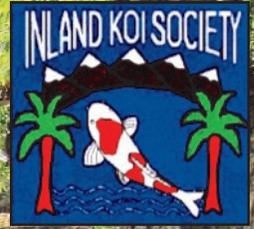


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IKS Pot Luck &
General Meeting
THIS SUNDAY
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2:00 - 5:00 PM

Hosted by: Steve & Laura Nyirady
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Watch for the next Oval Pond report by IKS President Dennis Lynaugh in the June 2012 Inland Koi Connection Newsletter!

The 2012 Koi Pond Garden Tour in Redlands was a great success. Everything went very smoothly, thanks to the work of Nick Milfeld, who served as Chairman of the event.

There was quite a bit of interest from the attendees about becoming members of Inland Koi Society, and several were contemplating building a pond of their own. We look forward to following up with these potential new members as we continue to expand and grow our Society.

It was interesting how much misinformation is still being put out by the garden-pond builders. They are still promoting putting rocks on the bottom and using a skimmer pump return. Also noted was the promotion of concrete instead of liners by many garden-pond builders: they are telling people that a liner pond [a pond liner?] would float to the surface in a rain storm. The solution is simple, put water in it after installing the liner!

Either liner or concrete construction is an excellent choice. Liner construction is the cheapest as long as a good product is used. Many manufacturers provide a 20-year guarantee as long as suitable pond underlayment is used. The underlayment protects the liner from the exposed soil which may contain sharp stones, twigs and other objects that could cause tears in the liner. We also recommend using a good quality bottom drain in a liner pond — one made for that purpose and sealed properly to the liner. Concrete construction needs to be done correctly and sealed carefully to prevent hairline cracks in the porous concrete, which would allow water to leak out of your pond. For example, my pond was done in concrete with a coat of fiberglass and two coats of epoxy paint. The reason this was done is that the pond is located in a flood zone, and during the spring the pond has to act as a dam during flooding.

There were also some questions from the members as to my comments in the April Oval Pond about algae problems. Adding a UV light usually solves the problem, as long as a proper flow rate through the UV light is adhered to. The usual problem is too high of a flow rate through the UV, which renders it useless. Often a bypass needs to be installed so the flow rate is slowed enough to meet the UV manufacturer's specified flow rate to effectively kill the algae.

I am looking forward to this month's meeting at Steve and Laura Nyirady's home in Yucaipa and am excited about seeing you all there.

Dennis Lynaugh
Dennis Lynaugh - IKS President

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What a treat it is to be invited to Steve & Laura Nyirady's beautiful home which is located on the edge of the city of Yucaipa and the town of Cherry Valley. Even though this meeting may be a far drive, I guarantee it will be well worth it! They moved from Tennessee eight years ago because of a job offer and two of their three sons living in this area. You will enjoy, as we did, their self-confidence, hardworking nature, academic achievements, and sense of humor. You will also see and admire the creative, endless determination they have produced and be warmed by their welcome smiles and mannerisms! Perhaps it was magnetism because they are retiring in about 14 days, after 40 years in education and medical fields. Be sure to congratulate them!

If you ask about the Nyirady's experience of having a pond in Tennessee, they both chuckle. The pond was basically Steve's first attempt to create a stream and natural pond. The story is quite eventful and a funny one to hear. I'm sure they will elaborate more if you ask, but while the Tennessee pond was evolving, they wanted to add fish...because after all, fish go with ponds. Their three boys went fishing in one of the lakes close by and brought home a small-mouth bass... which they refer to as their 'Sunfish.' When moving to California, fifteen of their koi were air freighted here; this is a story in itself. After a few unfortunate circumstances and situations, they wound up with only two of their original fifteen. Their favorite places to shop for koi are Mystic Koi and Inland Koi. In fact, they give Mystic Koi credit for informing them about the Inland Koi Society.

Laura's parents were missionaries and she was born in China; she grew up speaking the language, but feels hers is only a child's vocabulary. I asked Steve if he spoke any languages and he said, "I do!" Then with an odd twinkle in his eyes, he admitted, "It's English."

