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Three years ago this month we had a virtual visit with *Tony Coby* in Moreno Valley. Tony says he visited a pond at the Meditation Gardens in Encinitas and was inspired to have a pond for himself. Being newly retired, he thought it would be a great home project, although he had no other ideas of owning a koi pond, no previous knowledge of the hobby. Begun in March 2017 and built by Ed Brown of *Ponderiffic Landscape and Design*, the project grew to include patios and landscaping and the transformation of a mostly dirt lot into a private sanctuary. Ed introduced him to Inland Koi Society, and he became a member in May 2017.

The pond is approximately 14' long, 10' wide, and about 4' deep. It's rubber lined with a 10' steam down line from a three-step waterfall. There are a bog area and narrow plant shelves — two things Tony realized after-the-fact that he would alter if he could. The bog is situated after the filtration system, inline and above the waterfall. It's a pit with Aqua boxes which fill and spill over to become the waterfall as additional filtration.

The equipment includes a Pentair *Superflo VS* variable-speed pump and an Aqua *Ultima II* 4000 series filter, plus two 57-watt *Aqua Ultraviolet* UV sterilizer. There are two *Rhino II* bottom drains and an Aquascape *Signature series* 400 pond skimmer.

Our IKS Board met at Tony's earlier this month, and because of expected absenteeism the July Board meeting will be held two weeks earlier, on June 25, in conjunction with the general meeting.

The Board will meet briefly at Tony's from 2 to 2:30 pm; they will then help with setting up for the general meeting, which starts at 3 pm and begins our Summer schedule hours, 3 to 6 pm.

Members are welcome to attend the Board meetings; we simply ask that you let Ed Kushner or the host know that you'll be there.

.Remember to bring your chairs, something for the buffet, and perhaps a gift for the raffle table. Bring your questions too!

Looking forward to seeing you on the 25th!! &







