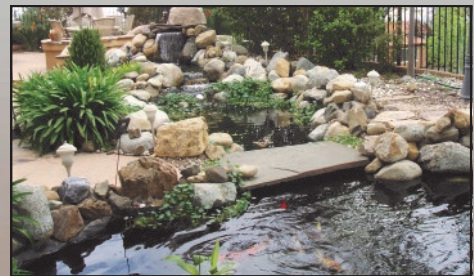


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ED & LINDA KUSHNER
welcome you to their home for the
SUNDAY / APRIL 17, 2011
2-5 pm IKS General-Potluck Meeting.
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Again IKS lucked out and we had good weather for the March meeting, and I want to congratulate **Larry and Debby Leverett** for hosting us. We had almost seventy people in attendance and the food was wonderful. Also, I thank **Christine Nobles** for the beautiful gavel to be used at the business meetings and the customized gavel box; it's first class and the interior is beautiful.

We introduced a new question format for use at the meetings: written questions are turned in during the meeting to be answered by more knowledgeable members after the presentation. It was interesting that the biggest question, asked by several members, was "Why do I have an algae problem and how do I deal with it?" Besides the answers given, I did some research and here is another perspective:

WHAT CAUSES ALGAE AND OTHER POND PROBLEMS?

Algae, excessive aquatic plants, cloudy or murky water, odors, and even lethargic fish are all problems that pond owners face, but what causes these problems?

Simply stated, ponds with such problems have an ecosystem that is out of balance. This unequal balance is generally caused by too many available nutrients in the water and too low an oxygen content. Organic waste releases nutrients that are used by algae; when excessive levels of nutrients are present, these algal plants can grow faster and quickly take over a pond.

Normally, a pond with a sufficient dissolved-oxygen level will be able to break down and decompose the organic matter before it can be utilized by algae; however, ponds with lower oxygen levels will be slower to react and the organic matter will build up. Eventually, a situation will occur in which the breakdown of the waste will put such a strain on the pond's oxygen level that the marine life—the fish—will become negatively affected, all due to the lack of dissolved oxygen available to them.

In addition to the dead organic materials creating a strain on the oxygen levels, excessive outbreaks of algae can have the same effect. Normally a small amount of algae is okay because pond plants, like algae, do release oxygen back into the water. It is when algal outbreaks get severe that they, too, affect the pond's oxygen level.

During daylight hours, algae consume carbon dioxide from the water and release oxygen, but when night falls, this process is reversed and the algae begin utilizing the pond's oxygen to survive. So, when there is a large algae population, oxygen levels can be significantly reduced in the over-night hours leading to increased algae growth during the day.

Aeration is a successful remedy for many pond problems. An increase in available dissolved oxygen can reverse many of the problems above. Aerobic bacteria that are both naturally present and those that are added are stimulated by additional oxygen: they become more aggressive at decomposing and removing organic muck and sludge which would otherwise accumulate in the bottom of a pond and create an unhealthy and malodorous environment. Aeration will also help circulate and mix the water, which helps to eliminate stratification and also creates an environment unfavorable to algae. Efficient aeration can also help prevent fish kills when an uncontrollable event happens—such as a sudden algae bloom die-off or an influx of waste from heavy rains—that normally would strain an un-aerated pond.

So! There you have it. I am looking forward to this month's meeting at the Kushners' and looking forward to seeing you there.

Dennis Lynaugh
Dennis Lynaugh, IKS President



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Ed Kushner purchased his home in 2001, before the models were even built. The homes were selling quickly, so his decision was based largely on the lot's shape and its being backed by the Cleveland National Forest.

The development has just four properties which are flag lots, staggered and tiered above and behind the others. Ed has one of those tiered 'hilltop' properties, creating a private, lush feeling with a 360-degree beautiful view! He explained the tiered property situation, so I was acutely aware when I searched for his address. Traveling up the driveway, I was in awe. His landscaping is plush, yet simple. Up on the hill, past the black iron fence, a rabbit scurried. I caught the sound of a hawk nearby and realized what a naturalized setting surrounded this part of Corona.

The way the homes are situated in this neighborhood confuses many visitors, so notice the driveway meandering up the hill on the left of house #1552 on the right side of the street; that's Ed's driveway. There is not enough area in the drive to park, so, if you need to drop something or someone off (particularly Board Members with speakers, tables, drinks, etc.), please drop off what you have and then move your vehicle back down onto the street. Ed has asked everyone to park on the street, then enjoy your walk up his beautifully landscaped driveway.

