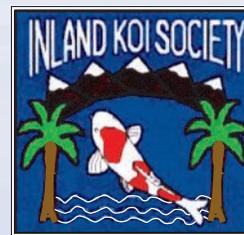


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2014

Hey we're going
to go on a pond
tour on Sunday
June 1st.



Silly koi, we
are the pond
tour.



What's going to happen on this
tour? What do we have to do?



Just do what we al-
ways do—look beautiful,
swim gracefully and beg
for food!



How many
of our
homes are
involved?



Six of the best
ponds and gardens
in the IE will be
open for visitors.



Please see page 3 for tour
details and pond locations →



Greetings,

Our April meeting was at the home of Francine Hoffman. Henceforth shall be called "Hoffman Park." What a beautiful location with two equally beautiful ponds. The serene surroundings were remarkable. The beautiful assorted arrangement of flowers, lawn art, and antique decorations were breathtaking for both the eyes and your sense of smell.

Francine was a very gracious hostess, who with tutoring from Orville Hanson and great notes, gave a very informative talk on her ponds. The primary pond in "Hoffman Park" contains eleven koi and numerous gold fish. The park also has a secondary pond which also contains gold fish. With the attendance of Francine's friends, we had approximately 60 people who attended the meeting

Jack "Koi Jack" Chapman was our guest speaker and gave a very comprehensive presentation on koi health emergency care kit, and how to assemble and use it.

In addition to our regular raffle, thanks to a donation by Pete Miles and Kazuko, we had a second raffle of a koi health emergency care kit, that was won by Randy and Pauline McGarvey.

Congratulations to our newsletter editor, Pete Miles, who won the "Koi Person of the Year" award, and to treasurer Sandy Hanson's "Koi of the Year" Burti.

Larry Leverett gave a brief talk on our upcoming koi tour on June 1. Thanks to all of the volunteers, we have enough volunteers for the pond tour.

Mac McClain, IKS President

Thought of the month: "The American people invariably do the right thing after they have exhausted all of their alternatives." -Winston Churchill

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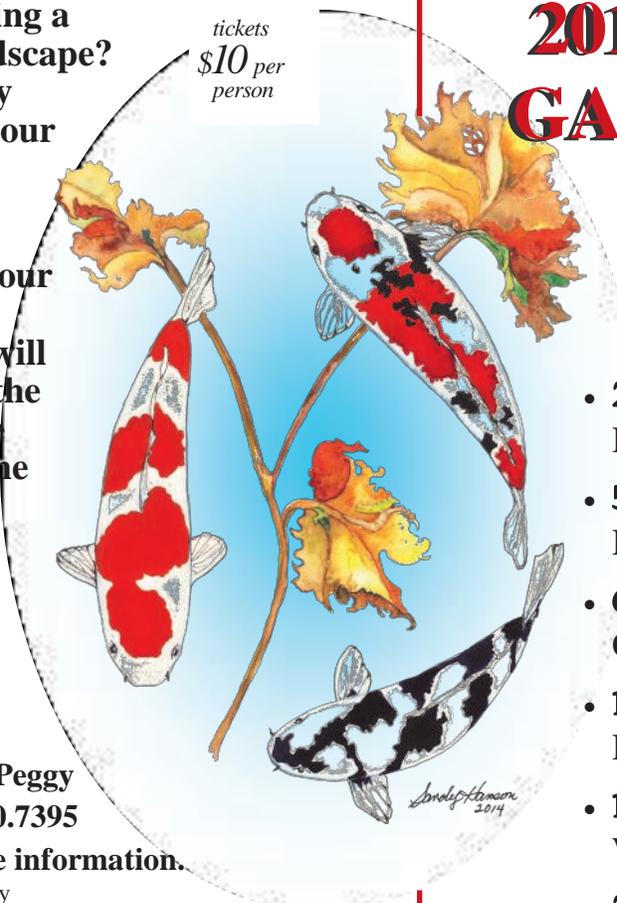


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Pond Tour Q and A

Why go on a pond tour anyway?

It's a great way to spend a few hours with your family or friends. Plenty of fresh air, lots of greenery and plants, the sound of rushing water, you can meet new future friends and you'll see some of the most well behaved, gentle and beautiful "living jewels" that exist anywhere.

With gasoline being so expensive will it cost me a fortune to do all that driving around to several places?

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How much does it cost?

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Do I have to know anything about Koi or be a hobbyist to go on a tour?

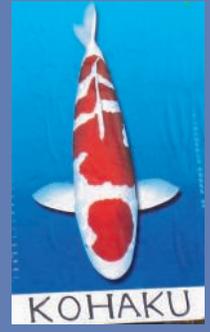
Koi are beautiful, the pond sounds and setting peaceful, the gardens and landscaped areas so nicely taken care of, and with the pond owners being friendly and inviting, your visit will be just like spending time with old friends in comfortable surroundings.