When Laura became an adult and came to the States for college – she met Steve and says, "He was very interested." After Steve got his PhD in Microbiology and Laura an MS in Nursing, they began traveling and teaching: they have served in Massachusetts, Tennessee, Hong Kong and the Philippine. Now Steve is the Dean of Admissions for the School of Medicine and Laura is Director of the Nurse Practitioner graduate program for the School of Nursing at Loma Linda University. She teaches and also works as a Nurse Practitioner. In his job Steve travels five months out of the year. Loma Linda University is owned by the 7th Day Adventist Church and has 12 university colleges around the United States, so part of his job is to visit these schools to interview pre-med students and talk with their advisors. They will be traveling to Thailand and Cambodia next month because Laura is teaching an extension course for Loma Linda there. One of their son's lives in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, so they try to travel there once a year to visit. Laura & Steve also have four grandchildren, two of which are in Cambodia (yippee for Grandma & Grandpa!). Laura's sister will be traveling from Tennessee to house-sit and keep their 93-year-old mother, Eva Currie, company.

The previous owner of their home started building a swimming pool, but after 6 or 7 years of not completing it, he had decided just to leave it. When the Nyiradys bought it, Steve envisioned a koi pond, Laura envisioned a garden, and the story continues... They both dreamed of having a gazebo, so after filling in part of the previously dug hole, they managed to fulfill one of their dreams with lots and lots of work with their own hands. Even though the area had been dug for a pool, Steve redesigned it all to install two ponds and a stream. Laura started creating areas with walkways, plants and flowers, fruit and vegetable gardens. There are now fig, cherry, plum, peach and pear trees, as well as tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, basil, blackberries and raspberries.

The pond is three separate systems made to look like one. The main pond is about 3,800 gallons with one bottom drain and a Laguna Powerflow skimmer-filter that feeds a Sequence ¼-hp pump. From there it goes to a Nexus 200 filter and to a 40-watt UV light, then back to the

pond. The smaller pond is about 2,700 gallons with a bottom drain and a Savio Compact Skimmer with a 16 watt UV light. It also feeds a Reeflow 4300 1/8-hp pump that pushes water through a Nexus 200 and back to the pond. Both ponds have EPDM rubber liners, about 2 to 4½ feet deep, and Steve has done a great job with the stone work concealing the liner above the water line. He has set up the system so he can recycle the water to irrigate the garden when he cleans the filters.

The prior owner had a fenced area where he had been housing two raccoons, which he called Mini and Sota. When they died, the owner never cleaned up the mess they left, and "what a mess it was!" said Steve. It was hard work removing the caging, cleaning, moving dirt and piling up rocks to redo the stream. The 15-yard water way still has an unfinished waterfall, but the stream is enchanting! It has no filter, just a drain-and-recirculation system. The bridge over the stream was built for a son's wedding and lots of greenery was added. They use the stream as a "discard pond" for any misshapen or odd koi, and they refer to them as *Trolls that live under the bridge*.

When I inquired about the number of fish they have, there was quite a hesitation because they haven't taken 'a census.' Laura says they don't have enough, and Steve says they have too many – but Laura has named and can cite the name of every one! Steve's favorite koi is their 3-year-old Tancho named Nippon, which is the Japanese name for Japan. In our discussion, I heard the endearing names of *Peaches & Cream*, *Mama Grey*, *Terracotta*, *Goliath*, *Sentinel*, and a catfish named *Thunder Cat*.

Plan to enjoy yourself at this meeting, even with a higher temperature in their park-like setting. You may want to bring a jacket for later in the day and be sure to bring your chairs, cameras, enthusiasm, and something to share in the pot luck.

Larry and I are looking forward to spending the day with you there. ~Debby Leverett, IKS Newsletter Editor

September 2008



PROGRAM: Were you on the bus trip into Fountain Valley in 2008? If so, you'll remember this beautiful pond and the expertise of **Mark Whalen**. He is going to speak about *Improving Quality of Ponds and Fish*. Something you can never learn enough of! Come with your questions; get some answers!

