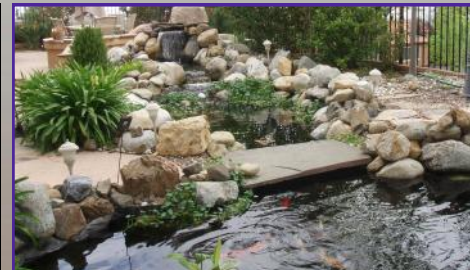


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**ED & LINDA KUSHNER**  
welcome you to their home for the  
**SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2013**  
2-5pm IKS General Meeting  
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I will begin by thanking Nick and Peggy Milfeld for hosting our March general meeting. Although, the Milfelds have hosted prior meetings, it is always great to visit their home. In addition to their lovely house, they have a beautiful pond, with majestic surroundings.

The landscaping and enormous trees in their back yard give you the impression that you are in the outdoors of the Northwest. With a great deal of work, the Milfelds have transferred the Northwest to Southern California.

Our guest speaker, Mark Whalen, gave a great and concise presentation on how to photograph koi. This was extremely important in that at our April meeting we will be asking members to bring photos of their best koi, to enter in our Koi of the Year contest. We also will take nominations for the Koi Person of the Year. Remember, that you can't nominate someone who is a previous winner of the Koi person of the year award.

It is also recommended that before you nominate someone that you talk with them first, to see if they want to be nominated.

Larry Leverett gave a very informative talk on Kujaku koi. As I have said previously, the purpose of our monthly Koi presentations is to familiarize all of our members with the different types of koi fish.

Nick Milfeld spoke again on our upcoming koi and equipment auction on June 1. I encourage anyone who has the time to volunteer to assist with the auction. If you can help, please contact Nick Milfeld.

We're also taking applications from our members who are students and would like to apply for our Inland Koi Society Scholarship, in the amount of \$500. To qualify you will be judged on the following: you must be attending school and involved in some type of training related to the care of health of animals/fish; volunteer and or professional service in the community; academic performance; and career goals.

Anyone who is interested, please submit completed applications, personal statement (response to each question from application package) employment/volunteer verification form, two letters of recommendation (must be dated within the last six months), and academic transcripts. Applications must be submitted by April 28. Applicants are urged to contact Sandy Hanson at [951-682-3107](tel:951-682-3107) prior to final filing date to verify that their application was received.

Finally, as promised, at our March meeting, I put us on a time schedule and went over it with everyone. The purpose of this is to keep everyone informed and get us out of the meeting on time.

*Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle" - Bob Hope*

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**T**his month's hosts for our IKS General Meeting are Ed and Linda Kushner. They first held a meeting in March of 2009 as newlyweds. They have now been married almost 5 years and Linda is happy to announce that they met on [www.match.com](http://www.match.com).

**Ed purchased the home in 2001** before the model homes were even built and decided he wanted this particular property that backed up to the Cleveland National Forest. Homes in this neighborhood have four properties which are staggered and tiered behind another. Ed has one of those tiered properties creating a private, lush feeling with a 360-degree beautiful view!

**The way the homes are situated** creates confuses many visitors, so notice their driveway meanders up the hill on the left of house #1552 on the right side of the street. There is not enough area in his driveway to park, PLUS at the top of the driveway sits the large pool that holds the rescue koi. If you need to drop something off (particularly Board Members with speakers, tables, drinks, etc.), drop off what you have and then move your vehicle back down on the street. Ed and Linda ask that everyone, except our guest speaker, please park on the street, then walk up his beautifully landscaped driveway. Traveling up the driveway, you'll see landscaping that is plush, yet simple. This is truly a natural setting with a constant breeze.

**E**d's interest in koi started went to he went to a local Home & Garden show where Aquascape Design had a display he fell in love with by "Kan-Do Ponds". He relied on them for everything, hoping for a combination of a water garden and a Koi pond. Not knowing koi clubs existed, he took all his advice from that company. Later he learned that there's a whole group of people that are quite knowledgeable to help them have an efficient koi pond. The pond is beautiful but if he could do it again he would've done things a lot differently. The company had some great ideas for water garden design but they were not koi people.

