to take a virtual tour with him this month.

By the way, if you have never visited **Inland Koi** before, or wondered where exactly it is, this would be an opportune time to drop in and get acquainted. Located in the same block just east of Carlos O'Brien's at **10000 Indiana Ave. Suite #7** (next to Tyler Mall Mini Storage and behind the Rancho Physical Therapy building), they are open Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Check out their site at www.inlandkoi.com. You can greet Joe and Peter when you drop in and thank them for the frequent donation of koi to our Raffles. ~Debbly Leverett, IKS Editor / Peggy Milfeld, Assisting Editor

DIRECTIONS:

- ♦ Follow the 91 / Riverside Fwy toward Riverside.
- ♦ Exit **TYLER STREET**: turn right if coming from the west, or turn left and go back under the freeway, if coming from the east.
- ♦ Immediately turn left on **INDIANA AVE.**, and **TURN RIGHT** into the Tyler Village



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Call for Koi Health Advisors (KHA)

This call for is for members of AKCA clubs who are interested in taking the tuition free Koi Health Advisor (KHA) course, which some have already started.

Requirements are simple and threefold: be a koi hobbyist; be a member of an AKCA affiliated club (Inland Koi Society qualifies); and have a two-year subscription to *Koi USA Magazine*, which funds the program for us. It is an online course with a required hands-on, veterinarian-instructed wet lab class at the conclusion. The knowledge gained will be in Pond Design, Water Quality, Pond Filtration, Koi Anatomy, Koi Physiology, Koi Nutrition, and Koi Health, where you will learn to recognize and deal with pathogens and other problems.

Go to www.akca.org, click on KHA at the top of the page to learn more. The course will take some commitment and a few months to complete, but it is well worth the effort. Please let the Board of Directors know if you are interested. You will be **INVALUABLE** in this position to your koi, your fellow hobbyists, and your club!!!

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IKS GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010 TEMECULA

Although rain threatened and the grounds were still damp from the night's wetness, Sunday afternoon spread a glorious blue sky and white clouds over our November meeting at **Jerry and Pat Mall's** lovely home in the hills of Temecula. They were more than ready for us, come rain or shine, having cleared one of Jerry's immaculate garages to hold covered tables and chairs for the 66 members and guests who showed up. A fantastic array of foods was spread on tables and counters in Pat's spacious kitchen, while the beverages and desserts were served up from a small room off the garage. Overflow tables were available in the lower garage where Jerry's car wash is, but we didn't use them.

Just driving the Temecula mountains after a rain is a treat: out of the city into the rural, freshly washed foothills, through the avocado forests where most rooftops can't be seen... makes you forget how close civilization is! The first 45 minutes saw folks wandering all over the property, exploring the lush landscape inadequately described in the newsletter, building up an appetite.

In President Mark's absence, **VP Dennis Lynaugh** welcomed everyone and excused us to the buffet. Appropriate to a Thanksgiving feast, we dined for a good hour—many enjoying the requisite seconds (and thirds!?) of the day—while chatting amiably, before settling in to hear Jerry describe the development of their pond and answer questions.

We had all read about the pond, so Jerry shared about their February trip to the All Japan Koi Show and visits to eight or ten breeders/dealers. "Amazing!" he said; "One site showcased 30,000 fish, with a 40,000 square foot warehouse—a greenhouse for fish—with catwalks for moving among them." (*Picture something akin to Harrison's vats on mega-steroids, perhaps.*) "The smaller koi for sale were at least 26" and were priced from \$10,000 to \$30,000! And of course I couldn't come back without fish...and more than I expected!" (*We hinted that*

Pat should write an article for us about the trip; remind her.)

Asked about problems with his fish, Jerry admitted to an outbreak in spring of 2009 when 22 of his fish came up with ulcers. Both Tom Ross and Tom Wright came out to help: they medicated them three times a week for months and still don't know what caused the outbreak. Altogether they lost two or three, but this year only one fish had any ulcers. Asked if he had ever thought that raising koi wasn't supposed to be for him, or if it bothered him to have sick things, Jerry answered that he had grown up on the farm, and you expect problems, deaths, and the cycles of life...