DIRECTIONS:

- **EXIT FWY 10 at BEAUMONT AVE** in Beaumont.

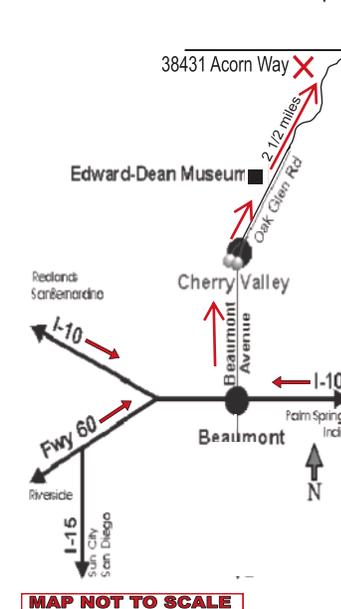
- Go **NORTH** through the town of Cherry Valley, staying on Beaumont Avenue.

- **BEAUMONT AVE TURNS INTO OAK GLEN RD** as you go along.

- Shortly after, watch for museum sign on the right hand side of the road, but continue going past the Edward Dean Museum for about 2 1/2 miles. Watch for our signs, too.

- Turn left onto **ACORN WAY**. First house on the left is Steve & Laura Nyirady. Please park on adjoining streets and walk on the **right side** of the driveway, through the black iron gates.

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Redlands boasts small-town charm that developed in the glow of the citrus industry. For almost 75 years it was the center of the largest navel orange producing region in the world, with more than 15,000 acres of citrus groves. It is a tour-worthy town in its own right, with a marvelous collection of stately Victorian and modest Craftsman homes, numerous historic places, museums, mansions, and gardens. At the turn of the 20th century, it was so beautifully planted and maintained ~ with the dramatic mountain backdrop ~ that for several years the Santa Fe Railroad operated excursion trains along a loop through the groves, across the Santa Ana River, and back to San Bernardino. This was the setting for our 2012 Pond Tour, featuring eight sites along a 10-mile route, possibly the tightest tour we have planned to date.

Everyone who volunteered to work arrived at their appointed pond at 9 AM to enjoy a snack with the owners, inspect the pond and property, and to be set up to meet the public before the 10 AM start. Owners found themselves delighted to spend six hours chatting with the people who came through, a great many of them responding to our postcard invitation, which we send to about 400 former attendees and members. We thank Jack Marrin for keeping that database and updating it after every tour and auction.

Deferring to those who didn't think the driveway to Pond #2 was readily walkable, we rented a gas-powered 6-seat golf cart for the day. Jerry Mall (with no yellow rain slicker needed) and Steve Hurley enjoyed transporting people to the top...until all the bearings fell out of one of the wheels! Ah, well! It was a hike, but the Kounang's pond became one of the favorites among our tourists. We try to appeal to the gardener lovers as well as ponders, and at Pond #6 we asked everyone near the end of their day which had been their favorite stop. Invariably they would say, "Oh...the mansion!" and then admit it was for the gardens; then they would comment on #2 and #5, the Kounang and Neuendorff ponds. We were privileged to have Michael & Diana Neuendorff approach us for membership and inclusion on the tour in late April; now we have to talk them into hosting a club meeting so everyone can see the tropical retreat he has created.

Listed by pond numbers, our hosts today were:

#1 ~ Len & Jessie Knapp

#2 ~ Robt. & Yvonne Kounang

#3 ~ Jack & Norma Marrin

#4 ~ Len & Veva McGinley

Host continued by pond numbers:

#5 ~ Michael & Diana Neuendorff

#6 ~ Ross & Bonnie Rettig

#7 ~ Ken & April Bryson

#8 ~ Tim & Luz Saladino

All through the day we smiled, greeted, and chatted about ponds. I began to wonder how many ponds there really are in Redlands! Many visitors showed up wearing shirts from previous tours, showing how popular the shirts have been over the years. There was a large contingent of members from Koi Club of San Diego (KCSD) who came to support us as we have supported them. Actually, many of them hold dual memberships in KCSD and IKS!

