

General Meeting & Potluck Hosted by Bill and Sandy DeBrosky and

Shawn McHenry at

MYSTIC KOI & WATER GARDENS

Goldfish

Sunday June 22 2-5 pm

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THE OVAL POND...

Mac McClain, 2014 IKS President



Greetings,

In May, we did not have our monthly membership meeting, but did have our 2014 Koi Pond and Garden tour. Due to a knee surgery I had in May, I was unable to participate. That said, from the feedback I have received, the pond tour went very well with around 240 people attending. As a result we have some new Inland Koi Society members.

would like to personally thank Larry Leverett, for coordinating the tour, and the home owners who allowed us to place their homes on the tour. I would also like to thank our volunteers who, without their help, the pond tour could not have taken place.

e will be announcing the names of the student who received the Annual Inland Koi Society Scholarship award at the June meeting.

eminder: our June meeting will be at Mystic Koi in Upland. Mac McChain, IKS President

Welcome New Inland Koi Society Members					
Joined	Member Names	City			
10-Jan-14	William & Donice Lei	Lake Elsinore			
14-Mar-14	Janos Reinhardt	Norco			
07-Apr-14	Chris & Lori Robinson	Riverside			
18-Apr-14	Jerry & Joanna Park	Norco			
27-Apr-14	Allan & Nicole Bailey	Murrieta			
27-Apr-14	Anthony & Alma Bissot	Menifee			
27-Apr-14	Armand & Evelyn Blais	Menifee			
01-Jun-14	Moises Serrano	San Bernardino			
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JUNE POND & HOST PROFILE

Mystic Koi and Water Gardens - Upland

t's hard to believe it's been three years since we had a meeting at Mystic Koi and Water Gardens in June of 2011 and much has changed in the koi industry and at Mystic Koi. You'll find that gut by attending our general meeting on June 22nd.

ust in case you've forgotten the story, Bill and Sandy DeBrosky were both aerospace industry employees with many years of experience but after they were downsized back in

the 90's used this opportunity to go in a new direction. Sandy wanted to start a business involving the koi hobby she loved and in 1996 she searched and found a place previously occupied by retail nursery which had gone out of business.

t that instant Mystic Koi was formed and along with their son Shawn, this family slowly proceeded to become one of the most knowledgeable and success ful koi retailers/wholes alers in the area. They have an outstanding reputation among their customers, their vendors, koi clubs and breeders.

Being both knowledgeable and helpful, Bill, Sandy and

Shawn offer customers options and many directions to go in this wonder ful koi hobby. They will sit down with a potential customer and explain the various directions the hobbyist can go in when designing and building a pond. They cater to the do-it-yoursel fer with Matala matting and filter boxes and brushes and PVC plumbing parts and fittings, as well as the high-end Koi hobbyist using

GCTek and Ultima filters, Cetus Sieves, AquaForte Sieves and even the koi keeper who might spend a lot of time out of town traveling and needs an extended maintenance free filtration system like the Nexus. Mystic sells the Nexus filters, EVO products, plus various sizes of Sequence pumps, Savio skimmers, etc.

Shawn has been the company's primary buyer in Japan and has quite a rapport with many of the select breeders. He has an eye for quality and his customers wholeheart edly agree.

ith six ponds, several water plant bogs and display boxes, a store full of equipment, plumbing parts, supplies, filters, skimmers, koi medicinal products and some of the highest quality food available, any customer coming into Mystic Koi cannot possibly leave the store empty-handed.

Mystic Koi a regular vendor at the San Diego Koi show (our sister koi club) and offered some of the best show deals. As a bonus for IKS club members and guests at <u>this meeting</u> Shawn is offering a 15% discount on the fish, and Bill says 15% off of any food, products or equipment in the store. Be sure to check out their tanks with some great looking koi in all sizes and price ranges. And I do mean all price ranges as you'll see from the above picture of Shawn handling a \$60,000 Nogami, Tancho Sanke.



Recently Shawn judged the Washington State Koi Show, the Philippine National Koi show and the "Kois and Ponds" cup. On May 31st they held their annual koi grow out competition and presentation with Masato Hoshino (Koda Koi Farm) and Masayuki Sekiguchi (Sekiguchi Koi Farm) coming to judge the koi. Mystic has already sold 40 Koi for next year's competition. With an "air fare to Japan" prize on the line everyone gets serious, but

the real spirit is one of fun and camaraderie as competitors square off.

S hawn shared a before and after picture with me to illustrate the drastic improvement and growth possible over a year's time in a Southern California koi pond. *(See page 10.)* ome early and wander around their beauti ful gardens where you will gain plenty of ideas for what you might build into your own dream pond. On my first visit there I took plenty of pictures and anybody who

visits my pond will see where I got my ideas for the formal style and compact size as well as filtration. Bill was very instrumental in helping me plan my pond and took the time to sketch out on graph paper a design

that would work well within the small footprint of our front yard.