Another question concerned his "ozone system." Jerry said most folks probably wouldn't want to spend the money on it to handle a mere 12,000-gallon pond, but he tried it. He couldn't say if it did any good or not: he couldn't see any noticeable difference. His quarantine tank is on an ozone system, too.

Some were curious about wildlife in the area. The Malls' property is surrounded by the Santa Rosa Preserve, so a number of wild animals have been seen roaming through from time to time; they have not had problems with them.

Dennis asked Nick Milfeld of the Nominating Committee to take charge of the election of a new slate of club officers and board members. Ballots were handed out with one vote allowed per family membership. With no nominations from the floor for Secretary or two open Director seats, Rey Quirong (*pronounced "key-wrong"*) and Larry Wolf volunteered or nominated themselves as Directors. When the ballots were counted, there were two write-in votes for Secretary that were deemed sufficient to elect.

The newly elected officers are:

- **Dennis Lynaugh**, President
- **Ed Kushner**, Vice President
- **Peggy Milfeld**, Secretary
- **Sandy Hanson**, Treasurer

- **Debby Leverett**, Newsletter Editor

The Board of Directors will include:

Bob Henry, Kelly Houston, and Mary Leever, each beginning the second year of a two-year term

Mark Krakower, Nick Milfeld, Rey Quirong, and Larry Wolf, each beginning a two-year term

Dennis thanked the new officers for their willingness to serve, announced there would be a Board meeting on Wednesday, December 1, and welcomed any member to attend. He then asked the members to consider holding the January meeting at a local restaurant to assure us a dry and warm indoor site, although it would require us to pay for our meals individually instead of pot-lucking it as usual. With the huge attendance we have, it is difficult to find members' homes with indoor space to hold us all, and our one other option, the Edward-Dean Museum in Cherry Valley, is booked for our February meeting. The Board had discussed this in advance and would seek an inexpensive venue, preferable a buffet. By a hand vote, the consensus was to "go for it; we'll be there!"

Dennis thanked the Malls again for their hospitality and the wonderful accommodations of the day, and then, while seconds on dessert were enjoyed, Jerry Mall called the Raffle numbers and Mary Leever handed out the prizes. With wishes for a "Merry Christmas to all; see you January!" the meeting concluded and everyone reluctantly headed down the drive for home and the busyness of the coming holidays.

Submitted by Peggy Milfeld

A Special Note:

This will be the last meeting I attend as the club Secretary. I have enjoyed the position, but need to take a break. This is a great club. Come, get involved: you will get to know the Board members better, take a role in what the club does, and help the club. See you at a future meeting!

~Zuma Ross, IKS Secretary.

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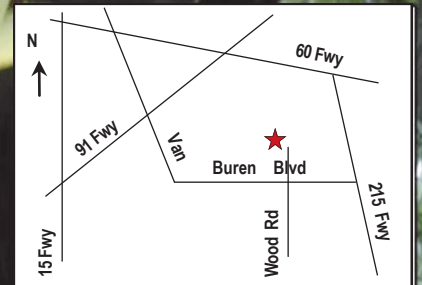
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Question from a Camellia Koi Club Member - November 2010 Newsletter Koi Ahoy

Initial Question –

We're new to the Koi club and have yet to make it to a monthly meeting. We're having a problem with our Koi flashing. We just had a total pond cleaning done, new biologicals added, etc. The flashing started one week after the service. Can you by any chance know of a local pond service that will make an onsite visit to assess what's going on? Any referral would be appreciated. Thank you.

Answer –

This was passed on to me. You got my attention with "total pond cleaning." That is OK but, I always wonder what the motivating factor to do this was? What did the guy who cleaned your pond suggest was the problem?

I am one of a number of our club's Certified AKCA Koi Health Advisors (KHA). We all took a ton of classes to learn and be of help to other club members. Problem is, we are not vets. In California, only a vet can legally diagnose an illness and prescribe a medication for an animal (fish, too). If you feel you need a vet, there is a contact number on the club web site. What I can do, however, is help correct environmental issues -- water quality -- which is the root cause of much (most?) of the problems we have in this hobby. Healthy Koi is a result of Healthy Water. It is typical that a start up pond has Koi that eat and produce waste (ammonia) faster than a bio-filter can grow bacteria to consume it. "New biologicals" do not act overnight and can take weeks to sufficiently multiply if the water is cold. If the ammonia level gets too high it can burn the gills and cause death. Are the fish gasping at the surface or at the waterfall? If the ammonia is high it needs to be reduced with 20% water changes daily until it get down below .5%, with de-chlorination products used to neutralize the chlorine.