Nothing can compare to the atmosphere of dining alfresco in the beautiful gardens in front of the Marrin home; it was a peaceful and relaxing time, comparing notes on events at each pond site. Theo & Jeanne Zoetemelk did a wonderful job preparing a rib-eye dinner for about 65, with help from Bob Walters and Scott Zehm, who tended the grills. We thank Dennis Lynaugh for sharing his meat company contact who gave us a great price on steaks.

Dinner being finished, Nick Milfeld, Pond Tour Chairman, took over to introduce all of the pond-owner hosts and thank them for so generously allowing the public to tromp through their yards all day. Each couple was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation and a garden stake with an engraved plaque recognizing their participation in the tour. Tim & Luz Saladino were not able to make it to the dinner, so theirs will be delivered. For the final highlight of the evening, Mac McClain stood to introduce Erika Henry, the 2012 recipient of our \$500 Scholarship Award. Erika has finished her second year in training to become a Registered Veterinary Technician, and this is the third year she has received the award. You always find her quietly working in the background at meetings, as she was during the dinner. Keep up the good work, Erika!

Sunset brought the evening bugs so common at dusk and set us to packing up and heading home. I'm sure everyone was looking forward to a shower and some down time with their feet elevated. Oh, yeah...

~Respectfully submitted by Peggy Milfeld, IKS Secretary



More Photos Will Follow In Another Month ~dji



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Q & A

I have a 16-18 in Koi that has lost total color in the rear half of its body. There are raccoons close by that might stress the fish, but I have no knowledge that that has happened. The fish though seems to be reluctant to come to the open part of the pond where feeding is done. Its color was a deep red-orange with hardy any markings. Its food and chemical additives to the pond have not changed in quite a while. Any ideas would be appreciated.

There are many reasons a koi might lose color. The first is genetics. Some koi, if not bred for generations to keep their color for longer periods cannot be guaranteed to do so. I had many Kohaku lose all their red in my own pond, until I finally gave up. In the case of genetics, the price you paid for the fish will tell you if the fish is well-bred or not. If bred as a "pond" fish, with no color expectancies, it will be an affordable fish. If it cost in the \$1,000+ range, then it should retain its color well. That would be a show-quality fish.

Another reason for fish to lose color would be illness or water quality. There are viruses that can affect the fish colors as well as different minerals in water (and hard water versus soft water) that will also change the color of a fish. But in these cases it is less likely to only strike one fish, unless this is the only fish in the pond with red colors, for instance.

Lack of sunlight and poor diet are the other likely prospects for a koi to lose colors. But please remember, koi will be continually changing, evolving, into what the mature fish will be like, so a small fish is not what it will look like later on, whether you paid a lot of money or a little. Black is a very unstable color but red should be more stable. If the fish has any white, what does the white look like? Sometimes if it is dietary, you can tell by looking at the other colors. The fact that the fish isn't thriving right now could be almost anything. It could be bacterial, viral, predatory stress, or malnutrition. If it is caused by parasites there will be other indicators, such as flashing, sores, and probably more than one fish affected.

A friend of mine had problems with her fish not coming to the side of the pond, and not eating well, when she approached the pond with a sun hat on. She didn't realize until later on that the fish were afraid of the hat. Never overlook the simple answers. But if the fish seems to be in decline, you might want to call one of the Koi Health Advisors that can be found through www.AKCA.com.

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KOROMO

(Ko-Row-Mo)

Koromo, meaning "robed" in Japanese, describes a group of koi whose quiet elegance finds favor with connoisseurs, even though this breed of koi did not become available until the early 1950s. Koromo are



crossbred fish; the first example resulted from a spawning between a male Kohaku and a female Narumi Asagi. The collective name "Koromo" covers several varieties, the best known being Ai Goromo.