Ed and Linda have been married for three years now. Prior to their marriage, Ed had gone to a Home & Garden Show and fell in love with a display by Aquascape Designs because it was very peaceful and tranquil. He hired Kan-Do Ponds, located in Placentia, and they designed his pond based on the Aquascape design. He considers having dealt with that company a learning experience because he didn't know much at the time and he relied on them for everything. He hoped for the combination of a water garden and a koi pond, and as you will see, he seems to have accomplished that beautiful idea. Plus, their koi are very healthy and friendly. They can tell you just about where every Koi came from and what each one is named.

The Kushner's home is tastefully furnished and immaculately maintained. They seem acutely aware of their senses, and the surrounding environment they live in fits their lifestyle of structure, order and beauty. Ed and Linda love their three dogs and have a true appreciation for the beauty of nature.

Ed drives close to LAX airport each day as manager of a computer department in information systems. He is quiet and reserved, and interested in how and why things work. He is also well organized and hard working. I'll bet he is a good friend when he gets close to someone and dependable when you need him.

Linda admits to being strongly independent. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and is currently looking for employment. She is collecting the State quarters minted by the Federal Reserve from both Philadelphia and Denver. She enjoys sci-fi and space movies, and has the video collection of *Space 1999*. The two of them will go to science fiction conventions when they are in town. They share many interests together.

The pond has a total of 5,000 gallons of water and is 3½ feet deep. The waterfalls at each end have a submersible pump each; they turn over 7,500 gallons per hour. Because

Ed wanted great circulation, the water is turned over three times per hour in his pond. He added a UV light and says it helps with clarity. Ed also has a digital water temperature device and the water registered 60 °F. He is constantly making little changes, like building a free-standing unit which covers the entire pond to dissuade visits from a beautiful huge white bird he considers to be a Heron, and an electrical fence to protect from raccoons. The first year, he lost about a third of his koi due to the bird choosing his pond as its smorgasbord, plus, recently a raccoon acquired an appetite for his koi. Another change Ed made was to install a bottom drain and valves in the waterfall on the left, allowing him to drain and backwash by turning the knobs and cleaning water within five minutes. The other waterfall has pads to clean and it takes quite a while to get it done. He plans to retrofit the pond in the future with bottom drains and maybe a spray-on liner. Ed took out all the rocks originally installed in the bottom of the pond, explaining it was a very tedious job. He says the pond is easier to keep clean now. Around the left side of the house you will find a 1400-gallon quarantine pond with a Nexus bead filter and a UV light.

The koi-person in their union is Ed, but Linda has become enchanted with koi and in her more-than-three years with Ed, both share an excitement learning about the *living jewels*. They enjoy being part of the Inland Koi Society because the people are friendly and the information invaluable.

Time is going to be tight today and lunch starts at 2:15 PM!! Ed has a built-in counter outside where we perhaps can set up desserts, then their beautiful kitchen inside has lots of counterpace to set up the potluck dishes. Please remember your chairs and your contribution to the potluck. Gifts for the raffle are appreciated, and you'll get an extra ticket if you let Peggy or Mary know you donated something when you check in. You will also get an extra raffle ticket if you are wearing your name badge and point that out as you sign in.

I thank you, Ed and Linda, for your warm welcome and willingness to host the club's General Meeting this month!

~Debby Leverett, IKS Editor

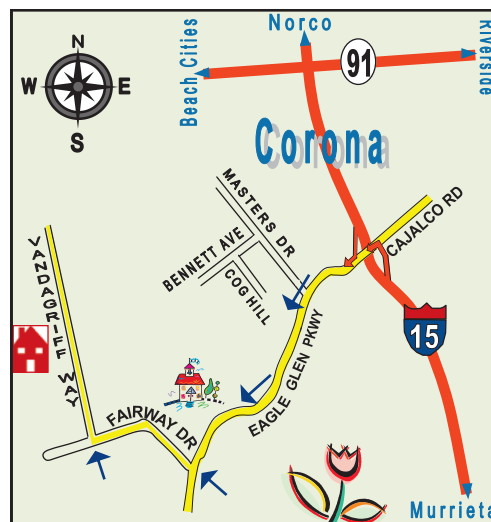
PLANS OF THE DAY INCLUDE: "Food, Koi Fish of the Year pictures & vote, Koi Person of the Year nomination & vote, Pond Fish Netting Education, member participation, pee break, vote results, questions, pond or other questions, and finishing with the club raffle."