Response –

Thanks for the email and for the extensive info you provided. We do a total pond cleaning every year because we have heavy oak leaf/acorn sediment. We do partial water changes and pond vacuuming about every 3 months during the summer. We've been monitoring the pH, ammonia, nitrate, salt, etc. since the cleaning and pH is running from 8.2 up to 8.7, which is not an ideal fluctuation. Ammonia readings are 0, as is nitrate. Alkaline reading is in the 100 ppm range. We increased the salt to 3.5 in hopes that if it is a parasite, that will take care of it without introducing stronger chemicals. We have not introduced any new fish. In terms of flashing, they are rubbing against the rocks and exposing the under belly. Since it involves more than 1-2 individuals, we are assuming it is a parasite as opposed to an H₂O issue. We are not feeding them at present.

Answer –

It looks like you have a good idea of what you are doing. The fact you have been monitoring the water shows that. For future reference, I would suggest you do water changes in the winter also as the rain in our area is so acid it may lower the pH. A slow .5 pH fluctuation over a week or more is probably not a problem, but if it happens faster or consistently, we need to look at it closer.

Next year I suggest you do your pond clean-out as soon as the oak leaves have finished falling as the mulm left in the bottom of the pond is a perfect environment for ciliated parasites to overwinter and flourish until the spring warm up, when they come up looking for hosts.

You stated you increased salt. Do you salt all year long or just in spring? I am one of those who believe in salt for this time of the year as a precaution against those ciliates. Salt will usually get many of the ciliates but if not, or if it is something else (flukes?) something stronger will be needed. Salt year around helps develop

salt resistant strains of pests.

I told you to stop feeding. Since the Ammonia and Nitrite readings are 0, you can safely feed lightly this time of the year if you are monitoring the water.

About water changes: We are taught to use de-chlorination products when we do changes to bind up or neutralize chlorine. Did you know that small -- less than 10% -- changes don't pose a chlorine problem? The rule of thumb is 'twice over the waterfall' gasses off the chlorine if amounts are small.

Some folks use a sprinkler to spray water into the pond so it gasses off in the air. I have a frog spitter that I turn on very low and let it continually spit a small stream into the pond all year long. What I did was let it spit into a 3 gallon bucket and timed how long it took to fill. It took 10 min which multiplied by 6 is 18 gal/hr times 24 hrs/day is 432 gal times 30 day month is 12,960 gal a month. WOW! I was surprised it added up that fast. I turned the spitter down to a dribble so it took twice as long to fill bucket. It looks like nothing, but running 24/7 adds up to 100% water change a month. Only 40% is a passing grade (barely) but 100% is an "A." And, I don't have to buy de-chlorination stuff and wonder how much is enough. Excess water just goes out the overflow pipe. Some connect it to a hose and let the water dribble into the garden if there is no salt. I'm too lazy so run it to the sewer.

Just food for thought for you. No more worrisome water changes to take up your time, leaves don't turn water to tea, trace mineral get replaced for good koi health, alkalinity stays constant, and nitrates, which are an immune suppressor, don't build up.

Your alkalinity is fine but that is because you have new water. As time goes by the bio-filter bacteria will use up the alkalinity and it will decrease. The alkalinity buffers the pH and prevents it from dropping too rapidly. If pH gets too low, everything dies. You probably knew much of what I just wrote. I tend to over-explain to be safe. If the Koi do not stop flashing, we need to catch a couple and see what we can find with the microscope. Have you ever done that?

Response –

Thank you so much, Jerry. We are trying to learn more all the time and the information you have provided is very much appreciated.