AI GOROMO

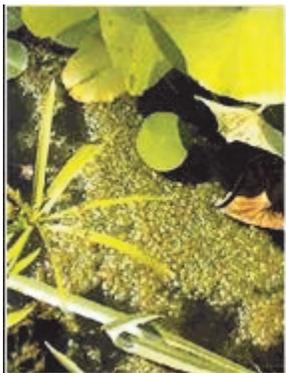
This is a white koi with the hi pattern similar to Kohaku, but each red scale is edged in black or dark blue, reminiscent of their Asagi ancestry. Good Ai Goromo are judged much like good Kohaku, with all the qualities expected of that variety: snow-white skin, deep crimson hi, and an interesting traditional or modern pattern. The dark lining along the scales appears only faintly when the koi is young and may take years to come out fully. Too much sumi (black) early in life is an indication that this color will eventually overwhelm the koi. But in mature koi, the sumi should be evenly distributed over all patches of hi, with the exception of the head.

From a classification point of view, it is important that the black/dark blue color does not intrude into the white areas. If it does, the fish is no longer an Ai Goromo, but becomes a Goshiki. This extremely variable variety is now grouped in Koromo in the West, but still judged in Kawarimono in Japan. Many apparently good-quality baby Ai Goromo develop into Goshiki, which are in no way inferior koi; it was purely to avoid benching disputes in borderline cases that Goshiki went into Koromo.

~ Blackwater Creek Koi Farms, Inc

Pulling the Strings from Algae

<http://www.ponddoc.com/WhatsUpDoc/WaterQuality/StringAlgae.htm>



We get the same question over and over again... *How do I get rid of these algae?* Then we have to follow with the question, *What kind of algae is it?* There are several kinds that fall into one or two categories. Algae Bloom is "green water", and String Algae is algae that you can actually touch. **You can't get rid of both the same way.**

Algae bloom is free-floating algae and either requires balancing the system (patience is needed) or a UV system (no patience needed). We've written several articles about algae bloom. A good one to read is "[The Principles of Crystal Clear Water.](#)"

String algae is the algae that hangs from rocks in the waterfall, attaches to plants or simply hangs on the surface of the water (then called Blanket Algae). Do not confuse string algae with the soft, velvety, jelly-like coating that forms on the sides of the pond. This is good algae. The fish like to eat it and it contains beneficial bacteria. When your pond has this kind of algae, generally, it is balanced. String algae can be brought in by water plants so pull off any stringy algae you see on new plants before introducing them into your pond. It has been surviving the winters here in Georgia though I can't remember it being that cold tolerant in the past. Perhaps it has become hardier.

I like to sit and pull string algae from the plants and sides of the pond and play with it while I talk with customers. It's a substitute for something to do with my hands since I quit smoking 15 years ago. It looks like lace when you pull it apart. It has tensile strength and I wonder if there is a way to further process it for some useful purpose. I can see it now -- algae lace curtains... Okay, enough of that! It used to be that pulling it off was the only way to get rid of it. If you use an herbicide you'll kill all your plants. Algaecides can kill your fish. So, what is a string-algae-sufferer to do? String algae used to be tough to get rid of but not so much these days with the invention of new water treatments.

You can kill what's there with a product called AlgaeFix. This product was introduced only about 5 years ago but caught on quick! We LOVE this product. Just thinking of it makes me have warm feelings all over... Okay, enough of that too!

AlgaeFix only kills what's in the pond at the time. The string algae will turn black, die and fall to the bottom of the pond. It is a great idea to use AlgaeFix a couple of days before a thorough pond cleaning. You can easily blast off the black, dead algae from the rocks in the waterfall and suck its remains up with a wet vac. Whalah! The string algae are gone and the rocks on your waterfall no longer will resemble singers from ZZ Top. But, oh my gosh, it's back within a week and your pond is singing "Tush"!!