**M**aybe the best feature of their pond is how well it's integrated into their backyard. Ed says he loves the natural look the boulders in the plants and Linda thinks it fits in very well with the house backing up to the Cleveland National Forest.

Their pond has a total of 5,000 gallons of water and is 3 ½ feet deep. There are waterfalls at each end. He has a lot of aeration in this pond that plus the high water turnover rate and a good capacity of water the fish ratio helps keep his pond healthy. Ed was shocked that originally his pond with the 3/4 HP submersible pumps were costing about \$400 a month. Running a garden pond is a lot different than a Koi pond which is a living environment. Next is to replace the remaining submersible pond pump with another external pump; the main reason is the electricity savings. He estimates that just switching from submersible to external pump saves approximately a \$150 a month. He also has an auto fill with a timer on it to keep the pond at the proper level. Ed has a 15 kW. Solar system on his roof and his electric bill has dropped from about \$800 a month to approximately \$400 and it really helps during peak times of the summer.

**T**heir twenty five Koi are very friendly. Even Brutus, the two foot docile Cat Fish will come right up and eat from their hands. They can tell you just about where every Koi came from. Linda is the daily pond caretaker cleans the skimmer, feeds the koi. Ed keeps an eye on things including keeping the filters clean and the plants looking good. Ed and Linda both noted that the fish are spawning right now. He and Linda are considering making the pond deeper doubling the volume effect and putting in different types of filters already with his primary goal of decreasing the amount of maintenance. Ed's philosophical about his pond saying if everything was done right the first time around and was easy to maintain you wouldn't have anything to do but just sit around and watch the fish.

**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 dogs and have a true appreciation for the beauty of nature. Ed manages the computer department at an LA based company including the programming. He runs the department and has a long 65 mile (each way) commute. Even when he comes home Ed still finds time to help Linda with her projects and calls himself *the unpaid employee*. **Linda owns her own computer company**. She started her business just over year ago and specializes in repairs upgrades and networking throughout Riverside, Eastvale, Pasadena and Camarillo. She says business is picking up- the word is getting out. She has a website, an e-mail list, she's on Yelp and she advertises in our IKS newsletter. Her major was computer information systems and was a business major. Linda says the best thing about her class when she was doing her studies in computer science was seeking a partner (at this point she looked over at Ed and smiled at her own remark and he smiled back).

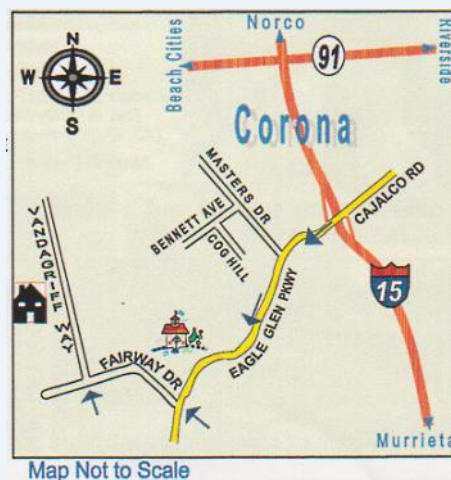
**Please remember** your chairs and your contribution to the pot luck. *Thank you Ed and Linda Kushner for this fun interview!*

**Program:** Ed (and Ray Queiroz) a featured presenter at this meeting will be talking about predators and has installed a few different features around his pond that I'm sure will point out during the lecture. *I'll see you there, Pete Miles*, IKS Newsletter Editor

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Riverside, California

March 24, 2013

Dear Inland Koi Club Friends,

I happened to mention my pond problem at a recent meeting to our club president. Within a couple days Mac called to see if I had heard from the two elves he notified I needed help. Two elves showed up at my door not more than two days more. They made two visits, each time doing what might remove my problem. Then we began the wait hoping for a positive outcome. Shortly after their second visit to work on my pond, I left on a trip. When I returned home I was beyond thrilled to see my fish again I had not seen for several months. They had been buried under a thick layer of "pea soup".