Answer –

Looking forward to meeting you. In ****'Doc' Johnson's book, *Koi Health & Disease***, there is a section (pg 106) on Symptoms of Note, concerning Flashing/Scratching. It may be of interest to you if you had no previous problems and the flashing suddenly started soon after the pond cleaning, which included a massive water change. Following are excerpts:

- "Fish'll flash and scratch when they have . . . almost any parasitism . . ."
- "Another important consideration is that changes in water quality can cause flashing. A large freshwater change can cause flashing as the fish's skin adapts to a slightly higher or lower pH. Residual chlorine or other metals in new water can cause flashing."
- "New water can really irritate the skin. Still, you have to keep in mind that a parasite could potentially be causing the flashing and caution and quarantine would be a great idea."

There are a lot of books out there. Some are better than others. This book is not the end all answer to all man's questions, but is renowned as one of the simplest to read and understand, and at \$39.95 at Koi Stores is, dollar for dollar, one of the most affordable.

****Editor's Note:** IKS Library carries this book! Check it out.

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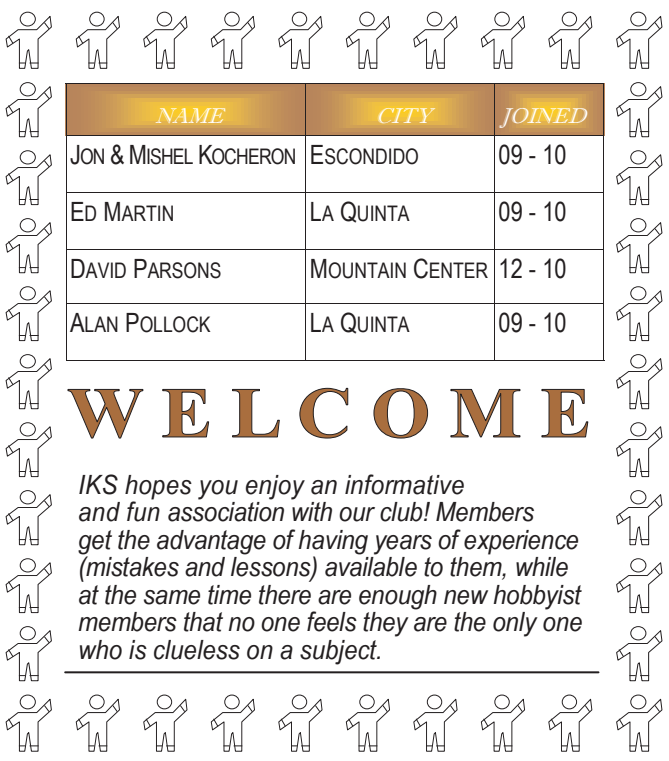
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IKS hopes you enjoy an informative and fun association with our club! Members get the advantage of having years of experience (mistakes and lessons) available to them, while at the same time there are enough new hobbyist members that no one feels they are the only one who is clueless on a subject.



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December 22, 2010 | 11:45 am | LA Times

Flooding overwhelmed **Laguna Koi Ponds** early Wednesday, killing or washing away at least 300 prized fish.

"The thought of just giving up has crossed my mind a few times this morning," said Ben Plonski, 51, who has owned the Laguna Canyon business for 21 years. "I won't know the full extent of my losses until we can dig out of this mess."

Plonski raises koi fish for commercial sale. They go for about \$200 each. "I'm trying not to think about that," Plonski said of the financial loss.

As he spoke, some fish were fighting for air in muddy ponds on his property. Some of his fish, which look like oversized goldfish speckled and splotched in rainbow colors, were swept down Laguna Beach city streets about 2 1/2 miles down the canyon.

[Updated at 1 p.m.: Stacking sand bags at the entrance to his business, Plonski wiped a sweaty brow and said, "Tomorrow night I'm going to be Santa Claus for a couple of young girls who lost their mother to cancer. There's always someone who's got it much worse than you do, isn't there? I'm just glad I don't have to be Santa Claus tonight cause I just wouldn't be in the mood."



Dr. Norihiro Komiyama (English speaking Veterinarian) from Japan

In the middle of cleaning up the mess created by December flooding of his business, Ben Plonski of Laguna Koi Farms has posted the following message:

We Will Miss You, Nagata-san

Our good friend and mentor, Mr. Nagata from Japan, has passed away.