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Spring has sprung! And it was certainly evident for our March 27 General Meeting hosted by **Larry & Debby Leverett**, and a blessing for the 67 who filled the yard and later crowded into the three-car garage. Larry had moved out the car, the truck and anything else necessary to create a theater-like setting for the program part of the meeting. Very few had to bring chairs in from the garden to accommodate everyone. Their yard was beautiful, and it didn't rain as threatened!

Part of the fun every month is just seeing each other, so the hour to hour-and-a-half spent greeting, meeting and eating was special time, especially so if you're gregarious. When **John & Ann Geerken** checked in—and we hadn't seen them in quite a while—they asked if anyone else was there from their area. They live in Claremont, so I directed them to **Ed & Sue Vermilyea**, visitors from Upland referred to us by our friends at **Mystic Koi**. Ann headed right over to meet them because "we'll be neighbors!" and that's how our IKS family grows!

Really interesting entries and entrées on the buffet table today, including two trays of giant sushi from **Mariano Palpallatoc's** Hawaiian BBQ restaurant in La Verne: we're talking almost 2"x3" blocks of sweet sticky rice topped with a slab of barbecued...SPAM (no!), all wrapped in seaweed; no wasabi, but finger food yum! There were dips and salads, pastas and steamed veggies, cakes, cookies and that "Impossible Pumpkin Pie" **Patricia Hurley** makes that gets raves...and the recipe! (We need a recipe column each month for those willing to share their secrets...yes?)

Immobility usually settles us in by the time lunch is finished, so moving into the garage gave everyone a chance to graze by the buffet (read 'desserts') again. Young **Sabrina McClain** and friend **Heather** were excited to play with and watch over **Ian Pollack** (6?) and the Zoetemelks' granddaughter, **Brealynn** (1). Our President **Dennis Lynaugh** introduced our visitors, **Ed & Sue** of Upland (who are ready to build the third pond—or rebuild the second time—and obviously don't know our unofficial motto, "Build your last pond first!") and **Phyllis** (I didn't get her full name, so she has to come back) came with **Scott Zehm**. Dennis also noted several members we haven't seen in some time: **Marc & Adrienne Dubuisson** haven't come out in about two years, but they brought along two beautiful excuses—**Dane and Hunter**, 19 and 8½ months! **Roy McNutt**, who has been a member since 1997 and who I recognize by voice only, snuck out before I could chat with him. **Tom & Pat Sharpe** were here with daughter **Chrisie Nobles**: Chrisie has made the gavel and case for our IKS Presidents for many years and was finally able to present Dennis with his.

New people always seem impressed by how much fun we have as a group and how well we get along. Well, they say "Familiarity breeds contempt," but when this group gets into tight quarters, it's more friendly banter than anything! We had Larry's garage packed, the fun was flying, and Larry was disappointed that he didn't get a picture to prove how many people were in there. Another good pic would have been of Debby, climbing trees to pick citrus for people while Larry talked!

Generally the owner-host does a pond talk by the pond, but Larry projected photos of the pond as he regaled us with some of the highlights of *Pond Construction 101*.* Knowing how deep a shovel would penetrate with the first push, Larry hired a team of local 'Home Depot subcontractors' to dig the hole, and the next day he didn't hurt a bit! His neighbor has a steep overlook to the new sports fields below, so he let the excavated soil be dumped there; the diggers spent half the day carting wheelbarrows of dirt across the street. Debby claimed the resulting hole for a while, filled the bottom with water and let the grandkids play. Then Larry got involved laying the concrete mesh wire on the bottom and bending and fitting rebar up the sides.

Half a ton of #5 rebar later, the hole was ready for concrete. Larry called in favors and about 10 guys showed up to help. It took 11 yards of concrete—the mixer holds 10—and it had to be done in a continuous pour as they were using red-label waterproofer and an accelerator. (He did share the mistake of one gent who poured the bottom of his pond and decided to do the sides the next day. The lack of a seal meant it all had to be ripped out and a fresh 'professional' pour done later! Oh, yes...we do learn from others' mistakes!) The pour started on a Saturday at 8:10 AM, and by 10:00 AM they were done with the concrete; by 12:30 they had started filling it with water. By Sunday morning steam was rising from the pond and the water temperature was an inviting 80°! That's to be expected: the heat is created by the curing cement. Waterfalls were added later, sculpted by Leo Palomares. In the end the pond cost \$13,500 with \$5,000 of that in equipment.