I sent a thank you note to those two elves of the club, Orville and Sandy. I regret it in no way matched their professional service nor adequately expressed my gratitude. Anyone who has had a serious or disturbing issue or two, maybe more, with their pond and received help from the club understands my sentiments. It is comforting to know the club members are so generous in sharing information and helping one another with problems. The club has been there for me more than once.

And I also thank the club for all the opportunities they have made possible to visit other members' ponds, all the great pot lucks they organize, the fun I have had at their koi auction, pond tours, and field trips.

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Mac McClain, our president, started the meeting right on time. The first thing he did was welcome everybody and express his gratitude for the club being able to hold their meeting in such a beautiful venue on such a fine day. He explained how he intended to keep the meeting on track and let our members and guests know what would be happening and when so people could plan accordingly. He invited everyone to walk the grounds, look at the Koi pond and swimming pool and beautiful rock work and to admire the Koi. He stated that Nick would be available to explain the filtration system to anybody, and a book on the table held the photographic record of the pond and yard construction.

Our potluck buffet was as excellent as ever with the wonderful selection of homemade dishes and pastas and salads and entrées including our usual favorites of chicken. The desserts were so plentiful we had to go into the house and select them from a table there. Once everybody was well fed, Mac started the meeting on time with an introduction of Nick and Peggy Milfeld, our wonderful hosts.

Nick is always the stage persona while Peggy is working her magic behind the scenes, making sure everything is going smoothly and on schedule! The first thing Nick did was thank everyone for coming, asking them if they had a chance to see their dream in action. He hoped they enjoyed the food and their personal table setting including table cloths and then he went on to remind everybody that, unfortunately, the lavish setup wasn't just for them. Earlier in the day he and Peggy hosted 75 people from their church for a Palm Sunday breakfast. They have done this as an Easter Sunday celebration for 15 years, but last year changed it to Palm Sunday, and it worked out better for our club as well. (Lucky us!) This, Nick said, was his killing-two-birds-with-one-stone approach, so he would only have to set things up one time. I wonder how many of us could host a party of 70 or more twice in one day and do it so successfully. *Thank you to Nick and Peggy.*

A lover of Northern California, Nick decided he was going to bring Northern California to Riverside, including 72 trees, among which were Coastal Redwoods. After describing the pond details that you can find in the newsletter, Nick turned the mike back over to Mac to introduce our guests — seven brought by Francine Hoffman, plus Zuma's sister — and to welcome back members we haven't seen for a while — Robert Krause and his children, Warren and Cynthia Fowler, Scott Zehm and his wife, and one of our newer members from last year's pond tour, Len and Jesse Knapp. Mac brought up our 2012 Koi Persons of the Year, Orrville and Sandy Hanson, to present them with the AKCA certificate of recognition. Larry Leverett then talked about his favorite Koi, the Kujaku. As he introduced Larry, Mac invited *any* club or Board member to speak about the breed of Koi they love most at future meetings.

Kujaku is a metallic or Ogon koi with the reticulated pine cone pattern of the Matsuba on its back. This is overlaid with either a red, gold, yellow or orange Kohaku-type pattern, creating a striking effect. Larry showed us a calendar photo of a beautiful Kujaku with an orange pattern



overlying the reticulation. Created in the early 1960's by Mr. "Nishi" Hirasawa of Hiranishi Fish Farms, Kujaku were originally included in the Hikarimoyo category. In recent years, Kujaku (literally "peacock") have received a lot of attention and, with their increasing popularity, are often judged in a category of their own. Larry also explained that, when he was AKCA Chairman for the entire country, and while attending various Koi shows and judging events where he was a judge, he always thought the Kujaku were the best. Unfortunately judging is a majority decision and Larry's choices of Kujakus never quite made it to Grand Champion. He surprised us by flipping the page to show us his Kujaku, which lost all its orange color and is now merely a beautiful Matsuba. Larry concluded his excellent presentation with questions-and-answers.

