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IKS POTLUCK MEETING

2:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

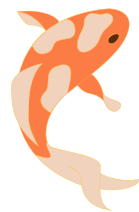
HOST: LARRY AND DEBBY LEVERETT

5349 JASPER LANE, RIVESIDE 92506

951.781.3887



BRING FOOD AND CHAIRS!!!



In 2007, **Larry** built this beautiful concrete pond with the help of the **AKCA Guide to Pond Construction**. The pond is a total of 4,500 gallons and uses three 300-gallon filters run by 1/4 horsepower pumps. This is enough to turn over the water every hour! From these filters, the water flows to two waterfalls and back to the pond. This ecosystem that the Leveretts' have created is home to about 50 fish all of vibrant color.

In 2012, **Larry** rebuilt a 400-gallon quarantine tank by his orchid house, a rockscape corner with waterfalls; it's at your left as you enter the garden gate. It has a 1/8 hp pump, a Bio Force 2000 filter, and a 40 watt UV light.

Larry & Debby Leverett are opening up their home to us where we will sit inside the garage for a **Zoom presentation** with guest speaker, **Kelvin Davis**, who will give a presentation on "**First Aid For Koi Keepers**". Of course, we will all still need to bring our chairs and a food dish to add to our yummy buffet!!



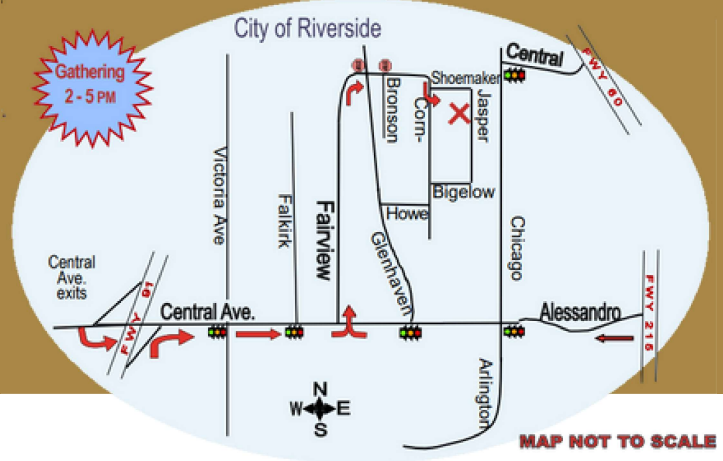
Larry is a very social, honorable & giving man with a spontaneous wit. He is a plant and vegetable gardener using his green thumb wisely and always shares fruits of his labor. **Debby** is a creative, giving, and a humble woman. She is also interested in gardening, but mostly with flowers. Their interest in Koi started accidentally. The gazebo came with the house they bought in 1989, but it was withered and the spa was not used. So, they moved and changed the personal spa to create a small pond complimenting the new Amish Style gazebo they had built. Larry inserted some water plants and dozen goldfish to test the waters, but by this time saw a few other fish called Koi that he fell in love with. They bought a few Koi and learned of **The Inland Koi Society** by the fish dealers. Being beginners, they decided to try that club, hoping to gain more information and friends!

DIRECTIONS FROM THE 91 FWY:

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

DIRECTIONS FROM THE 215 FWY:

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





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Results of the November election will be announced at the January meeting.

Upcoming Events

01

25 ~ IKS Board Meeting

12:30 PM

Larry and Debby Leverett

5349 Jasper Lane, Riverside 92506

Interested members are welcome to attend, but please call hosts to let them know beforehand, 951.781.3887

01

25 ~ IKS General / Potluck meeting

2-5 PM

Larry and Debby Leverett

5349 Jasper Lane, Riverside 92506

02

22 ~ IKS Board Meeting

12:30 PM

Nick and Peggy Milfeld

1644 North Hampton Drive, Riverside 92506

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22 ~ IKS General / Potluck meeting

2-5 PM

Nick and Peggy Milfeld

1644 North Hampton Drive, Riverside 92506

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22 ~ IKS Board Meeting

12:30 PM

Tony Coby

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Save The Date

Riverside Flower Show & Garden Tour



**April 25 & 26,
2026**

**Join us for a
“Garden
Party”**

Free Flower Show 9 am - 5 pm
Don't miss our Craft Vendor Fair!!

\$10 Garden Tour
10 am - 5 pm

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riversideflowershow.com [@riversideflowershow](https://www.instagram.com/riversideflowershow)



KOI CLUB OF SAN DIEGO 36th Annual Koi Show

March 7th & 8th, 2026
Del Mar Fairgrounds
Bing Crosby Hall

WANT TO ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN KOI OR POND OF THE YEAR?

If you are interested in submitting a photo of your koi or your pond to be elected as our koi of the year or pond of the year, please **bring a photo of your koi or your pond** for everyone to vote on at our February meeting.

TIPS FOR PHOTOGRAPHING KOI:

- 1) The perfect portrait is taken head-on, looking down the back from head to tail.
- 2) The koi should be in the middle of the shot, not hugging the sides of the bowl. If you can get it on the diagonal, it's even better.
- 3) The pectoral fins are outstretched and stationary, not trying to back paddle out of the shot.
- 4) Take the shot from an angle that is not so low that all you see is a big head, nor so high that you are catching reflections of everything above you.
- 5) Zooming in helps frame the subject but make sure the whole koi, from nose to tail, fits into the picture.

Practice makes perfect! By taking lots of shots you should be able to get some great photos, even if they don't all come out well. You will find the more pictures taken, the luckier you'll get!

For pond photos, try different times of day to get the best lighting. Choose your favorite view of your pond to submit. **Print your photo(s) in color.**

Bring your photo(s) to the February meeting and turn in at the registration table: this includes koi photos and pond photos. **PLEASE write your name on the back, at the top.** You may submit a total of **FIVE** photographs -- that is, **one koi and four pond photos.**

Be sure to turn in ALL submissions AT the February meeting where voting will take place!!

Winners will receive a CASH PRIZE!

Remember to turn in your renewal forms!!

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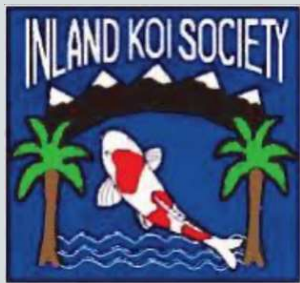
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Thank you to **Chien Lee of Nijikawa USA** and to **Iva Gaglione of Ultra Balance** for supplying the Inland Koi Society with a supply of nutritional koi food for its rehoming program!!!

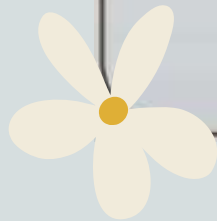
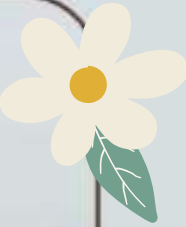
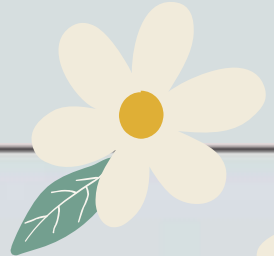


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