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Ammual Club Field Trip Saturday, August 22





HOSTED BY: PETE MILES Mission San Luis Rey de Francia 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside, CA 92057



Hello, Koi fanciers!

Welcome To the Beach...

There were fifty five people who attended the meeting at the home of David and Claudia King. The meeting started at 4:00 PM, which turned out to be a good idea because this enabled us to avoid the hottest part of the day. Since we ran out of drinks last month, the club decided to add another cooler filled with drinks for this

meeting. This time we had plenty of beverages to have along with our potluck, which included grilled hot dogs provided by David and Claudia.

The Kings' pond was in good shape and people enjoyed watching the koi and seeing their resident duck. When we had seen enough of the koi swimming around in the pond, we could turn around and watch all the kids swimming in the pool. Thank you, David and Claudia, for your hospitality.

Mike has a company that makes koi food and he gave us several five-pound packages for the raffle; then he gave everybody some smaller sample bags of the food. He looks forward to hearing some comments on how our fish liked it.

ne of the things our club has been involved in is koi rescue. We have had many calls from people who have some koi that they would like us to pick up. At this point we can't accommodate them because we don't have any place to quarantine the koi. If you are interested in getting involved in koi rescue and would like to quarantine some fish, please let me know.

It seems that this year has flown by. We have only three meetings left for the year, which means that it will soon be time for elections for our club board. If you are interested in getting involved with the running of this club, come to our next business meeting and let us know. All interested members are welcome to attend.

Fish aren't the only creatures that like to swim. One of my passions is swimming. I'm involved in masters swimming, which is age-group swimming for people who are too old to race against the young kids. I'm writing this article today after competing in a two mile Hermosa Beach Pier to Manhattan Beach Pier race. So I'm looking forward to our trip to Mission San Luis Rey and Oceanside. After our lunch at Ruby's, we will put up the EZ-ups on the beach and spend a few hours there. If you have not yet paid the \$15 per person fee—which includes the trip and lunch—please pay it as soon as possible so we can get an accurate head count.

* The deadline for mail-in payments was August 10, but if there's still

room on the bus, we may be able to take late reservations. If we filled the bus, members could drive down to meet us, and pay the \$15 for lunch. Then bring your towels and get ready to dive on in!

See you at the beach!

Mark

Mark Krakower, IKS President



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AUGUST FIELD TRIP

Mission San Luis Rev

It has become an IKS practice to plan a club Field Trip some big salads. to reward our members' hard work on our annual pond tours or auctions, and this year will be no different. Members who were not able to participate in those events are certainly not restricted from going on the Field Trips; everyone is welcome to come along!

This year we have been invited by member Pete Miles to visit the beautiful Mission San Luis Rey de Francia, a National Historic Landmark and the largest of the 21 California missions. Founded in 1798 and comprising 56 acres, it has seen three churches built here; the present one dates to 1811. It was a US Army outpost in the Mexican-American War, became a Franciscan college in 1893, then opened as a seminary from 1950 through 1969 Today it is a working mission, cared for by its local parishioners, and is still being restored.

After a tour and visit to the koi pond, we will go to Ruby's Diner on Oceanside Pier for a late lunch, then have time to visit the beach or stroll the Strand. The trip is subsidized by the club. A nominal \$15 per person says you're committed to coming along for the ride and seems a fair price for bus transportation and lunch, plus continental breakfast and snacks along the way.

If you didn't sign up and pay at the July meeting or, if you didn't make the meeting, call Gene Maingot (951-218-3060) or Peggy Milfeld (951-780-7395) to get on the list. **Reserva**tions will close on, and the \$15 must be pre-paid by, August 10, as Ruby's needs a final count for lunch by August 14. Payment may be mailed to: Inland Koi Society

5198 Arlington Ave., #146 Riverside CA 92504-2603

As an added treat, we will be able to view part of the 33rd Annual World Bodysurfing Championships as 350-400 bodysurfers from around the world compete on either side of the pier. Not to be overwhelmed by possible crowds, we have the whole upstairs room at Ruby's reserved just for us, and we will order from the private party menu. Our meal includes the entrée and a fountain beverage, and the tax and gratuity. Orders will be taken there.

Historic Oceanside Pier opened in 1987 as the city's

sixth pier to be built, and the fifth on this spot. The concrete approach was built in 1925; the wooden portion in 1988. At 1954 feet, it is the longest wooden pier on the West Coast. On a clear day, you'll be able to see



La Jolla, the Coronado Islands, and Catalina Island, Oceanside claims fame ranking second in the USA for Best Climate, with around 10" rain per year and an average daytime temp of 69°F.