Mac introduced our featured speaker of the day, Mark Whalen, who would teach us how to photograph our Koi. This we need to do for record-keeping purposes and to submit them for our Koi of the Year judging at the next club meeting on April 28. A welcomed speaker, Mark knows koi and his talks are brief and easy to understand. Mark created a half-page handout for each of us which covers the steps and equipment needed, namely a camera and a rectangular blue tub or, as Chrisie pointed out, a small aquarium painted blue on the outside can serve just as well. Only pond water — not freshwater — should be used inside those tubs.

Picture should be taken in the shade, and you can use either a point-and-shoot camera or an SLR camera; he recommends a polarizing lens cover to eliminate reflection of the water. These can be bought and used with most cameras that have screw-on type lenses. Mark found a place online that sells a kit for approximately \$90 which seems like a very worthy investment. He demonstrated the basic procedure that you use to catch the fish, using a sock net, not a dip net, so you don't damage your Koi's fins or scales. The tubbed water should be calm and free of debris; if your fish seems agitated, it's a good idea to smooth the water with your fingers a little, to calm the fish down. Pictures should be taken from a frontal view, as the Koi swims toward you, at about a 45 to 60° angle. Take multiple shots because you don't know which one is going to be the keeper. After his talk, Mark invited us to join him at the several rectangular and round tubs that were placed off to the side and contained live Koi. This was a wonderful workshop and anybody who brought a camera had a chance to practice; and if you didn't have a camera, Mark invited you to use his and try his polarizing filter.



Rey Quirong and Mac delivered name badges to new members. At four o'clock Rob Fales stepped up to the microphone and started the raffle, with the first prize called from the blue tickets (for members who wear their badges). There were many nice prizes including several fish provided by Inland Koi and Rey.

Mac ended the meeting right on time at 5 PM and we all headed home.

*Pete Miles, IKS Newsletter editor*





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**About 15 years ago** I went to the house of a friend of mine in Trabuco Canyon. He had a small shallow koi pond and his fish were so friendly and I always liked koi all my life. When I saw his pond I thought I could do something like that. I had just moved to Norco and of course we had a lot of property so when I got home that night I told my wife "I had seen something so pretty. I'm going to build a Koi pond just like that". I had been around fish all my whole life and of course I had saltwater tropical fish but they were nothing like these beautiful Koi.

**So we started digging in the yard.** I took a long steel pin and I attached a chain to it and a Rototiller to it and I went around and around in a circle. Every time I got a couple inches dug I scooped it out water out and used the Rototiller again the next day. I kept doing this until I finally got it to about 3 1/2 to 4 feet deep. We were kind of lost but I found a book from one of the Koi clubs in Arizona and it showed what to do and what not to do the Koi pond as you are building it. So I start thinking on how we would do this and I had a friend that built swimming pools and that was Leo Palmeres' boss. Leo is the man who does the work on club member's ponds like mine and Larry's and the one at Mission San Luis Rey. "Dan the Rock Man" made these beautiful rock sculptures out of concrete and he would make a piece of concrete look just like a rock including the shading and all but this guy's specialty was that he made swimming pools not Koi ponds. Instead of doing Gunite for the waterfalls like the pond, we built the waterfalls of concrete and we gathered concrete chunks and stones from anywhere within Norco we could.

**It came out real nice** but the biggest mistake was that I listened to other people as to what to do and how it should be done instead of paying attention to what I read and well I didn't know either. I know now I should use four-inch pipes.

**Pool builders are not Koi pond builders**—they recommend the powerful pumps for the waterfalls like to 16 amp pumps, but you realize that's wrong when you see your power bill at the end of the month. That's why think it so important for people when you just get started, before they even build their pond, that they just meet and talk to people at the club meetings and find out what they should do and what they should not do.

