

The Inland Koi Connection

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Sunday, 11/26 Potluck Meeting ~ Hosts: Larry & Debby Leverett ~ 2-5pm
5349 Jasper Lane, Riverside 92506 ~ 951.781.3887



The 4000-gallon pond, in full view of the breakfast room and the office, was built partially above ground, to allow up close and personal seating.

Perhaps we have two traditions in the IKS: meeting in November at the Malls' in Temecula, and meeting in January at **Larry & Debby Leverett's** in Riverside, where we can invade the garage and be warm and dry whatever the weather. It's nice, too, that we can view the pond from inside the house if weather prevents us from going outside.

The Leveretts are 24-year veterans of IKS and have promoted the hobby at every level. Larry has served as our president and as AKCA Chairman; he was instrumental in organizing the first pond tour — and shared his then 375-gallon pond stocked with the biggest koi in the club — and got us involved with the Riverside Flower Show. In 2007, they traded their little pond for the current 4,000-gallon concrete pond, built according to the *AKCA Guide to Pond Construction*. There's also a 400-gallon QT built into a rockscaped corner by his orchid house.

We'll start the new year by going back to the basics of koi keeping with a K.O.I. PowerPoint presentation on *Things You Can Do to Be a Better Koi Keeper*. **Orville Hanson** will be our facilitator for this great review.

Bring something for our buffet, and if you haven't already submitted it, bring your Membership Renewal Form. Check the preprinted information carefully and make any corrections/updates as necessary. See you Sunday!

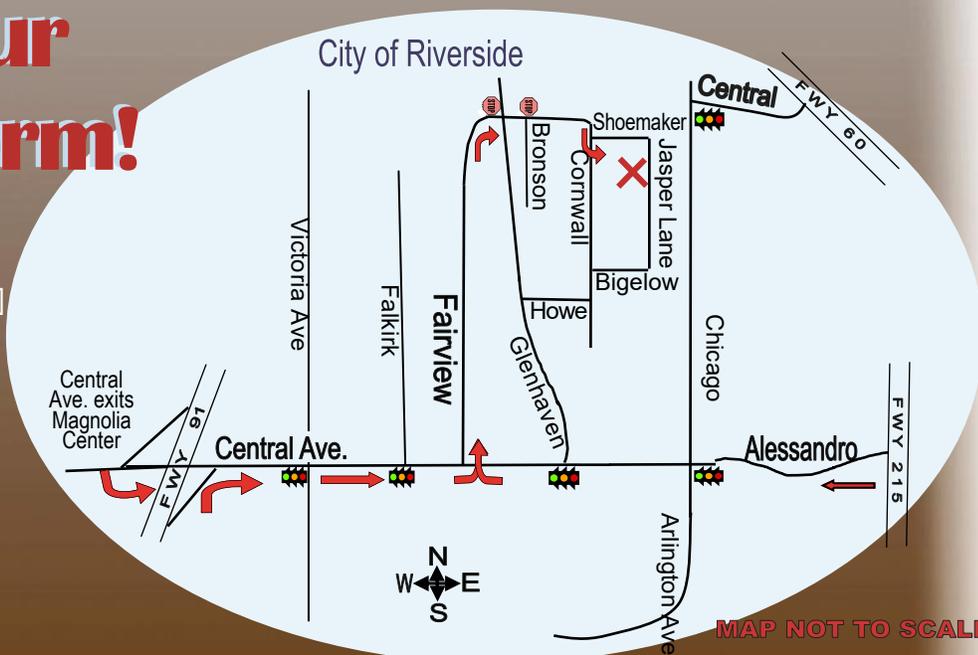
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- Exit off Fwy 91 at Central Ave and go east [L]
- Left on Fairview, past 2 stop signs to Cornwall.
- Forced right on Comwall. then left on Shoemaker.
- Forced right on Jasper, and **5349 Jasper Lane** is the second house on right

DIRECTIONS FROM THE 215 FWY:

- Exit off I-215 on Alessandro and head west.
- Right on Fairview and continue as stated above.



Koi is the general name for “carp” in Japanese. The name refers to all types of carp, from the simple dull gray fish to highly colored varieties.

The first fact you should know about koi color meaning is that these colored varieties are called *nishikigoi* or “braided” carp.

The Japanese word can also mean love or affection, so these colored koi symbolize friendship and romantic love in Japan. Because they also represent strength and courage, koi have become a popular subject for tattoos, pictures, jewelry, and a whole range of products.

Each koi color symbolizes something different, but koi colors can also symbolize family. On Children’s Day in Japan, koi flags are used to depict family members:

Father is black, Mother is red or orange, Boy is white or blue, Girl is red or pink.

Some of the more popular koi varieties are best known for their colors; these color meanings are explained below:

Kohaku: This is the best known koi color; the fish is red and white, and that is the meaning of its name.

Sanke: This is also red and white but, in addition, there are little black areas.

Showa: This koi is mainly black, but it has white and red parts (red and white on a black body). It was named for the Japanese Emperor, Hirohito.

Ogon/ Hikarimono: This variety has a metallic appearance, but only in one color. This can be orange, white, silver or gold. The name refers only to the gold color.

Asagi: The body is pale to deep blue with an rust-colored red belly: the name is derived from the Japanese word for pale blue or indigo

Ochiba: This koi is a blue-grey with some brown areas. The name means “fallen leaves” because the colors are like Autumn leaves on water.

Karasugoi: Here, the fish is black with an orange or white belly.

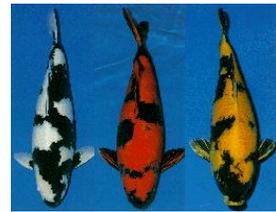
Matsuba: Body of the koi is in one color; the center of the scales are black, creating a pinecone appearance.

Bekko: Body color of the fish is white, red, or more rarely yellow, with some black areas. The name means “tortoise shell”.

Utsuri: Main color of the fish is black with white, red or yellow markings.

Utsuri have 3 classifications: *shiro* which is white, *hi* which is red, and *ki*

which is yellow; actually Utsuri is a black koi with white for *shiro utsuri*, red for *hi utsuri*, and yellow for *ki utsuri*.



As you can see, the main koi color meanings are simply translations of the colors, or colors which are similar to other things.

A FUN FACT ~

A legendary koi named *Hanako* lived to be the oldest koi of all recorded history. He was hatched in 1751 and lived to the ripe old age of 226, passing away in 1977. This famous Japanese koi lived through the Industrial, American, and French Revolutions, saw the formation of the United States, the invention of electricity and the automobile, survived World War I and II, and lived into the Vietnam War!

While he may have lived for 226 years, the koi’s age was not visible to the naked eye. Microscopic growth marks cover a koi fish’s scales like that of the rings on a tree. These can show patterns of rapid growth or shortage of food.

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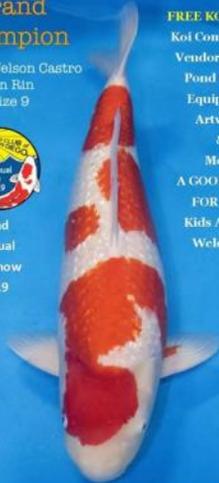
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