This time it will be Bill's turn to speak and most likely he'll talk about pond design and important factors to consider when building or rebuilding one.

Please remember to bring your chairs and potluck items. See you there. - *Pete Miles, Newsletter editor*

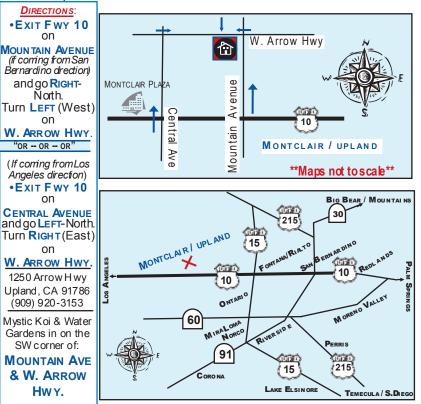


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Riverside



Our Pond Tour Story by Peggy Milfeld

January 15 and the decision is made, a date set: our 13th Pond Tour will be June 1 in Riverside. For a new T-shirt, Sandy Hanson is finishing artwork featuring Mariano Palpallatoc's prize Kohaku. A call goes out to local members to open their ponds for public inspection; a few are tentative, and we need at least six confirmed. Besides, that Sunday is months away...

February 5 and the list of ponds has changed frequently, visits have begun, and a few are confirmed. Committee members are taking responsibility for the myriad pieces of the puzzle as chairman Larry Leverett nudges and cajoles everyone to action. Tom Wright will see all the dealers at the KCSD show and enlist sponsor support. We'll install a display pond at the Riverside Flower Show in April, and Sunday is still a ways off...

Mid-March and the artwork has been color separated for screen-printing; now to choose the shirt color. Volunteers start signing up and shirt sizes are being collected. Save-the-date flyers can be printed, but the six ponds are slow in coming on board. The layouts are done for all the printing; just waiting for the details. Sunday is still

two-and-a-half months away....

April 2 committee meeting: the six are set! We'll revisit two sites from previous tours to see how the ponds have matured. Jerry & Rose Morgan's pond in Canyon Crest has more than matured-it's multiplied: they had to add a larger pond when their koi outgrew the first. We've all heard that story before! At Rick & Marlys Whipple's pond in Orange Terrace the koi have grown and the early heat has drawn their wild animals much closer to the water; you can almost hand-feed the giraffe from their gazebo overlook now. Marc & Lucille Chacon, members in downtown's Historic Neighborhood who we haven't visited in a while, offer their 140 -year-old vintage home for the tour, but the pond is green and needs UV treatment. That doesn't stop our water experts! Bob Walters and Orville Hanson to the rescue-plus



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some of Mac's magic elixir—and it will be picture perfect in notime. After all, that Sunday is still two months out....

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With a tip from Tom Wright, Larry has enlisted Chris & Lon Robinson of Woodcrest both as hosts and members; their secluded pond, set well below the patio level, features a multi-level waterfall cascading from a cliff-edge streambed. This is a gardener's place and should be a favorite, if not for the unique and varied plantings then for the shaded site on what could be another scorching tour day. Our EZ-ups will be challenged this year, especially at the hilltop home of Scott & Leann Thomas overlooking Lake Mathews: both the beautiful hardscape and the pond and pool it surrounds will be highly reflective. There will be a refreshing afternoon breeze to help, and add the rush of waterfalls and the song of wind chimes and all will be cool. Leann's mom, Shirley

Marchant, and daughter **Summer** are also excited to have the club and public visiting. The April general meeting is scheduled at **Francine Hoffman**'s Canyon Crest home, so all volunteers will get to see at least one of the other ponds on the Tour. Her go-to guy, Orville, has been working on her filtration so it will be sparkling come that Sunday in June...

April 16...two weeks have passed and our six hosts' ponds have been visited, photographed, and their filtration system inspected. Orville has made the first schematic drawing for the Tour book, and Nick Milfeld has begun the map-making. Posters and flyers are printed and distributed; postcards are ready for mailing to an expanding list of Tourists, Auction attendees and former members. A closing banquet will be held at the Whipples'; a menu is planned. Tour shirts are being printed, sponsor ads are coming in, and our promotion of the Tour continues. Sunday is six weeks away....

May 28...Wednesday night and all the pond-owners and team leaders are gathered to get acquainted (if they aren't already) and for last minute instruction. T-shirts, set-up materials, EZ-ups and signs, coolers, waters and sodas are taken home, and everyone is excited with an air of anticipation. Sunday is four days away.