He had been suffering through painful bone cancer for the last two years. He fought the good fight but passed away Wednesday January 5. He leaves his beautiful wife and handsome twin sons. He always told me how lucky he was and how he appreciated his life and blessings.

I will miss him very much. He was a true and loyal friend. He helped me in so many ways. I admired his honor and integrity. All who met him felt a natural kinship. He was always willing to help in a kind and gentle way. He brought his love for koi to the United States and opened doors for many koi dealers and hobbyists.

We are taking donations of love and money to his family in Japan to help them through these hard times. He ran his koi farm business mostly by himself. I do not know how his family will carry on. His twin boys are only 16 and are too young to carry on the business.

If you would like to make a donation of any gift, note, love or money please send to:

In Memory of Norihiro Nagata
c/o Laguna Koi Ponds
20452 Laguna Canyon Rd
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Any checks or currency will be converted to yen and handed personally to his wife.

Please call us if you need to at 949-494-5107

May God bless. ~ Ben Plonski

Mr. Norihiro Nagata, of Kinsuien Koi Farm, Kyuushuu prefecture, Fukuoka, has been selling and breeding Koi in Fukuoka, Japan for 35 years, and is a most well respected member of Shinkokai, the breeders and sellers association in Japan. He attended the LA and San Diego koi shows each year, and was to be a featured guest at Laguna Koi Pond's 17th Annual Koi Sale and Seminar the weekend of Feb. 7-8, 2011. He has been described as "very direct and friendly, has a great sense of humor, and is one of the most genuinely nice people I've ever met. I do not exaggerate when I convey that every person we saw who was acquainted with Mr. Nagata was pleased to see him. Best of all, he treated me [a woman] just as kindly and professionally as he treated everyone else."

~ Anonymous



Jan. 29, 2011
 ~ Down Town Riverside ~
 Check the calendar
 for more information.

NOTE: The 2011 Indianapolis AKCA Seminar and Convention has been cancelled because of complications with the hotel negotiations. Other locations are being considered and information will be shared when available.

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens
 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108
 (626) 405-2100 www.huntington.org

Feb. 5 & 6, Sat.-Sun.
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., rain or shine!



Celebrate the lunar new year at The Huntington as the Year of the Rabbit begins. Enjoy lion dancers, martial arts demonstrations, shadow puppet theater, children's book readings, mask-changing performances, and more. Shop for fresh flowers at a traditional flower market. General admission.

| PERFORMANCES | LOCATION | SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5 | SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6 |
|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lion dancers | Brown Garden | 11 am 1 pm 3 pm | 11 am 1 pm 3 pm |
| Shadow Puppet Theater | Friends' Hall* | 11 am 12 pm | 11 am 12 pm |
| Mask Changing (Bian Lian) | Friends' Hall* | 2 pm 3 pm | 2 pm 3 pm |
| READINGS / BOOK SIGNINGS | | | |
| Pauline Tsu- <i>Grandpa's Treasure Box</i> ** | Overseers' Room | 11:30-12:30 pm 3:30-4:30 pm | 3:30-4:30 pm |
| Oliver Chin, <i>Year of the Rabbit</i> ** | Overseers' Room | | 11:30-12:30 p.m. |
| DEMONSTRATIONS | | | |
| Chinese Brush Painting by Pei-Fang Liang | West Hall, Library Lawn | 11 am-2 pm | 11 am-2 pm |
| Calligraphy - David Hsu | Conservatory Entrance | 11:30-3:30 pm | 11:30 am-3:30 pm |
| Tai Chi | North Vista | 12:30 pm 2:30 pm | 12:30 pm 2:30 pm |
| MUSIC | | | |
| String and Bamboo Orchestra | Chinese Garden | 11 am-1 pm | 11 am-1 pm |
| UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, Chinese Music Ensemble | Chinese Garden | 2-4 pm | 2-4 pm |
| OTHER HIGHLIGHTS | | | |
| Flower market | Entrance Pavilion | All day Saturday | |
| Scavenger hunt for children | Entrance Pavilion, south Chinese garden, lion dog entrance | All day | All day |

* SEATING IS LIMITED
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Coming Events