In Holland it is common to walk down steps and walk right to the water's edge so I said that's what I wanted. We built four steps down and then we looked at the sidewall of the pond he said why would you put in a window? He was just joking and I said hey man I can do that. So I bought stainless steel (my own material) and had a guy welded into a frame. Then I got a piece of thick piece of Lexan plastic like they use in the banks for teller protection against robberies and that's what I used to make my window. Now I just watch the Koi through it. In fact we were on the front

cover of Koi USA one month. It was really quite unusual for the time. You know everybody in the Koi club got kind of got started the same way, not necessarily know what we were doing, but nonetheless helping each other. That's why we joined the Koi club; to put ideas together so others don't make the same mistakes that we did.



**We bought 10 Koi** from a lady in Riverside was moving to Oregon but the pond was real shallow and the Koi were really large! We paid \$500 for 10 koi so that's about \$50 for each Koi. And I wasn't too anxious to take them home but they said we had to take him now we had to get about a year in the pond wasn't quite built yet, and we had to put fish so more so without bought a doughboy pool. Once we got the fish that water clean water compared to where they came from, so we got the fish in there and we took a good look at them and they all had big lice on them. These fish were sicker than sick, so we went to Terry Harrison of Harrison's Koi farm in Riverside, and he told us exactly what to do. Terry sold us all the medicines that we needed which included Malachite Green, then change the water He told us to next use salt to recreate their slime coat but only lost one fish and the rest survived.

**We kept the koi in that doughboy pool for two years.** In the meantime I went about building my pond myself designing and building my own filters and the waterfall and drains all the plumbing. We would have kept them in it pool longer but after two years it started leaking, so Jeannie insisted we get them into the pond. They kept asking in Holland is Theo's hole filled yet? We had that whole the backyard for so long everybody who came over always wondered if that whole would ever be filled. Does that sound familiar to anyone?

**It's a good idea to draw your own sketch** of what you want to make long before you build your pond and should go borrow the books from the Koi club (our IKS library has the AKCA series of pond building and filtration books).

**I've learned so much** through years from our fellow members. That's why we remain active on this Koi club and you know the people are so *doggone* nice, and we always look forward to seeing all the people come in every month - our friends whom we ask "how you doing" "how is your pond doing" "how are your fish" and they might reply with "oh my water is green", "a fish died" I have algae problems already" "how much salt should I add" etc. We also like to meet the new members who just joined too! And it's nice to help them because we've all been through this.

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"Koi Jack" Chapman originally was going to be a speaker at an IKS February or March meeting, but had some scheduling challenges, so I was pleased he allowed us to use his talk that he just gave at the San Diego Koi club meeting on Sunday, April 14 where he hosted members and guests. IKS members are always welcome at Koi Club of San Diego Meetings just as we welcome them to our meetings. Jack started with **"Koi make probably more waste** than anything humans could possibly put in a pond and that comes in there from their slime, discharges from their gills, discharges from their body and fecal material". Jack says spring and summer are the times to think about what you want to do with your existing pond to make it better. What kind of changes you want to make to it, what kind of tweaks, what kind of improvements minor or major? He doesn't like using chemicals so his solutions and ideas to make your pond environment better focus on proper pond design, small physical improvements you can make to your pond and how important it is to observe your koi's behavior and if it changes.



**A "full out" spring cleaning is a myth and unnecessary.** It's not like cleaning your garage where you pull everything out, clean and then put it back together, because if you do that you really risk hurting your koi. He went on to explain you do it cleaning you wind up disturbing so much crud and other waste products that of been sitting there the bio chamber that this now enters the pond and endangers your fish because it can't be filtered out quick enough to be harmless. Instead Jack says to do frequent minor maintenance. He says because we live in Southern California we don't have the same conditions as in the Midwest or East so it doesn't require a drastic filter activity. Our water at this time of the year though is still not warm enough and it puts our fish at risk because their immune systems are not up to speed yet and don't really improve until the water temperature gets around 70°.

**At the cooler water temperatures** "Aeromonas Alley" exists in your pond. Water temperature which ranges between 42° F and 62° F. Within these temperatures, the deadly "Aeromonas/Pseudomonas" (AP) bacteria grow much faster than your fish's weak immune system. This makes it very difficult for your koi to fight off this deadly bacterial attack, causing ulcers, fin rot, more.