What about the crowds and standing in line?

Our experience over the past 12 pond tours has been that people who come on a tour get to know one another just from bumping into each other in the same places and after the first couple of ponds and when they get to their next destination on the tour, they find another small group has arrived there to same place with them. Groups are small; usually half dozen to a dozen people at any one time in good sized yards and walking areas.

I'm just a beginner or don't own any koi, so would I be embarrassed asking questions?

Our club members are among the friendliest people you find anywhere; they bond through the love of koi, enjoy meeting new people and yet each retains his or her own memories of what it was like to get started in this hobby. Yes we have numerous lady pond owners who belong to us.



Just after we finished our potluck meal, Mac announced that Francine would be serving us ice cream as a special treat and invited everybody to go enjoy it. He reminded us that he had a ballot waiting for each family or couple to write in the number of our choice for *Koi of the Year* – choosing from the 11 Koi photos that were posted for our viewing. It's important to realize that this year we had 11 choices instead of only the single choice last year. On that same ballot we also would write in our choice for *Koi Person of the Year*. This award is given to a person or couple who contributed much to the success of the club during the previous year and club members select from the nominees who are put forth at the April or May meeting of that year.

While we were enjoying our ice cream and marking ballots, Mac announced new members and visitors to our club; the first one being Janos Reinhardt (who was at the ice cream table). Mr. Reinhardt and his family are from Norco and was referred by Tom Wright. One of every Koi club's challenges is to not only have members join like they often do after our pond tour or Koi auction, but to motivate them to actually attend the meetings and take advantage of the many benefits our club offers. Armand and Eva Blais who visited as guests at last month's meeting have now joined our club as active members. Members bring their friends tour meetings and that's just what Armand and Eva did, bringing along two sets of friends, Alan Bailey and his wife Nicole and Anthony Besatt and his wife Alma. Long-time members Rick and Marilyn Whipple not only returned to our meeting but agreed to be one of our pond tour hosts for June 1.

Zuma Ross came back after a long-time absence. Mac announced our April birthday people, which he wisely started with his wife's birthday and reminded everybody that there was a cake and still plenty of ice cream left. Of course we had to stop and sing happy birthday which everyone always seems to enjoy. Mac is quite the voice as he leads us in song and everybody had a good time (he wisely skipped the how old... are you part of the song). Audrey Rowland our librarian and was present, and Mac reminded everyone to take advantage of the library and check out a book or video to help them with their Koi hobby.

Larry Leverett came forward and updated us on the Pond Tour happening on June 1, from 10:00 am – 4 pm. We have six really nice ponds with gorgeous backyards and that we have plenty of volunteers all ready to help our tour visitors as they come to each of the homes. He also announced we had T-shirts on sale back of the sign in table for only \$10 a piece—such a bargain. Larry proudly displayed the design of the 2014 Koi pond tour shirt which features Mariano's Kohaku which came in third place in the Koi USA nationwide competition. Sandy Hanson, IKS club treasurer, created the wonderful design for this year's shirt.

Fresh from serving ice cream, Francine stepped forward to talk to us about her ponds. Using pictures of a couple of ponds she liked, she created her own design. Francine knew that she wanted a rubber liner pond, a waterfall, a bottom drain and skimmer – of course she learned that her pond needed these vital things from attending our Inland Koi Society monthly meetings.

She credited Orville Hanson, one of our Koi members and leading pond experts with his wife Sandy, for getting her pond in such tiptop shape for this meeting and in fact will even offer her home as one of the selections on our 2014 pond tour June 1st. As a surprise after Francine's nephew completed building her pond for her, he went to a PetSmart® and bought her a few goldfish and put them into her new pond. This turned out to be quite a surprise, as they later propagated to over 100. Being too kind to turn them into fertilizer, Francine had another pond built just for goldfish.

To aid her in her presentation, our "technical guru" Orville provided Francine with a script which she read for us "pondnerds" who need to hear all the details and specifications. At this point Mac returned and Tom Wright nominated Rob Fales (our VP) and wife Deanna, who together run our prize raffles each and every meeting and for Rob's work on the board and then stepping up to fill the VP position that was suddenly vacant. Larry Leverett in turn nominated Pete Miles who has taken over doing the newsletter for Debby Leverett who designed it and had done it for many years. Audrey Rowland seconded that nomination citing Pete's volunteer work in the koi hobby both here and in the San Diego where he lives.

Next was time for our featured speaker "Koi Jack" Chapman to talk about something we all need to have ready for when needed and that is a Koi care emergency kit. Using his always well-organized presentation materials Jack briefly described each item and how it was to be used. A complete Koi care emergency kit was later raffled off in a special drawing and won by Randy and Pauline McGarvey. Jack also described another kind of kit, a pond care kit. You can find the recap of Jack's article elsewhere in this newsletter. When he asked "What's the most important tool we have and use as a Koi owner", only one person raised their hand and that was Carl Leever. When asked if he understood the question...