Ruby's Diner combines the essence of the 1950s with an atmosphere of pure "Southern California." Patrons walk down a wooden bridge to get to the diner, a singular building located at the end of the pier. In the tradition of a 1950s diner, burgers and fries top the menu, but our choices also include



We'll meet in the parking lot at Jack Marrin's business. 6531 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside 92507, at 8AM for a tailgate continental breakfast. We'll leave at 9AM for the Mission, leaving there about 12:40PM for lunch at Ruby's. Our bus will remain at the beach parking site until we leave at 5PM to be home by 7PM. The afternoon is free for sunning, wandering the quaint town or the Strand, or just walking the wet sand.

Plan to join us and get your name on the list. [Members from points south may prefer to provide their own transportation and meet us at the Mission, but we still need those names on the list for lunch.] ~P. Milfeld, Assistant Editor

Here is a tentative schedule for our approximate. Start at Scott-Marrin		
Scott-Marrin Inc. 6531 Box Springs Blvd. Riverside, 92507	0800: Continental Breakfast. 0900: Depart for Mission	
Mission San Luis Rey 4050 Mission Ave. Oceanside, 92057 (760-757-3651)	1030: Arrive at Mission 12:40 pm: Depart for Ruby's	
Ruby's Diner / 1 Oceanside Pier / Oceanside, 92504 (760-433-7829)	1:00 to 2:30 pm	
Walk to Oceanside Beach/Local Area	2:30 pm: After Lunch. 5:00 pm: Depart Oceanside	

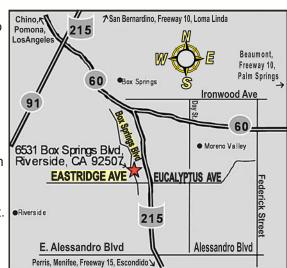
I suppose someone can leave the pier at any point, as long as they are at/on the bus at 5PM. It is just a 2 1/2 hour free walkabout—do-as-youlike time, after lunch.

Scott-Marrin Inc. Return to Riverside by 7:00 pm.

The charge is \$15 per person. Payable by 7/26, or RSVP by 7/26 with payment by, say...August 10 or 14...just before Dennis has to report the reservation count to Ruby's. ~Peggy

Directions to Scott-Marrin: From the 215 Freeway, exit on Eastridge/Eucalyptus off ramp and head West on

Eastridge Ave. Go to first stop sign (Box Springs Blvd) and Turn right (North) to second building on the left. Park in parking lot. Riverside Please be prompt!



See page 6 & 7 for more information related to this exciting day...

How To Bag a Kol for Shipment

Highlights from the July Guest Speaker, Michael Hernandez. He gave a demonstration with the help of his wife, Gleci, and Tom Wright.

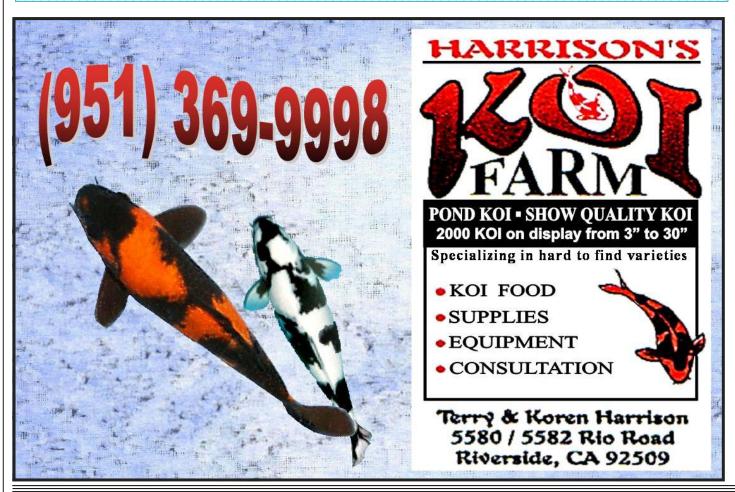
Materials requireds



- Several Sturdy Plastic Bags
- Sturdy Cardboard Box
- Several Strips of Styrofoam (As long as inside of box by ½ the height of the box)
- Elbagin: A koi stress eliminator
- Salt (Pure salt not table salt)
- Packing Box Tape
- Rubber Bands
- Fresh water that has had chlorine removed and has been aerated for 48 hrs
- Oxygen Tank
- Fish



Mike recommends that all fish for transport should be at least double bagged with triple bagging preferred. Fill a tub with the fresh water and add the proper amount of salt to bring the salt level to no greater than 0.18 percent and then add the recommended amount of Elbagin. Transfer the Koi into the tub without adding any of the pond water to the tub. After putting your two or three plastic bags together scoop the bag through the tub getting the Koi into the bag with a small amount of water. Place two or three of the Styrofoam strips on each side of the box with the strips on edge. Now place the bag with Koi into the box. Add water to the bag until the water just covers the top of the gills. Keeping the amount of water to a minimum both increases the amount of oxygen that can be added to the bag and reduces the weight of the box, thereby reducing the shipping costs. Add oxygen to the inner bag and then secure bag with a rubber band. If the Koi is to be shipped by air, remember that the bag will expand some in the air as the plane is only pressurized to approximately 5,000 ft. Therefore, don't overfill the bag or it will burst in the cargo bay. Secure the second and then the third bag with rubber bands. Seal box with tape and make sure that the box is marked well with which side is up and that a live fish is enclosed. Properly bagged, the Koi can survive for approximately 40 hrs.