As the photos changed, Larry slid right into a national tour of ponds seen during AKCA Seminars from Hawaii to Florida to Buffalo, New York, and then threw in a discussion of koi varieties for good measure. He showed indoor ponds in Florida, and at the Scottsdale Marriott (AZ) where it was a pleasant 117° outside! In Buffalo, a trip to Niagara Falls was included and a cruise on the *Maid of the Mist* got us up close and personal with the powerful falls. Larry showed off a few of our own club ponds, especially the amazing one designed by **Phil & Rachel Hunter** in the hills of Temecula: they built a guest house first, then the pond, and then their home over it! The pond greets you at the front door and goes under the house to an inner courtyard pond; you step down into a sunken seating area off the foyer where they feed the koi indoors (a glass wall extends three inches into the water to seal the space); and the pond reappears outside on their large patio. The filtration room, something of a man cave under the patio decking, is remarkable...it's all a must see!

Seminars are like conventions, with a trade show, educational seminars, wet labs, banquets, town and pond tours, and lots of new koi friends from around the country. IKS usually has the largest contingent of attendees, often larger than the host club! Because we go and have FUN, we have out-of-state members back East who visit when they can. And we've had some wonderful experiences on the road. In Atlanta, **Charlie and Brenda Atwell**, meant to be tour hosts for the Seminar, called frantically on Friday before the Sunday pond tour: At a time when KHV meant a 99% kill, it had hit their pond and they were losing 3-4 fish a day. That evening, IKS and Oregon members constructed a makeshift quarantine tank at the Atwells, moved their remaining fish to it, and heated the water to 85° to kill the virus, the only treatment known at the time. In the end, the Atwells only lost one of the rescued koi, and they adopted all of us as their guardian angels forever.

Choosing koi once the pond is finished is mostly a matter of personal preference for color or variety. Deciphering the Japanese names and being able to identify koi, much less judge their potential for pattern development, is an intense study of its own. Larry gave us a quick overview of some key terminology and favorite koi varieties. I still have trouble sorting three of them: **Kohaku**, the most highly developed variety in Japan, is red and white, or more accurately, red on white; this was the first design stabilized and bred consistently, dating to 1897. **Sanke** is tri-colored, a red-on-white Kohaku with complementary black markings. The third and more confusing is **Showa**, again tri-colored, but always a black base with red and white markings, and often mistaken for Sanke. That's just a beginning; we have books in the library...

Overwhelmed? Larry had one final photo of a special koi, not the oldest or the grandest, but the longest-lived koi on record. "Hanako" hatched in 1751 and died peacefully in 1977, after a full 226 years! With that we moved on to a few AKCA announcements: There is not a full Seminar this year (the hotel really messed up the arrangements and then cancelled), but the organization will have an Annual Meeting in Irvine, June 25-26, local enough that we all should go! That meeting will include installation of officers, so there's an election coming up. AKCA-affiliated clubs will have a chance to vote in a month or so; we're just waiting for the ballot.

Moving on to "Questions of the Day," there were a several that related to the annual mess of string algae, how to get rid of it, and whether it is a greater problem in concrete or in liner ponds. In answer, string algae comes from the waterfalls and must be removed from there first: Turn off the falls and let them drain to dry a bit, then spray the surface with Hydrogen Peroxide; after it has finished foaming, you can scrape the algae off and dispose of it, then turn the water back on. There is no harm to the fish with this method. Another question was whether red worms in a compost pile can be fed to the koi. Well, officially they are earthworms, but they can embed themselves in the fish. Additionally, since you don't know what all they have been eating or if they have been exposed to any chemicals (pesticides), it is not advised to feed them to the koi.

Eager to break on time, regardless of how long anyone stayed afterward, the meeting was turned over to **Mary Leever** to call the raffle. There were posters and flyers everyone was encouraged to take to promote our coming Koi Auction. And with that we said "See you next month!" to all... Respectfully submitted by

Peggy Milfeld, IKS Secretary

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**Planning Continues for Saturday, May 7
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Plans for our third Koi Auction & Used Equipment Sale are coming along smoothly. A month to go our greatest concerns are promotion--getting the word out to everyone we can think of who should know about the event--and not knowing how many fish we will have to sell.