Carl pointed to his "eye" and Jack agreed, and then described how important it was for each of us to observe our fish. This should be done before feeding time when the fish are just swimming around in their own natural mode as well as when we're feeding them. Jack also explained how we can make our koi live longer or kill them quicker based on several factors (see chart).

Jack is the chairman of the San Diego Koi show for 2015 on March 6, 7 and 8, and selected a high caliber group of judges (local koi dealers familiar with our level of koi, and strong supporters of the Southern California Koi clubs). He also took this opportunity to say that the categories would be expanded. We'll cover those details in plenty of time for the show so you can submit your own koi for judging.

After Jack's *comprehensive* presentation, Mac announced that the ballots need to be completed and the votes tallied so we can announce the winners and go on with the meeting. The winner of *Koi of the Year* belongs to Sandy Hanson. She is a Beni Kumonryu named "Burti", who Sandy says she named after Burt Ballou, leading pond filtration authority, author and presenter. Pete Miles was chosen as *Koi Person of the Year*. The meeting was concluded with our usual drawing for numerous prizes. —
Pete Miles, Newsletter Editor



And the winners for 2014 are: *Inland Koi store is moving to larger location*

IKS Koi of the year 2014 is a Kumonryu named "Burti" and is owned by Sandy Hanson of Riverside, California



IKS Koi Person of the Year for 2014 is

Pete Miles, a member since July 2007, and Newsletter Editor since 2012. He was the lead volunteer koi keeper at the Mission San Luis Rey for four years in Oceanside and is also a member of the Koi Club of San Diego where he lives.



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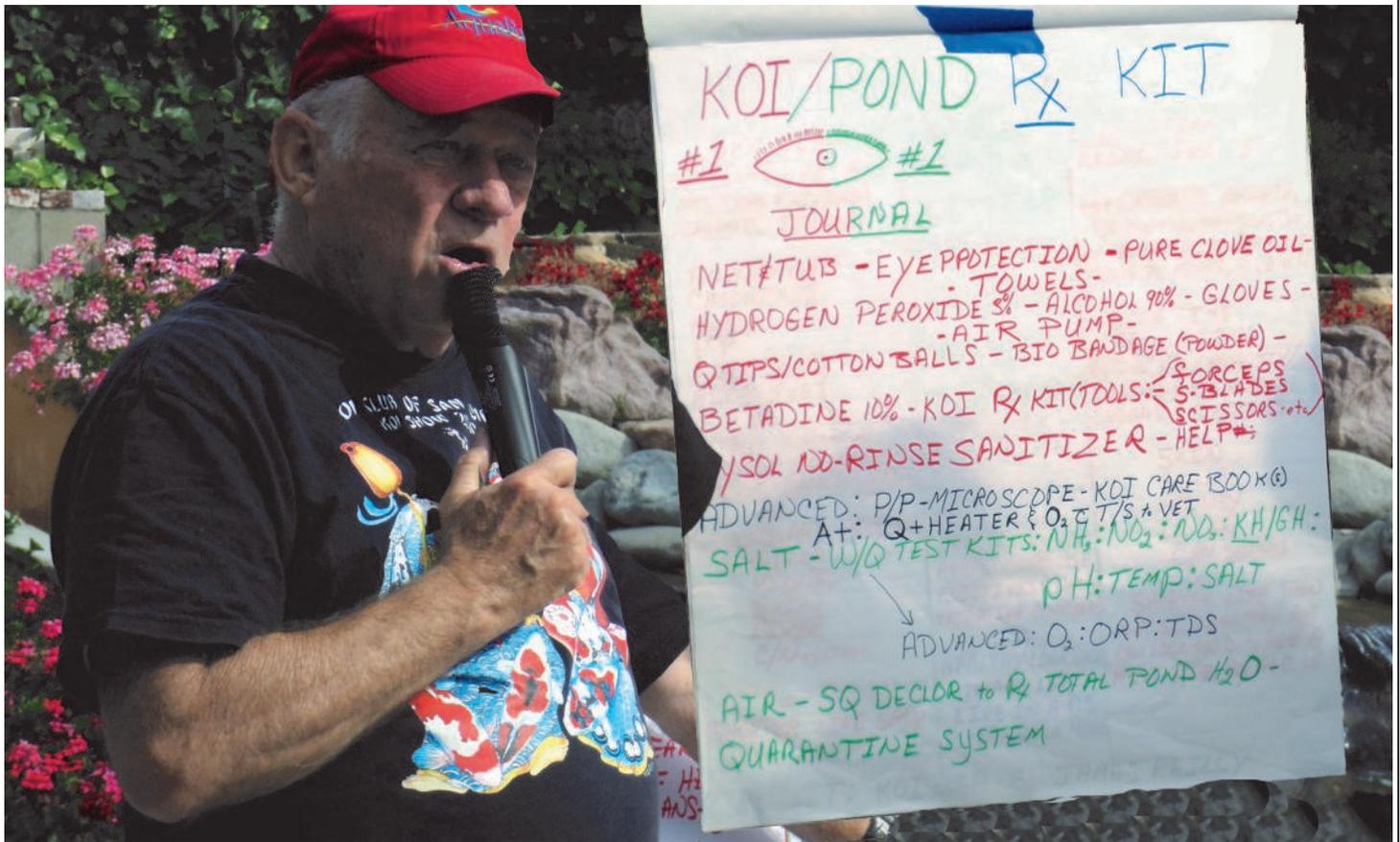
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Beautiful koi fish that survived this past week's devastating Coco's Fire in San Marcos have been moved to a safe place.