That's when barley comes into the picture - in the form of barley bales or barley extract. Basically, barley emits natural enzymes that thwart the growth of string algae. Although the directions will say that you can simply throw the bales into the pond we've found that it's more effective if placed where the pond water will run through it and distribute this bacteria. Barley extract is more expensive but easier to use and faster.

Barley will do nothing to any existing algae - that's why you still need the AlgaeFix. It will only help prevent the algae from reproducing. Like any treatment, if you don't have enough of this chemical in the water, it will not be effective. One barley bale pack per 1000 gallons is recommended by the manufacturer to do the job for 6-8 months. Don't expect immediate results, even if using barley extract. It takes a couple of weeks to get started. ~PM/djl

Inland Koi Society Scholarship Recipient

The Inland Koi Society (IKS) Scholarship was set up to award \$500.00 to students of current members, who met the following criteria:

- Work or volunteer experience - (related to the care of animals/fish)
- Career goals - (professional goals for the next 5 to 10 years)
- Community service - (volunteer and/or professional service in the community)
- Academic performance- (areas of study and GPA)

The winner of the Inland Koi Society (IKS) Scholarship award for 2012 is **Erika Henry**. Upon reviewing Erika's application and letters of recommendations, a common theme stood out. This is a very driven and focused young lady. She is currently in her third year at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC), where she is working to become a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT). She is also studying for certificates in Live-stock Management, and Horse Ranch Management.

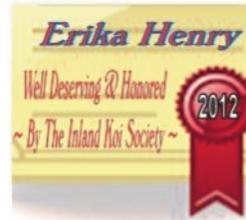
Her goal is to obtain an AS degree, the above certificates, become financially stable on her own, and one day to own property, with a couple of horses and cows.

In addition, to always being involved and volunteering with all IKS functions, Erika is a member and volunteers with the California Turtle and Tortoise Club, the Mt. SAC Registered Veterinary Technician Club, and the Humane Society. At Mt. SAC, Erika is also actively involved with rehabilitating retired racing greyhounds from Mexico.

She currently has a GPA of 3.33, and has surpassed all requirements outlined in the IKS criteria. As a member of the IKS Scholarship Board, it was indeed a pleasure to award the IKS Scholarship Award to Erika.

Enoch "Mac" McClain, Vice-President, Inland Koi Society

Congratulations!



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Semper Fi #1 is one of the Memorial Honor Details of the Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA, which is located adjacent to the March Air Reserve Base. Currently there are 27 individual details of which Semper Fi #1 is MHD #15. The unit is a 501(c)3 corporation with an elected Board of Directors who serve a two-year term.

The group was formed in 1997 by Master Sergeant Wes Morret, USMC (ret), and seven others who were determined to ensure that every veteran of the United States Military establishment, including the U.S. Coast Guard, is afforded final military honors upon request.

In 1995, due to the closure of some of our military bases and the downsizing of others, the rendering of military honors for deceased veterans being interred at the Riverside National Cemetery had become almost non-existent for more than a year.

A small group of concerned veterans decided that it was time to do something about this lack of final honors for their fallen comrades and the Memorial Honor Detail (MHD) was founded. An executive committee was formed and team recruitment began immediately, primarily from existing veterans organizations' honor details and color guards.

In May 1996, with only three teams and two dispatchers, the Memorial Honor Detail began providing services at the Riverside National Cemetery. Today the MHD provides services every working day of the month and has over 500 volunteers, including 28 teams, 9 dispatchers, 2 qualified armors, and a 14-member Board of Directors.

The all-volunteer unit, including **IKS Vice President Mac McClain**, is composed of veterans of the United States Marine Corps including active, reserve, retired and honorably discharged veterans who are entitled to wear the uniform for ceremonial purposes. Members provide their own uniforms and equipment at their own expense. The unit performs services once per month, on the second Friday, providing two teams; "Scarlet" and "Gold". Services are performed for all veterans regardless of branch. Beginning in 2010, The "Blue" team will perform services on the fourth Thursday.