We're asking members to help us get the word out in the community. You can visit local businesses--like nurseries, garden centers and fish or pet stores--that cater to possible pond owners and ask if they would put a poster (legal size, 8½"x14") on their community bulletin board or keep some flyers on the counter. Oriental restaurants are also good places to catch someone's eye with a poster. Ask your favorite retailers if they would allow such advertising, then pick up posters and flyers at this meeting and deliver them. We are sending postcards to hundreds of people known to have ponds, to former members and folks who have attended our pond tours and auctions in the past.

We know that we will have a lot of fish; we have sold about 200 'lots' at each Auction. The unknown factor is how many koi you, the members, plan to sell at the Auction. It is vital we have as accurate a count as possible so we don't have so many fish we can't possible sell them in the four hours allotted. The same idea applies to the Equipment sale, but is a bit less critical.

If you expect to bring koi to the Auction, please let us know at this meeting and pick up a Seller's Registration form. Having this to fill out as you bag your fish will save time and confusion the morning of the sale and greatly simplify the registration process. The form is a simple list of each fish you are offering for sale, identified by a bag number.

Nick Milfeld will have these forms at the meeting; if you plan to be at the auction but cannot make the meeting, the form can be emailed, faxed or mailed to you; call him at (951) 780-7395 and request one.

It should be noted that you may either donate fish to the club for the

club's benefit, or agree to a 50/50 split of the selling price up to and including \$300. If a koi sell for more than \$300, IKS receives \$150 and the Seller keeps the balance of the sale.

Sandy Hanson is taking charge of the Equipment sale and will have similar forms available at the meeting for those who will be bringing used equipment to sell. As with the koi, you have a seller's option: you may donate your equipment to the club, or agree to a 75/25 split where you receive 75% of the selling price. Sandy would like to know what kind of equipment may be coming in and, again, the form is available by email, fax or mail. Call her at (951) 682-3107.

Another issue with the Equipment is the actual pricing. Some people have a set asking price in mind, and we respect that. However, as it is a common practice to reduce the prices at the end of the day, we will also respect a *drop-dead* price below which the Seller refuses to go. Such a price can be noted on the Registration form, so give a bit of thought to what you expect for the items you sell.

While we hope to know what will be on the block before that day gets here, it would be even more helpful if we knew before the next Auction Committee meeting on April 13. To that end, we would ask every Seller to check in with either Nick or Sandy before the 13th. That would help us have the right forms ready for you come Sunday's meeting.

We've tried to schedule the day to give our volunteers ample chances to 'shop' as well as work, and have planned to take a definite break for lunch so the workers can catch their breath. Understand that every Bidder's paddle (\$5) comes with a free lunch--a hotdog or a Polish dog, chips and a beverage--even though food will be available all day, or until we run out! If a couple is working, you don't have to buy two paddles: get one to bid with and buy the second lunch.

We'll need all the volunteers to arrive at 8 AM, and it will be a long, full day for everyone. The Committee will be assigning duties at its next meeting and may contact some of the volunteers beforehand. We thank all of you in advance for your efforts to make this year's Koi Auction and Equipment Sale another huge success! ~Nick Milfeld

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The Inland Koi Society is again offering a **\$500 Scholarship** to children of current club members. High school seniors who have been accepted for the coming college year, or college students who are continuing or returning to college or university studies in the Fall, are invited to apply for these funds. The application will require a written statement from the student and two letters of recommendation.



Interested students should obtain a copy of the application, submit it by the deadline of Thursday, May 12. Applications are available from Gene Maingot, Scholarship Chairman; contact him at (951) 272-4450. He can emailed you the application, but copies will also be available at the sign-in table at this month's meeting. ~P.M.

Hints on Photographing Koi

The first step to getting a great picture of a koi is having the fish *tubbed*--that is, out of the pond into a blue tub or bowl of clean water--and letting it and the water settle down before you start.

- The perfect portrait is taken head on, looking down the back from head to tail.
- The koi should be in the middle of the shot, not hugging the sides of the bowl.
- The pectoral fins are outstretched and stationary, not trying to back paddle out of the shot.
- 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.
- Zooming in helps frame the subject but make sure the whole koi fits into the picture from nose to tail.