IKS GENERAL MEETING ~ SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009 ~ NORCO

The club had a very enjoyable meeting at David & Claudia King's home and garden. When we arrived there was a nice breeze blowing to make a hot July afternoon very pleasant. It worked well starting our meeting at 4:00 P.M. To help keep members cool and comfortable, misters were attached to a long covered patio. We had a nice turnout of about 55 members. We had an larger than normal number of families at this meeting, due to David and Claudia's generous offer of allowing club members use of their swimming pool. At one time I counted about fifteen children, from about age three to fourteen, splashing and laughing in the pool. As usual we had a great potluck meal. Thanks to everyone for contributing, especially to David for firing up the grill so we could all have old fashion "summertime" hotdogs.

Mark thanked our hosts and asked David & Claudia to talk about their pond. David explained that their pond had a liner that was covered with rock. It was an Aquascape design with no bottom drains. There are two in-pond pumps located in the skimmer, which return water through two waterfalls back into the pond. He said that elephant ear plants provide the only filtration and that the pond stays nice and clear year round. To discourage herons, they use a "scarecrow" sprinkler device. He said their dogs also keep the herons away. Claudia explained their menagerie consisted of: fish, 2 turtles, 1 duck, 2 cats and 3 dogs. The biggest attraction, beside the beautiful fish, was Dotti the wild duck. We were warned that Dotti particularly liked nibbling on toes. One member asked how they kept Dotti out of their swimming pool. David replied, "Dotti doesn't like the swimming pool skimmer". Claudia also shared how their fish would win the "most congenial award" for being people friendly; the large ones enjoy being petted.

Mark introduced two new club members, Cindy & Roger Olsen. They currently have a fishpond, but would like to build a new pond. Rhonda and her son Cody came as guests of Mac & Jill McClain. Rhonda said she currently has a pond. The club always enjoys new members and visitors.

Larry Leverett gave a report on the last AKCA Board Meeting. He shared that \$130,000 has been raised by AKCA for research to fight KHV (Koi Herpes Virus). Our club has donated approximately \$1,500.00 towards this effort. A grant has been awarded to Oregon State University to determine in which part of the fish the dormant virus resides. Currently Israel has developed a vaccine to prevent KHV. However, this vaccine is not yet approved for use in the United States.

Mark introduced our monthly speaker, Michael Hernandez. Mike learned about Koi during his frequent travels between Manila and Japan as a flight attendant for Philippine Airlines. During his layovers he would spend time with various koi breeders and learned the art of koi keeping. He started a small business selling Japanese bred koi in Manila and soon became the 'recognized koi expert' in the Philippines. In 1998 Mike was invited by the Governor of Niigata, Japan, to become the first Filipino Koi Judge in the prestigious All-Japan Koi Show. Mike has now been a judge at the All Japan Koi Show for several years. This is considered the ultimate koi show: only the best of the best are entered. Mike stated, "the fish are so perfect, they look plastic." Mike has recently turned his knowledge into a new business in the US. The business is called "Kois & Ponds" and is located at 13505 Yorba Ave., Suite C in Chino.

Mike took guestions from club members:

Can you have red ear slides turtles in you pond? Mike responded, "If the turtles are small to begin with, they will probably do fine in a fishpond."

What type of filtration is best? A Vortex system works well for settlement, then a bead filter for biological filtration and finally a cartridge filter with zeolite and carbon. He did say that it was hard to get the zeolite and carbon filter since they aren't used much anymore.

Are all Grand Champion Koi, Gosanke? To date all Grand Champions have been from the Gosanke group, which is made up of Kohaku, Sanke, and Showa.

He also shared that the All Japan Koi Show has been using the "English" Style" judging system for the last several years. The judging format was changed due to the threat of KHV. In the English Style system each koi owner has their own show tank. Previously fish from different owners were displayed in the same tank grouped by type. At the All Japan Koi Show, 90% of the judges are Japanese, with 10% non- Japanese. A Grand Champion can have a value of upwards to \$200,000.