It's a miracle the koi pond in Harmony Grove wasn't destroyed. Firefighters helped keep the fish alive.

The fish were in a pond in resident Chris Meredith's yard when the fire swept through the neighborhood. Meredith's house burned down, but almost all of his three dozen fish survived, most likely by swimming to the bottom of the pond.

On Saturday, San Diego Koi Club members worked with fire crews and the Humane Society to save the fish.

Koi club members returned Monday to take the fish to a sanctuary in Lakeside. Meredith says he plans to bring the fish back after he rebuilds.



DANGER

A WARNING TO ANYONE WHO ATTENDS OUR POND TOUR IN RIVERSIDE ON JUNE 1, 2014 PLEASE READ THE CAUTIONS BELOW

- The beautiful array of colors and patterns on the Koi you see will improve your color perception.
- The sounds of the waterfalls or streams you hear are soothing and almost addictive.
- Koi are so friendly they will often eat out of their owners hands. (but please keep your hands out of ponds).
- Sitting around the Koi pond will cause a lowering of your blood pressure and stress levels.
- You might meet some new friends while on the tour and learn what a wonderful hobby this is.
- You'll learn something new about nature, closed ecosystems, and the living jewels (whether you want to or not) through the simple process of osmosis.
- You will look marvelous in one of our pond tour T-shirts and this might result in a multitude of compliments not to mention the many questions you receive regarding where you got it.
- Lastly, you might actually decide you like this hobby and give it a try by attending one of our meetings and then join our club, The Inland Koi Society.

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- Ponds are like cars- they come in various models and makes. Depending on the type, size, maker (builder) of your pond, equipment used and the fish stocking levels, the routine is then adjusted accordingly
- Maintenance should not be a dreaded task; on the contrary, look at it as an escape for you can be one with your pond and the environment.
- It is much easier to maintain a pond if it is adequately designed, filtered and set up (IKS

comment: that is why you attend pond tours and join the Koi club interact with members first, before you dig that hole or by those Koi).

- There is no such thing as good waste; most if not all ponds will accumulate detritus from decaying leaf matter, fish waste, etc. It needs to be removed as soon as possible.
- The most important factor to understand is that fish live in their own toilet; for this reason the key is to monitor the water quality and perform regular water changes so as to maintain good water parameters and assure fish health and longevity.
- Water changes can be performed in various ways, from back washing the beaters and filters were using the sump pump if the pond is not equipped with bottom drains and the flushing mechanism (which comes with certain brands of ponds or are put in by the designer).
- It has been recommended that you do a 10% water change per week were 20% on a biweekly basis. This does not mean 30 or 40% every three or four weeks once a month. Think of mother nature she like small changes so she can adapt to new parameters.
- Depending on your locality or municipal water supply and pond set up, confirm with your local department whether they add chloramine or simply chlorine into the water supply. These are toxic chemicals to your fish and should always be neutralized using a dechlorinator and or ammonia removal chemical.
- Much of the maintenance routine is impacted by the equipment; ponds which have a skimmer and bottom drains are easier to maintain. It's always best when designing a pond with install such devices. (IKS note: if the person designing your pond or is the one you are going to pay to build it, and does not mention these items and work them into the pond plan but insists you really don't need him, thank him, send him away and find a professional. Use one of our advertisers and /or attend an IKS meeting where experts give free advice.
- Understand that water and all it contains is alive and that is what supports your fish. If all the water is removed and the pond to scrubbed down, nothing that has developed and grown on the sides (which is beneficial to the Koi) for the past year will exist.
- Regardless of the time of the year, we perform the same maintenance routine weekly. Keeping it regular like this, fish and ponds are healthier and never is the cycle lost or detritus accumulated.

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