Military honors begin with the team escorting the casket or remains to the shelter. The senior team member introduces the team and commands, "Bugler, Sound Attention!" Next, the rifle team leader commands the assigned riflemen and delivers the 3-volley salute. "Taps" is then played by the bugler. When available, a bagpiper plays various songs, including "Amazing Grace", as the flag is folded and prepared for delivery to the family. In the case of a deceased U.S. Marine, a poem is read and the Marine Corps Hymn is played. The family is given a certificate from U.S. Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack. Finally the team reassembles and departs while the funeral service is completed.

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Skin: The Most Overlooked Aspect of Koi
 January/February 2012 POND Trade Newsletter
 ~ Matt Corino



We all know a pretty pattern when we see it. And most of us can easily pick out the grand champion of a koi show. But very few people can explain skin in a way that the average hobbyist can understand it.

For most of my customers and friends, have heard me talk of *fukurin*, *shiroji*, *beni*, and luster. But all these things are nothing without the quality skin. Let's look at koi as what they truly are: living paintings. Imagine I paint a picture with flat paint. It's a nice picture but doesn't do anything for you. Now let me paint the same picture and use gloss paint, and make the paint thicker to help accent colors, vivid colors that have depth and seem to jump off the canvas. That is the difference skin makes.

People who know me know that I am very shy at first. I am very quiet and let people talk. Once you know me though, I can't stop talking. How this has helped me is that when I go to koi shows I hear a lot of talk about koi, but many never bring up the skin quality. Why? Were they never taught about it? Were they told it doesn't matter? I have over the years spoken to many people about the importance of skin quality in high-class koi. Some koi judges and hobbyists are starting to listen. I see judging at koi shows getting better because of the influence of the American dealers bringing in better koi, and the breeders helping educate the customer.

So, how do I teach you skin quality in one short article?

3-D... that's right, you heard it here first. It took me years to figure it out. I was in the movies with my kids

watching a 3D cartoon 2 years ago when it hit me.... all the colors look like they are on separate levels. On a great Sanke the *shiroji* (white background) is at the first level, the *beni* (red) is at the next level, and the *sumi* (black) is at the top level. When you start looking for high-class skin, you can eliminate 99% of the koi you will be looking at. About 1% of koi possess this awesome trait. There is an American hobbyist who is doing some great background research on this. I am happy to call him my friend, Phillip Gray. Phillip last year went to Japan in search of skin quality and why it is so important.

He did awesome interviews on how it develops, and the importance the breeders put on it.

Broken *beni* and skin quality: Earlier this year an advanced hobbyist received a shipment of very high class *tategoi tosai* (great potential one season old koi). He called to announce that the koi's *beni* was "Breaking Down." He read somewhere and saw Online that when there is white in between the scales of red, it means the red is breaking and fading away. After many calming phone calls and me taking the breeder to see the guy, we left it as a "wait and see" thing. Well here we are six months later and the koi are not breaking down anymore. You see what happened was that the koi were outgrowing their *beni*! They were growing so fast that the *beni* could not catch up. Good skin helps correct this and condensed the *beni* on the koi and made it strong looking again.

The other thing skin quality will do is cover blemishes. I have seen many koi with a little *niban hi* (secondary red that comes up on a scale where you don't want it) and the breeders don't worry because the *shiroji* will actually thicken to cover it. This applies to the leading edge on *beni* (the *sashi*) as well. When a koi is young, the leading edge will be faded red, which is ok as the koi skin matures, and it will thicken and cover the pinkish leading edge.

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MONTHLY PLANNING CALENDAR 2012**

REGULAR MTG 4th Sunday	HOSTS & City	PROPOSED PROGRAM Speakers	BOARD Wed. after Mtg
June 24	Steve and Laura Nyirady - Yucaipa	Mark Whalen - Pond tips (Improving Quality of Pond and Fish)	June 27
July 22	Miguel Sierra - Murrieta	Shawn McHenry, Mystic Koi - Topic to be determined	July 25
August 26	Pam Spindola - Santa Ana	Pam Spindola - Slide show	August 29
September 23	Patricia Hurley - Cherry Valley	Spike Cover - Topic is Quarantine	Sept. 26
October	Bus Trip	Destination - Barstow Koi	Pending October
November 18	Jerry and Pat Mall - Temecula	Pending	Nov. 28

Happy Father's Day to all the "DAD'S" in the IKS!