**Plus... koi pond bio filters are probably cleaned too often** by most people anyway and too drastically which essentially kills the bio bacteria in there and they require a long time to get reestablished. AT that point he shifted his talk to proper pond design and improving what you have now. He admits his pond design is strictly old school but with new enhancements and that is what makes it so effective producing high quality, healthy water.

Jack also made it a point of explaining how soft water (his is a Culligan water softener system on the outside of his house) actually can help the Koi achieve better color and makes for a stronger immune system as opposed to our typical hard water which is very tough on the koi's systems. This also puts salt into the water because the water softener is use salt which helps the

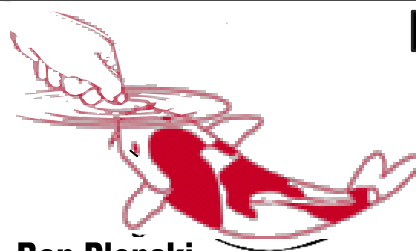
koi's slime coat. To spoil his fish like he likes to do even more, he installed a reverse osmosis filter on the side of his house which is how he filters is water going to is Koi pond, providing them with much better water and the beginning.

**We all know we need to have a prefilter** in our ponds and that's where Jack spends most of his time in the cleaning and maintenance process. Even though he is old school, Jack praised the newer sieves for their compact size and ease of maintenance. Koi Jack said that it's a good thing also have other inlets into the pond in his case he has mixing eductors. These he bought from aquatic ecosystems in Florida, and they multiply the mixing force of the pump water. They create a current that has a couple benefits in your pond. First of all helps the fish exercise and it also helps keep the bottom of your pond clean by forcing particles toward you bottom drains. Jack pointed out that you need a little more pumping power our these but for every gallon of water went into the pond it pushes 5 gallons of water.

**He also says it's a good idea** to adjust the height of the lid on your bottom drains to lower it to a proximately half an inch. By keeping at lower you increase the suction towards the bottom drain. And by doing so you produce true suction in a radius of about 3 to 6 feet for each bottom drain. Jack also doesn't like an air column on top of the drain because that air column forces things up. Larger fish detritus settles more quickly to the bottom, while the medium and light detritus doesn't have a chance to settle, if you have that air activity bubbles picking up to the top surface and breaking it up then it becomes even finer particles and this impacts your water quality in a negative way. He suggest you put your air column, approximately 4 feet away from her bottom drain but not close to your skimmer. Having it too close to the skimmer creates a surface pressure and then nothing small can get into the skimmer. And the whole idea of the skimmer is the pool small particles off the surface of the water.

**Jack said that the real problem all Koi ponds typically have** is getting rid of the nitrates in the emphasized. This can be accomplished with frequent water changes, of small amounts as compared to large volume changes which put stress on the fish. Jack does about 2% water change at a time, which winds up being about 5% per day. Jack is really serious about water changes.

**Jack complemented** the Bakki type showers because of their wonderful ability of basically spraying the water down onto the bio media and in the process the ammonia and nitrates are off gassed as the water is exposed to the air and has to travel down to the bio media. And he says that the data is there to support this newer design as being extremely efficient requiring minimal upkeep.



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## "The House that Love Built"



Bring your collected pull-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, by secret ballot, by those in attendance at the AKCA Annual Business Meeting.

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 *KoiUSA*, with the AKCA winner featured on the cover. In 2010, Jerry and Pat Mall's beautiful Tancho Showa was voted *AKCA Koi of the Year* at the Nashville seminar.

**You've been given the Keys to Good Koi Photography, so get those pictures taken before 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 no later than May 1, 2013, 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.

### ~ 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 or multiple members of the same family, but it cannot be any-

one 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:



Orville & Sandy Hanson  
2012 IKS  
Koi Persons 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  
Orville & Sandy Hanson

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

[See article on page 5 for some hints and additional guidelines for photographing your koi for the *Koi of the Year* competition.]



