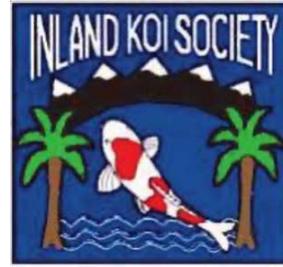


# The Inland Koi Connection



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**IKS POTLUCK MEETING**

**2:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND**

**HOST: TONY COBY**

**24888 AGUSTA DR  
MORENO VALLEY, 92551**

**951.486.1816**

**BRING FOOD AND CHAIRS!!!**

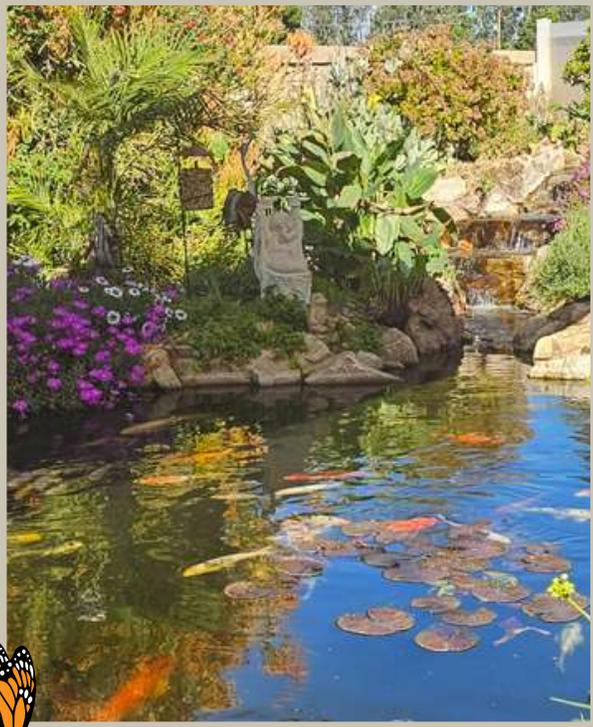


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For our **March meeting**, we are excited to return to **Tony Coby's beautiful pond** in Moreno Valley for a second visit. Remember to bring a chair and a delicious dish to share for the potluck buffet! We hope you will enjoy the **relaxing setting** while spending time with fellow koi enthusiasts. Be sure to try your luck at the raffle, and feel free to ask questions and share ideas with other members—these meetings are a great opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate our shared passion for koi.



Narrow plant shelves were also incorporated into the design, allowing for aquatic plants to be added later and helping to complete **the pond's natural look**. Over the years, the surrounding pond area has continued to evolve and expand. A gazebo and concrete walkways were added to create comfortable spaces for gathering, while solar-powered lighting now brings beautiful color and ambiance to the pond in the evening. What began as a simple retirement project, has grown into an ongoing labor of love for Tony. Today, the peaceful setting offers a relaxing and scenic backdrop for barbecues and evening gatherings, making it a truly **enjoyable retreat for family and friends**.

**Built in March 2017**, this pond was designed and constructed by Ed Brown of Ponderific Landscape and Design as a retirement project for Tony. Tony was inspired to create his own pond after visiting the beautiful **Meditation Gardens in Encinitas**, where tranquil ponds and streams wind through lush gardens filled with koi. The peaceful setting left a lasting impression and inspired Tony to recreate a similar retreat in his own backyard—even though he was completely new to keeping koi and the hobby itself.

What began as a simple hole in the ground has transformed into a stunning 4,200-gallon rubber-liner pond measuring approximately 14 feet long and 10 feet wide. The pond features a 10-foot stream that flows from a beautiful three-tier step-down waterfall, creating both movement and a relaxing atmosphere.

The system is powered by a Performance Pro ½-hp pump and filtered through an Aqua Ultima 40000-series bead filter. Water clarity is maintained with two 57-watt Aqua Ultraviolet sterilizers, while two Rhino II bottom drains and an Aquascape Signature Series 400 pond skimmer help keep the pond clean and circulating efficiently. This thoughtfully designed pond is sure to be a highlight of our visit and a wonderful opportunity for members to see Tony's inspiring backyard retreat firsthand! **We hope to see you all there!**





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## Upcoming Events

**03 22** ~ IKS Board Meeting

12:30 PM

Tony Coby

24888 Agusta Drive, Moreno Valley

Interested members are welcome to attend, but please call hosts to let them know beforehand, 951.486.1816

**03 22**~ IKS General / Potluck meeting

2-5 PM

Tony Coby

24888 Agusta Drive, Moreno Valley

**04 12**~ IKS Board Meeting

5 PM

Rob and Deanna Fales

760 La Cumbre Street Corona 92879

Interested members are welcome to attend, but please call hosts to let them know beforehand, 951.279.0181