Different drug problem.....

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

Submitted by concerned citizen

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Coming Events

2012

J	17	FATHER'S DAY ~ A man's children and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season". -- Unknown
J	20	SUMMER SOLSTICE ~ is the longest day of the year, the Sun reaches its most northern point in the sky at local noon. After this date, the days start getting shorter.
U	24	INLAND KOI SOCIETY MEETING & POTLUCK ~ 2:00-5:00 pm. Hosts Steve and Laura Nyirady - in Yucaipa. For more info (951) 398-7048
N	25- Aug 20	REDLANDS BOWL SEASON ~ Free = Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8:15 p.m. / America's oldest continuously running summer music festival www.redlandsbowl.com 909-793-7316
N	27	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7pm / All members of IKS welcome! — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Dennis Lynaugh (951) 780-0123
E	30- Jul 01	2012 AKCA BUSINESS MEETING/BANQUET — KHA Wet Lab to be held in Fresno /Hosted by AKCA & The Central California Koi Society Carole Elliott @ (714) 968-6624
E	29- Sep 02	LAGUNA SAWDUST FESTIVAL ~ Open 10 am - 10 pm daily / 935 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA 92651(949) 494-3030 www.sawdustartfestival.org

	04	INDEPENDENCE DAY ~ Happy 4th of July- Celebrate America with honor!
J	04	KABOOM! FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION ~ 5pm-10pm Admission Charge / Pomona Fairplex, 1101 West McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768 (909) 623-3111 www.fairplex.com
J	11	FINAL POND TOUR COMMITTEE MEETING ~ 7pm@Nick Milfeld's house / 1644 Northhampton Drive, Riverside (951) 780-7395
U	13	AKCA BOARD MEETING ~ 6pm / 529 W. Blue-ridge Ave., Orange 92865 / Call Mac at (951) 398-7048 for more information.
U	13- Aug 12	ORANGE COUNTY FAIR ~ Admission Charge / Orange County Fairgrounds and Exposition Center , 88 fair Drive, Costa Mesa 92626 / Closed on Monday's / (714) 708-3247 www.ocfair.com
L	21	21ST ANNUAL POND TOUR ~ Santa Clara Valley Koi & Water Garden Club / Covering ponds in the Bay area (Woodside, CA on the north end and San Jose, CA at the south end) www.sckoi.com/
Y	21	SANTA CLARITA KOI & WATER GARDEN CLUB ~ Mini-Pond Tour - Doug Sudbury (661) 296-9252 www.santaclaritakoiclub.com
Y	22	INLAND KOI SOCIETY MEETING & POTLUCK ~ 2:00-5:00 pm. Host - Miguel Sierra in Murrieta For more info (951) 398-7048
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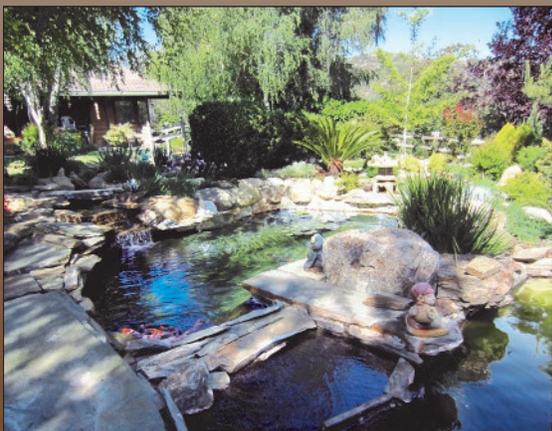


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