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!

Bring your photo(s) to this meeting, but **DO NOT** write your name on the back or identify your picture(s) in any way. You may submit a total of three photographs--that is, one each of up to three different koi. For security, YOU will be the only one who knows who owns the koi in the photograph. ~P.M.

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Hands-On Time: 5 minutes

Ready In: 5 minutes

Yield: 6 cups

Ingredients: 3 cups orange juice and 3 cups ginger ale.

Directions: Combine and refrigerate until well chilled.



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Are YOU a donor yet? There is no greater way to give of yourself than to donate blood. And remember... when donating at the LifeStream Blood Center, make your donations to the Inland Koi Society. This will give our club the credit and will make you feel good that you have helped someone in need.

As his first act as a new Director of IKS, Bob Henry proposed we (the club) establish an IKS "Community," a "Donor Club" that would benefit every member of IKS. Once a community is registered with *LifeStream*, formerly the blood donor program of the American Red Cross, the only requirement is that the club make 24 donations within every calendar year. That's just two donations a month, given by any two members, and specifying the IKS community plan at the time of the donation so we would receive the credit.

In return, if we maintain the donations, all members of the club, including spouses and dependent children, whether they have donated personally or not, will be able to receive blood without charge (if their insurance doesn't cover the cost of the blood products). "Blood products" does not include blood testing or other blood-related hospital charges; it includes only the cost of the product itself that is used.

Whole blood donations can be made every 56 days, or platelets every two weeks. I usually give platelets, as Bob does, but I'm frequently asked to give double units of whole blood for a specific need, so I don't get to give as often as I'd like. I already donate regularly to another community blood program, but I would be willing to share the credit with my IKS family. How about you?

We plan to have a blood bank representative speak at a future meeting; we could even have a mobile unit attend a meeting, but we would have to guarantee 40 donations on that day alone. Hmm... Pond Tour would be a great opportunity, wouldn't it? Involve the public. Hmm... Let us know what you think. ~Peggy



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"The House that Love Built"



Bring your collected tabs to the April General Meeting and give them to Peggy Milfeld or Debby Leverett to turn in at the May 6 "Collect-A-Million" event. It is a small but worthy community cause supported by the Inland Koi Society.

We will be Voting at this Meeting!

~ Koi of the YEAR ~

Each Spring, all AKCA-affiliated clubs can choose a koi to be entered in an *AKCA Koi of the Year* photo contest. The only rule is that the koi should not be the Grand Champion from its owner's club's show. The winning entry is then chosen at the annual AKCA Seminar, by secret ballot, by all in attendance.

This month is our club's opportunity to select a member's koi to represent IKS in the competition. **To enter your favorite koi, bring a color photo (or photos) to the April meeting;** these pictures will be assigned a number or letter ID, and everyone will get to vote for the fish they like most. The winning photo will be sent to AKCA for judging at the Annual Meeting in June. All club *Koi of the Year* are displayed in the next issue of *KOI USA*, with the AKCA winner featured on the cover. Last year, Jerry and Pat Mall's beautiful Tancho Showa was voted *AKCA Koi of the Year* at the Nashville seminar.*

It's short notice, but get those pictures and bring them to this meeting!

AKCA Guidelines:

- The club must have some kind of judging, such as a photo contest, koi show, exhibit at a fair. The results and a standard-sized photo (3.5x5 or 4x6) and negative/slide, OR a CD of a digital photo, at least 3mp, must be mailed to Gary Chin no later than May 1, 2011, to qualify for the annual contest.
- Only one fish per club per year may be entered. The fish must be kept at the owner's home, in the owner's pond, and can only be entered once per year to represent only one club.
- All previous "AKCA Koi of the Year" first place winners cannot be entered another year.
- We suggest Koi Dealer/members be excluded from consideration.

*[See the Sept/Oct 2010 *KOI USA* for photos of all the winners.]