**04 25-26**~ Riverside Community

Flower Show

9 am - 5 PM

Riverside Elks Lodge

6166 Brockton Avenue,

Riverside 92506

**05 24**~ IKS General / Potluck meeting

2- 5 PM

Rob and Lindy Krause

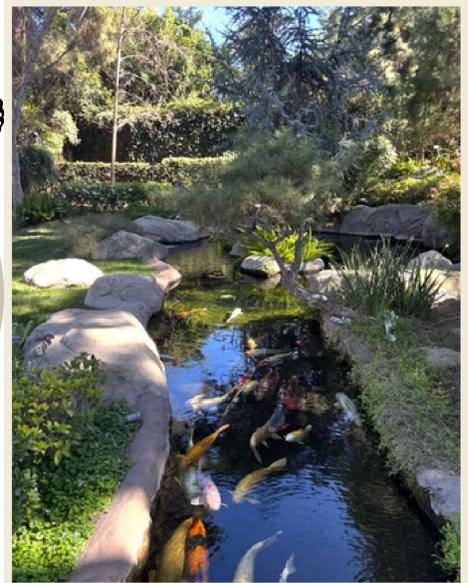
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# February Meeting Recap!

If you did not attend the February meeting at the Milfeld's home in Riverside, **here's what you missed!**



Since we did not have a guest speaker for this meeting, we opened the floor for members to ask questions and share any concerns they had about their own ponds. During the meeting, we also **announced the Koi of the Year and Koi Pond of the Year award winners.** In addition, we all enjoyed a **beautifully stocked raffle table** featuring many great new items to choose from.



**Thank you to Nick and Peggy Milfeld** for hosting this incredible meeting and a **HUGE thank you to those who attended.** These meetings would not be possible without your participation and contribution!

**We hope to see you all at the next meeting!**

## Update from the Nyirady's!

After the **Nyirady's pond** was unfortunately damaged by a visit from a black bear late last year, the pond has now been repaired. Recently, half of their koi (16 fish) were safely returned to the pond, and the remaining 16 are expected to be moved from the holding tank soon.

**Steve and Laura Nyirady shared their appreciation, saying,** "Thank you so much to all of our koi friends for the help with the rescue, as well as the advice and encouragement along the way! Now the challenge is figuring out how to protect them from our black bear 'visitor' when he returns from his semi-hibernation."



At November’s K.O.I. Pondsides meeting, an attendee asked, “What is PPM and how do I calculate it?”

PPM is short for Parts Per Million. Many of the parameters that we test in our ponds are expressed in PPM. The most common include ammonia, nitrite, nitrate, general hardness (GH) and carbonate hardness (KH). Other less common tests include oxygen saturation, phosphate and various heavy metals. Salt is usually measured as a percentage which can be converted to PPM by multiplying the percentage by 10,000.

We need to know how to compute PPM because the recommended dosage of many of the treatments and medicines for our ponds and fish are expressed in PPM. If you over-dose, you risk harming or killing your fish and often your biological filters. If you underdose, the treatment may not be effective and a waste of time and money.

The easiest way to compute PPM is to use the metric system for measuring. One gram of a substance placed into 1,000 liters of water will be 1 PPM.

First you need to know the amount of water to be treated. This includes the amount of water in your pond and filters if the filters are to be included in the treatment. Some say within 10% of the actual amount of water is adequate. I like to be within 5% but prefer to be even closer to the actual volume. If you are using an estimate, be conservative as most estimates tend to be much higher than the true volume. So, you know the volume of water in gallons. Now convert the gallons to liters. Multiply US gallons X 3.79 to determine volume in liters. For UK gallons multiply by 4.55. Next, divide the liters of water by 1,000. The result, in grams, will be 1 ppm of the treatment substance to be added to the water. If you wish to have a different ppm just multiply the grams of the 1 ppm result by your desired ppm.

What equipment do you need? For water volume, the best is a decent water meter when filling an empty pond. Lacking a water meter, the salt method will work with about 5% of accuracy. You can also use length X width X depth (measured in feet) X 7.48 to estimate US gallons. This works well if the pond is very symmetrical but is just a rough estimate if the pond is irregular. Next, you need a quality gram scale, preferably with measurements to 1/10 of a gram. For liquids, you need a flask measuring cubic centimeters or milliliters.

I like metric! So much simpler to use than ounces, pounds, spoons, gallons, inches and feet. 1 cubic centimeter, which is also 1 milliliter, is always 1/1,000 of a liter. 1 cubic meter is 1,000 liters which is also 1 metric ton of water.

Interesting tidbit. For much of the world, but not the US, water volume of ponds is often expressed in tons. This is not 2,000 pounds! It is a cubic meter or 1,000 liters of water. For those that are metric-challenged, convert metric tons to US gallons, multiply the tons by 264; for UK gallons multiply by 220.