May 31 and last-minute visits are made to each pond to see if all is in readiness. Really, it's the last chance for a couple of people to see all the ponds, because they will be working just one on the Tour. It's a beautiful day, a bit overly warm and threatening worse for the morrow. Downtown at the Chacons', Lucille continues the work of painting the house and is applying a color wash to patio cement; she promises <u>not</u> to wear her painter's clothes tomorrow. Francine isn't home —she isn't a lot—so we

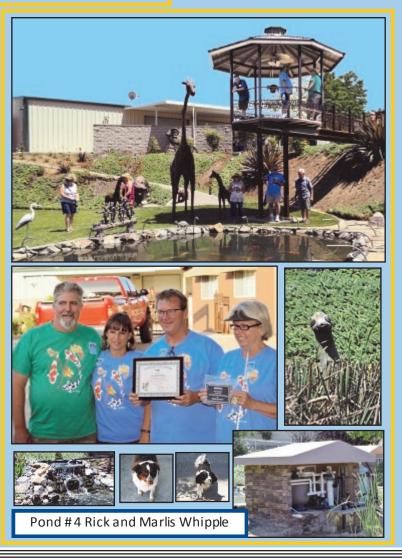




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call to leave a message and don't break in to her backyard. Jerry Morgan is busy cleaning up the mess of a morning spawn: two water changes later and the bubbles are mostly cleared. Rick Whipple is excited about the Tour, but at present he's battling an algae bloom, trusting his treatments today will result in crystal dear water tomorrow. He has decided we can use his son's carport for the banquet to keep everybody out of any more sun. Chris Robinson has almost finished his 'honey-do' list, while Lori has met an unwanted guest at the pond: surprisingly, a Blue Heron made its way through the tree cover to find the buffet! Scott Thomas has everything ready and is off to a dance recital: the afternoon breeze has come up his hill again for a refreshing respite Sunday is less than 24 hours away!

June 1 dawns glorious; we're off to breakfast at the Morgans' and ready to

greet our guests. As the day progresses, I am amazed at how many people have ponds in Riverside; they've come to compare notes, ask questions, confirm they did it right. Quite a number took membership forms home and a few joined outright. I am also surprised at how far some have come to visit us. Forty-one towns are represented. The distance prize would go to the three from Stockton, or perhaps the one from Lake Havasu, AZafter all. that's out-of-state—but Mission Viejo, Costa Mesa and Yucca Valley are quite a ways out too. If it was a long day for all of us. I pity some of them the drive home!

My drive home took me to a warm bed that hasn't seen much of me in weeks! That Sunday? I hope you all enjoyed it. As for me ... it's over! Deliciously over!





A fter the Pond Tour, we cleaned up and caravanned over to one of the sites on the tour for our dinner celebration where we enjoyed ourselves just talking about what had happened during the day and socializing. After dessert we presented the home owners with a plaque that identified them as being on the IKS pond tour for 2014 and an aluminum plaque for the garden with their name and tour date. As the pond tour Chairman I just want to thank all the volunteers, the home owners for letting us use their beautiful homes, the team leaders and the special people on the pond tour board who have been in this from the beginning, without you this Beautiful event could not have taken place. Larry Leverett



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How to keep animal predators away form your koi pond:

1. Set up netting over your garden pond to protect your koi fish.

2. Place koi castles or tunnels in the pond so they can have a place to hide.

3. Set up a scarecrow sprinkler system that's motion activated that scares those nasty little koi fish predators.

4. Set up fishing line spaced very close together. Once the birds feet hit the fishing line it scares them away.

5. Install a floating alligator head or hippo in your pond as this will scare pond predators away.

6. Install koi decoy in pond that will help protect your koi fish and give them a chance to escape.

7. Install a Garden Defence Electronic Owl that will help deter pond predators from coming and eating your koi fish.

8. Install a Heron decoy that will help deter herons from stopping by your koi fish pond.

9. Get a dog! Your pet would one of the best ways to keep wildlife away from your pond. Hopefully he'll stay out of it too!

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- Let them meet or know who will be taking care of your koi while you are gone.
- Hide or lock away buckets, nets or containers thieves can use to transport koi.
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helping with the koi rescue please contact our koi rescue coordinator, Ed Kushner at 951-520-0092

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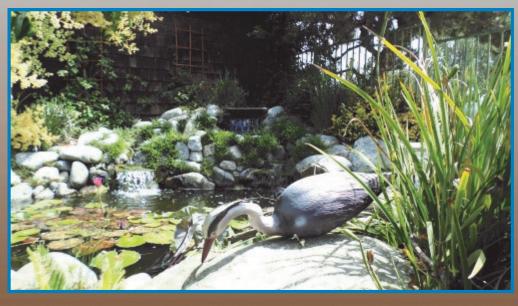


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