~ Koi PERSON of the YEAR ~

At this meeting we will also have the opportunity to vote for the *IKS Koi Person of the Year*. Any member may nominate another for this honor, and the nominee may be one individual



Tancho Showa
owned by
Jerry & Pat Mall

Voted AKCA
Koi of the Year
May 22, 2010



The 2011 AKCA Annual Member Meeting and Banquet
will be held on **June 25th and 26th**
at the **Atrium Hotel in Irvine, CA**

Hosted by the Associated Koi Clubs of America

Rooms will be \$89.00 if reserved with the code "AKCA." Call for reservations, (800) 854-3012. The Atrium Hotel @ Orange County Airport, 18700 MacArthur Boulevard, Irvine, CA 92612

<http://www.atriumhotel.com>

THEME: "Back to our Roots"

ATTIRE: California Casual (Aloha/koi shirts, shorts & sandals)

DISPLAYS: Show tanks will be set up on Saturday in the area of the swimming pool, cabanas & pool-side bar, with display koi, courtesy of local dealers, to provide focal points for informal discussion groups and or judging contests.

SCHEDULE: *Cocktail Reception* (Sunset Lounge): 5:30 PM Saturday

~ *Seated Dinner* (Palmira Room): 6:30 PM Saturday

~ *Business Meeting* (Palmira Room): 7:30 PM Saturday

~ *Seating and a no-host bar will be provided for those wishing to attend the meeting only.*

BANQUET: \$40 per person. Tickets will be available online from the AKCA Bookstore. Seating will be at round tables for eight.

For a list of the menu choices and more information or specific plans, see the website www.akca.org

Registration and payment must be received by June 11, 2011.

No banquet tickets will be available at the door.

or multiple members of the same family, but it cannot be anyone previously honored. Is someone always stepping up to bat? Giving without thinking? Quietly working behind the scenes? Striving to make the club better than it is, more valuable to its members? These are the people we want to hear about and recognize, and thank them openly for their dedication to the club.

Think about your fellow members and consider making a nomination. Be prepared, however, to stand up and explain why you feel they deserve this honor so other members understand what you've seen or know. Take a few minutes to write out your thoughts, and if you prefer not to make the nomination yourself, you may turn in your written nomination when you sign in and someone else will present it for you.

Nominees will be introduced and we will all have the chance to vote. Do remember that, unfortunately, a previous *Koi Person of the Year* cannot be elected again. These special members have been appreciated in years past:



Tom Wright

2010 IKS
Koi Person
of the Year

Bob Everett
Carole Hamilton
Jack Marrin
Nick Milfeld
Scott Zehm
Bob Walters
Larry & Debby Leverett
Chrisie Nobles

Peggy Milfeld
Norma Marrin
Kelly Houston
Gene Maingot
Theo & Jeanne Zoetemelk
Mary Leever
Tom Wright

~Thanks to these and many others, we have a **great club!**

[Go to page 7 for some hints and additional guidelines for photographing your koi for the Koi of the Year competition.]

Q & A Time:

Members:





When you check in at meetings this year, look for "Question of the Day" forms at the registration table and write down any pond- or club-related question(s) you have. We will set aside time during the meeting to answer any questions that are submitted. We found that written questions were a practical format at one of our Panel Discussion programs last year. Several Board Members have noted that conversations over lunch frequently focus on issues one member asks another about; the questions are often common to several people, and the answers would be profitable to all. Spending a few minutes answering current queries should be an interesting addition to the agenda.



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Coming Events

- 09-10 **RIVERSIDE FLOWER SHOW AND GARDEN TOUR** ~ Show and tour of six private gardens. Elks Lodge, 6166 Brockton Ave., Riverside / Apr. 9, 10am-6pm / Apr.10, 10am-4pm. Info: (951) 643-8890
- 13 **KOI AUCTION MEETING** ~ 7 pm / Nick Milfeld's house - 1644 Northhampton Dr.- Riverside, 92506 (951) 780-7395
- 17 **IKS GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK** ~ Hosted by Ed & Linda Kushner - Corona / Info: D. Lynaugh (951) 780-0123
- 20 **IKS BUSINESS MEETING** ~ 7 pm / *All members of IKS welcome!* — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Dennis Lynaugh (951) 780-0123.
- 22 **EARTH DAY** ~ Did you know that half of the oxygen in the air is produced by plants in the sea, and that the oceans absorb about one-third of human-caused carbon dioxide emissions?
- 24 **EASTER** ~ Rejoice and Be happy! 
- 30 **HOME REMODLING & DECORATING SHOW** ~ Pasadena Convention Center, 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA US 91101 / Fri. 12pm-8pm, Sat. 10am-8pm, Sun. 10am-6pm / (818) 557-2950 / Admission Charge 

May is Cinco de Mayo celebration time for the Hispanic culture and all who love parties, piñatas, music and margaritas. This cultural event is one of the many California festivals and fairs that are so prevalent in May. From food fairs with artichokes and strawberries on Memorial Day weekend, held the last weekend in May, to marathons, mules and rodeos, you'll have a ball enjoying the California Festivals on the May calendar at right.