FRESHWATER MASTER TEST KIT				
pH	HIGH RANGE pH	AMMONIA (NH <sub>3</sub> /NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> )	NITRITE (NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> )	NITRATE (NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )
6.0	7.4	0 ppm	0 ppm	0 ppm
6.4	7.8	0.25 ppm	0.25 ppm	3.0 ppm
6.6	8.0	0.50 ppm	0.50 ppm	10 ppm
6.8	8.2	1.0 ppm	1.0 ppm	20 ppm
7.0	8.4	2.0 ppm	2.0 ppm	40 ppm
7.2	8.8	4.0 ppm	3.0 ppm	80 ppm
7.6		8.0 ppm		160 ppm



March 2026



## Club Membership Renewals OVERDUE! Member clubs get:

- **ULIMITED CKK Scholarships**
- Quarterly Meetings for Club Reps-
  - o First Sat of 3<sup>rd</sup> month of quarter
- FREE K.O.I. Presentation for your Club
- Half-Price Courses and Labs
- Pond of the Year Competition Awards
- Koi of the Year Competition Awards
- Champion of Champion Awards
- Access to Group Buys at Member Prices
- Post your Club Event on K.O.I. website
- Friendship Trophy for your Koi Show

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/product/club-membership>



## Individual Memberships Due March 1

### 3 FREE Renewal Perks for 2026!

- 10 Behaviors that Indicate Problems—Chart
- Koi Emergency Supply List
- Koi Varieties ID Sheet

### Members Get “The Guide”



<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/koi-memberships>

## Did You Know?

### Cold water holds more Oxygen

Saturation of Dissolved O<sub>2</sub> (mg/L):

35 F - 13.8 43 F - 12.5 50 F - 11.3 61 F - 9.9 71 F - 8.7 80 F - 8.0 90 F - 7.2 (about half of what it holds at freezing)



## TIP OF THE MONTH



### Myth's Busted!

1. Feed Wheatgerm (don't!)
2. Fast below 50° F (don't!)

### New Science on How to Feed in Cold Water:

**Never Change WHAT you feed. Feed the same, high-quality, high-protein feed year-round!**

Feed less, according to water temperature:

- 65-70 Several small amounts
- 60-65 Small amount per day, if hungry
- 50-60 Once Every 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Day
- 40-50 – 1 or 2 pellets per Koi, when Koi are at surface looking for food
- 34-40 – 1 or 2 pellets per Koi, **ONLY** if Koi are at surface looking for food

Always remove uneaten food after 30 minutes

Koi come through winter better and are healthier if they eat a bit when they are hungry.

Many breeders suggest fasting 1 month.

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/courses/how-to-keep-koi-nutrition>



# 2026 Riverside Community Flower Show & Garden Tour

## Garden Party

### Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & April 26

Gardens 10 am - 5 pm • Show 9 am - 5 pm

**FREE Flower Show & Seminars at the Elks Lodge**

6166 Brockton Ave., Riverside

**Garden Tour \$10 • 6 Gardens New to the Tour!**

Tickets available on our website (Children 16 and under Free)

Don't miss  
our Garden Fair  
at the Flower  
Show!

**Submit an entry to our flower show for FREE!**

Accepting entries Friday, April 24 only • 4 to 8 pm

### Flower Show Seminars Include:

#### Saturday, April 25

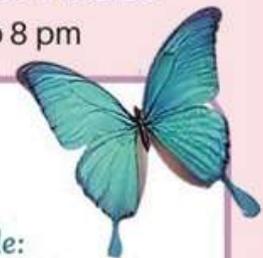
9:30 am **A Garden Party with Hummingbirds and a Touch of Orioles**  
Suzanne Colquitt  
Wild Birds Unlimited

10:30 am **Creating Arrangements with Your Garden-Grown Flowers**  
Ronald Lang NGC  
Certified Judge

#### Sunday, April 26

9:30 am **Garden to Table: Preserving Your Harvest All Year**  
Patti Reiter  
UCCE Master Gardener

10:30 am **SoCal Succulent Favorites**  
Dave & Karen Brandtman, Gold Badge UC Master Gardeners, Proprietors of Brandtman Gardens in La Sierra



Raffle Prizes  
at each  
Seminar!



For ticket sales and further information go to:  
**RiversideFlowerShow.com**  
**Facebook.com/Riversideflowershow**





## LOST AND FOUND

A few items were left behind at the Thanksgiving meeting held at the Mall's home:

An 11-inch glass lid (for a casserole dish, crockpot, or pan) and a 12-inch holiday serving tray. These items will be brought to the March meeting, or they can be arranged to be picked up from the Milfelds!

## ARE THESE ITEMS YOURS?

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## ATTENTION

### REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR RENEWAL FORMS!

Please note that the **deadline to pay membership dues is March 31, 2026**. At the end of March, the membership list will be updated, and those who have **not renewed** their dues will be **removed** from the list of active members. We encourage everyone to renew on time so we can continue to thrive as a club!

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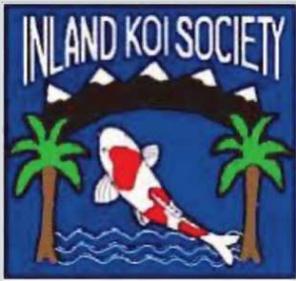


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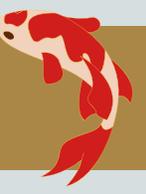
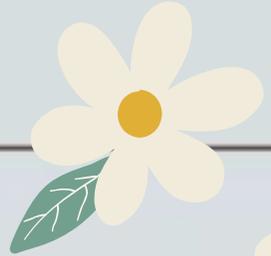
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