- 14 **AKCA BOARD MEETING** ~ 6 pm / 529 W. Blue-ridge Ave., Orange, CA 92865 / Call Larry Leverett at (915) 781-3887 for more information
- 14-17 **POMONA HOME AND GARDEN SHOW** ~1101 West McKinley Avenue - Pomona, CA 91768 / (909) 623-3111 /
- 17 **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY** ~ He once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.
- 21-23 **RIVERSIDE DICKENS FESTIVAL** ~ Fri. 5:30pm-9pm, Sat. 10am-12am, Sun. 10am-5pm / Riverside Convention Center - 3443 Orange Street - Riverside, CA 92501 / Street Faire / (800) 430-4140
- 23 **FIRST IKS MEETING OF 2010 -Buffet at Carlos O'Brien Restaurant** in Riverside. For information, call Kelly Houston (909) 885-2503
- 26 **IKS BUSINESS MEETING** ~ 7 pm / *All members of IKS welcome!* — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Mark Krakower (951) 371-2223.
- 29 **THE ASIAN PACIFIC LUNAR NEW YEARS FESTIVAL** ~ 10 am- 6pm / Visitors to Downtown Riverside will be transported to the beauty of the Ancient Orient with a Spectacular Lunar Parade, Asian Music, Taiko Drums, Dance Perform., Art Disp., Day-Long Exhibitions of Martial Arts, Kabuki, and a range of thrilling Asian themed demonstrations of various kinds. Ends with Fireworks. Riverside Public Library / 3581 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501 / Admission is FREE! www.lunarfestriverside.com

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- 05 **DAYLONG CAMELLIA FESTIVAL** ~ 9am-5pm / Descanso Gardens -1418 Descanso Drive - La Canada, CA 91011 / Free / Variety activities, garden tours, guided walks, classes, tea, surprises along the way, plants, flowers, demonstrations (818) 949-4200 <http://www.descansogardens.org>
- 11 **AKCA BOARD MEETING** ~ 6 pm / 529 W. Blue-ridge Ave., Orange, CA 92865 / Call Larry Leverett at (915) 781-3887 for more information
- 14 **VALENTINES DAY** ~ Show your LOVE...
- 16 **FIRST IKS 2011 AUCTION MEETING** ~ 7 pm / Nick Milfeld's house - 1644 Northhampton Dr. - Riverside, 92506 (915) 780-7395 - Guidelines and Committee to be formed. Please attend if interested
- 18-20 **24TH ANNUAL KCS D KOI SHOW**
 Activity Center of the Del Mar Fairgrounds. San Diego, CA - Bill Thompson, Chairman (760) 479-1447 www.koiclubsandiego.org
- 21 **PRESIDENTS' DAY** ~ Honoring Lincoln and Washington's Birthday's.
- 27 **IKS GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK** ~ Location: Edward Dean Museum & Garden - Cherry Valley / Info = Kelly Houston (909) 885-2503
- Mar. 2 **IKS BUSINESS MEETING** ~ 7:00 pm. (951) 780-0123



Feb 6, 2011 / Super Bowl
 to be played in Dallas Texas
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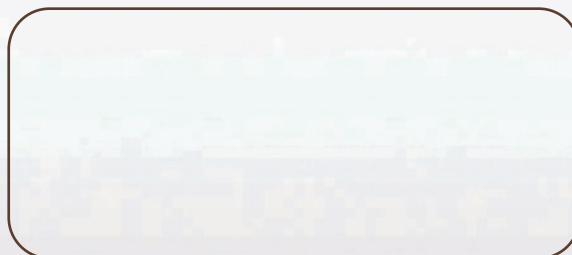
INLAND KOI SOCIETY
5198 ARLINGTON AVE., #146
RIVERSIDE, CA 92504

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Occupying the 4th position in the Chinese Zodiac, the Rabbit symbolizes such character traits as creativity, compassion, and sensitivity. Rabbits are friendly, outgoing and prefer the company of others. Rabbits believe strongly in friends and family.

Therefore, this is the year of the Rabbit...



This little IKS'er has been a member since birth. "I'm thrilled to get your picture, Ian!"

Can you encourage other members to send their Christmas news or pictures to add to the Inland Koi Connection? ~djl, Editor

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