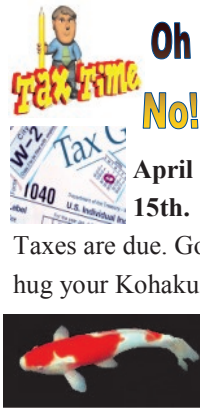
Food is hot and cool in May, planes fly overhead at the Chino Air Show, and there's lots of pride in local communities. May signals the departure of Spring and entry into Summer. Tourists and travelers start planning trips this month because the weather is nice and kids are getting out of school soon in June.

THE FLOWER FIELDS

March 1–May 8 ~ For more than 60 years, Spring has given rise to rainbow carpets of Ranunculus on the coastal hillsides of Carlsbad. While Ranunculus might sound like a spell cast by Harry Potter, they're actually brilliantly colored flowers that looks like they're made of crepe paper. The vibrant floral ranch offers tours as well as special events such as Kids' Day and the Arts & Crafts Fair. Bring a camera for stunning family pictures. [The Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch, Carlsbad. \(760\)431-0352 www.theflowerfields.com](http://www.theflowerfields.com)



Oh No!
Tax Time
 April 15th.
 Taxes are due. Go hug your Kohaku!



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- 01 **HOME REMODLING & DECORATING SHOW** ~ Continued from April. 30th. See above.
- 01 **CARLSBAD VILLAGE STREET FAIRE** ~ 8am-5pm Free / Grand Avenue at Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, CA US 92008 / (760) 945-9288
- 04 **FINAL KOI AUCTION MEETING** ~ 7 pm / Nick Milfeld's house - 1644 Northhampton Dr.- Riverside, 92506 / (951) 780-7395
- 05 **CINCO DE MAYO** ~ Suggestion: Chevys Fresh Mex. Good drink specials and awesome fajitas. They have Chile Rellenos that are out of this WORLD! 4551 East Mills Circle, Ontario, CA 91764
- 07 **IKS KOI & EQUIPMENT AUCTION** ~ See information on page 6. We hope to see you there!!!
- 08 **MOTHER'S DAY** ~ Extend Your Love to Mom! 
- 13-15 **POMONA SPRING HOME AND GARDEN SHOW** ~ Parking charge / Fri. 2pm-7pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. 10am-6pm / 1101 West McKinley Avenue Pomona, CA 91768 / (800) 358-7469
- 14-15 **CHINO AIR SHOW 2011** ~ 8am-5pm / \$20 / Static displays and vendors will be open / Planes of Fame Air Museum, 7000 Merrill Ave., #17, Chino, CA 91710 (909) 597-3722 / www.planesoffame.org
- 25 **IKS BUSINESS MEETING** ~ 7 pm / *All members of IKS welcome!* — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Dennis Lynaugh (951) 780-0123.
- 26-30 **NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW** ~ Thurs.-Fri. 4pm-10pm, Sat.-Mon. 11am-10pm / Admission Charge / 689 South E Street, San Bernadino, CA 92408 / (909) 446-0900 
- 27-30 **GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** ~ Free / Fri. 1pm-10pm, Sat. 10am-10pm, Sun. 10am-8:30pm / Euclid and Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92842 / (714) 638-0981
- 30 **MEMORIAL DAY** ~ Always remember, and be thankful! 

Riverside Flower Show & Garden Tours

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Sat April 9 2011
 Gardens 10a - 4p
 Show 1p - 6p

Sun April 10
 Gardens & Show
 10a - 4p

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Return Service Requested



A lot of work goes into taking care of the fish going into our IKS Koi and Equipment Auction, May 7, 2010. Fish range in sizes 4" to 32".



Just like any ordinary family might do for a picture pose... Linda had her hands full trying to get Bailey, Clark and Angel straight for the camera. Ed was just having fun.



One of the quarantine tanks for the IKS Fish Rescue Program is being taken care of by E. Kushner. The other tank is being taken care of by T. Ross. Thank you for you both for dedicated and conscientious work!

Visit our website: www.inlandkoi.org