## 2013 AKCA Annual Business Meeting & Wet-Lab will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii

Hosted by the Associated Koi Clubs of America and the Hawaiian Goldfish and Carp Association

**TRAVEL/ACCOMMODATIONS:** For those flying in from the mainland, we recommend using **Pleasant Holidays** for Airfare and rooms at the Miramar Hotel at Waikiki

### SCHEDULE:

- ~ *KHA Wet-Lab:* (at Salt Lake Elementary Cafeteria)  
Saturday, 8 am - 4 pm and Sunday, 8 am - 1 pm
- ~ *Reception/No Host Bar* (at Sam Choy's): Saturday, 6:30 pm
- ~ *Business Meeting/Banquet:* (at Sam Choy's): Saturday, 7:30 pm

### MEALS:

- ~ *Saturday Lunch:* \$10 per person, includes drinks
- ~ *Saturday Banquet:* \$45 per person, Buffet, No-host Cocktails

### WET-LAB REGISTRATION:

- ~ *KHAs / KHA Students:* Free
- ~ *Non KHA:* \$25
- ~ *Non-club members (Hawaii GF&CA):* \$35

For more information see the website [www.akca.org](http://www.akca.org) or contact:  
Carole Elliott at (714) 968-5624 ~ [celliott10@socalrr.com](mailto:celliott10@socalrr.com)  
Bonnie Nakahara at (808) 291-4999 ~ [tobon@aol.com](mailto:tobon@aol.com)





## ANNUAL FRIENDS OF KOI AUCTION

Saturday, May 4 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



3360 Gird Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Takemi Adachi, Owner and Founder

See and bid on up to 300 beautiful Koi (living jewels)  
from 6" to jumbo sizes, all at auction bargain prices.

Bidder registration is \$5.00 and includes lunch & a drink ticket for one. Additional sandwiches and drinks are available for purchase.

- 9:00 a.m. Viewing of the Koi for Sale  
10:00 a.m. Auction starts  
12:30 p.m. Approximate 30 minute lunch break  
3:00 p.m. Approximate end of the auction and your new koi are available to be picked up. Please note koi cannot be removed until the end of the auction.

Buyer should quarantine their purchases; the club makes no guarantee of the Koi's health. Bring boxes/coolers to transport your new fish safely.

Payment accepted in cash or by check. Sales tax is added to each sale.

Purchased Koi will be in a new plastic bag with oxygen for the trip home

For more – information please call

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Al or Tamsie	Paul	Kristine

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## Coming Events

- 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?
- 27-28 **RIVERSIDE FLOWER SHOW / GARDEN TOUR**  
~\$10 / Elks Lodge, 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside/  
IKS will feature a koi pond in the lobby as we have in the past. [www.RiversideFlowerShow.info](http://www.RiversideFlowerShow.info)
- 28 **IKS GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK** ~  
Hosted by Ed & Linda Kushner - Corona /  
For more information call Ed at (951) 520-0092



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- 04 **CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION**—10:00 AM AT MORENO VALLEY MALL—MORENO VALLEY
- 05 **CARLSBAD VILLAGE STREET FAIRE** ~ 8am-5pm  
Free / Grand Avenue at Carlsbad Boulevard,  
Carlsbad, CA US 92008 / (760) 945-9288
- 08 **IKS BUSINESS MEETING** ~ 7pm / All members of IKS welcome! — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Mac McClain (909) 225-2346
- 12 **MOTHER'S DAY** ~ Extend Your Love to Mom!
- 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](http://www.planesoffame.org)
- 24-27 **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
- 26 **INLAND KOI SOCIETY MEETING** ~ No meeting this month / Meet June 1 at the IKS Auction.
- 27 **MEMORIAL DAY** ~  
Always remember, and be thankful!
- 30-6/2 **NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW** ~ Thurs.-Fri. 4pm-10pm, Sat.-Mon. 11am-10pm / Admission Charge / 689 South E Street, San Bernadino, CA 92408 / (909) 446-0900
- 31-6/1 **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
- June 1 **IKS KOI AUCTION & USED EQUIPMENT SALE** ~  
9am-2pm / All members of IKS welcome! — Milfelds' Nursery, 2550 Adams St., Riverside / Nick (951) 780-7395

RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION'S  
SPRING GARDEN TOUR

PRESENTED BY: RCRMC MEDICAL STAFF

Saturday, May 4th, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FIVE SPECTACULAR RIVERSIDE GARDENS

\$15.00 Presale • \$20.00 Day of Event - Lunch Included

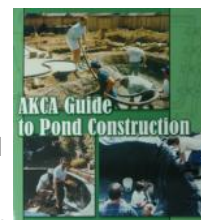
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For information and tickets  
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~IKS Library &  
Video Tapes

Just go to our web-site <http://www.inlandkoi.org> and check on Resources. A menu will come down with two choices; "IKS Library" is the link you want to choose. Take advantage of this useful resource for information about koi and freshwater ponds. IKS has a variety of books and videos that are available to our members, and you can reserve any book or video from the on-line Library just by contacting **Rey Quirong** at (951) 660-1475 and he will bring your selection to the meeting. Members may check out one item at a time.

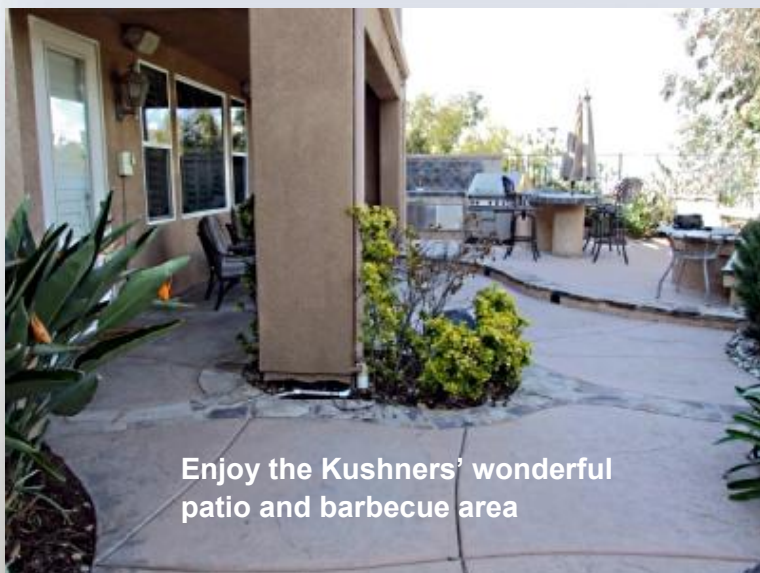




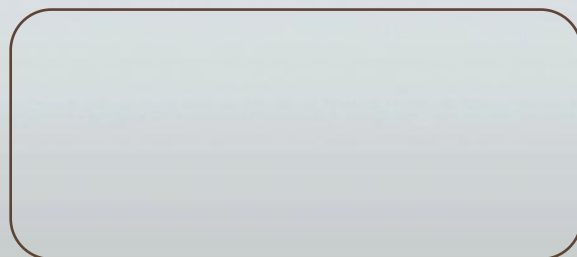


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Ed caring for rescue koi

## Inland Koi Society KOI RESCUE

**There are usually two stories** as to why a rescue is needed: People moved because they lost their home or moved out of state for new job or family reasons, or in some cases a husband is dying or the owners are moving to an apartment to downsize. Ed said that the experience of a rescue is quite a sad experience for rescuers because you are going out to people's homes and they have to part with their family pets. The positive aspect of this is that they usually will go to a good home and oftentimes a better maintained and/or bigger koi pond.

**The support system** for this quarantine pool is all club-owned equipment including a couple of filters that were donated but didn't sell at the koi auction but now have a very good purpose. There's also an efficient UV light to kill the algae. Another 12 koi were added last Sunday to 25 already there and will appear in the auction as well. It requires a dedicated team of people to accomplish a koi rescue. Another quarantine pool can be setup when needed.

**Visit our website: [www.inlandkoisociety.org](http://www.inlandkoisociety.org)**