The breeders in Japan suggested that Mike develop his own koi food. He developed two types of food. One type of food has 50% protein and one has 35% protein. The food also contains spiralina for color enhancement. The food is made up of ingredients produced in the United States. A club member asked if the color enhancer caused yellowing of the white part of the fish. Mike stated that he had never observed degradation of the white with the color enhancer that he uses. Mike shared very generous samples of both types of food with the club members.

Mike's final topic was "How to bag koi for transporting." Mike gave a demonstration of the process with the help of his wife Gleci and Tom Wright. For detailed steps please refer to page 4 of this newsletter.

Mark called for a short break. That gave everyone an opportunity to purchase last minute raffle tickets. Mark asked David, the homeowner, to call the raffle numbers. Thank you to all for your contributions to the raffle. Including, four fish, freeze dried shrimp and, silkworm pupae from Inland Koi and several chemicals and food from Harrison's Koi Farm. The children really enjoyed the raffle for kid's only gifts. All had fun.

In closing our meeting, Gene Maingot reminded everybody about our August bus trip. We have reserved a 52-passenger bus, so the first paid sign-ups will get to ride the bus. Depending on how many others wish to take advantage of this great trip, other transportation will be arranged, possibly a van.

~ Respectfully submitted by Sandy Hanson for Zuma Ross, Secretary.

*Note: Tom & Zuma Ross were visiting Canada; hope they had a nice trip.



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MISSION SAN LUIS REY DE FRANCIA Koi Pond & Historic Pier

Time to get out of town for a day and enjoy some of those Southern California breezes at the beach! Our host this month will be Pete Miles, who is fairly new to IKS but has been a long-time member of the Koi Club of San Diego. We won't be visiting his home and private pond, but rather taking a trip to his "other pond"—the one he has maintained for years at the beautiful Mission San Luis Rey de Francia in Oceanside. After a tour at the mission, we will transfer to the Oceanside Pier and take the long walk out to Ruby's Diner for lunch in the private dining room upstairs. Then it's on to the beach for sun, sand and swimming, or strolling the Strand and shopping... It's a day to wear yourselves out and leave the driving to someone else!

Ithough the last mission to be founded in the south—and the largest of the 21 California missions— San Luis Rey, the "King of the Missions," came to be the largest and richest of all. A great quadrangle was 500 feet on a side, and during early mission history it served as a



bull fight arena. An intricate aqueduct system supplied water for the mission and gardens as well as for pools used for bathing and laundry. In the year 1831 an incredible 16,000 cattle, 25,500 sheep and 2,150 horses graced the far-flung ranchos; 395,000 bushels of grain and 2,500 barrels of wine were produced by that same year.

The goal of the missions was, above all, to become self-sufficient in relatively short order. Farming, therefore, was the most important industry of any mission. Prior to the establishment of the missions, the native peoples knew only how to utilize bone, seashells, stone, and wood for building, tool making, weapons, and so forth. The missionaries discovered that the Indians, who regarded labor as degrading to the masculine sex, had to be taught industry in order to learn how to be self-supportive. The result was the establishment of a great manual training school that comprised agriculture, the mechanical arts, and the raising and care of livestock. Everything consumed and otherwise utilized by the natives was produced at the missions under the supervision of the padres; thus, the neophytes not only

supported themselves, but after 1811 sustained the entire military and civil government of California.

exico, once free from Spain, began to divide the spoils of the mission system: Governor Pio Pico and his brother alone appropriated 90,000 acres of Mission San Luis Rey land for themselves. By 1846 the last vestige of mission life had disappeared. Finally, the U.S. government gathered the last of the Indians into a "temporary" home on a reservation at Pala. They are still there, the only original site where Mission Indians are still ministered to. The original decree which returned the mission buildings and a few surrounding acres to the Church, signed by President Abraham Lincoln on March 18, 1861, is displayed today in the mission museum. Even so, years of vandalism and neglect followed before Franciscans from Mexico returned in 1892, to begin a restoration which has recaptured much of the grandeur of old.

uring the Mexican-American War, the Mission was utilized as a military outpost by the United States Army. In 1893, two Mexican priests were given permission to restore the Mission as a Franciscan college. Father Joseph O'Keefe was assigned as interpreter for the monks; it was he who began to restore the old Mission in 1895. San Luis Rey College was opened as a seminary in 1950, but closed in 1969.

hat we will visit is actually the third church built on the site, a pristine example of a Spanish Mission church complex. In its prime, the compound covered almost 6 acres (24,000 m²), making it one of the most extensive of all the missions; today it is a National Historic Landmark with acres of gardens, and unique horticulture and hiking trails on 56 acres. California's first pepper tree (*Schinus molle*) was planted here in 1830. Sailors brought the seeds—red berries known as peppercorns and used in cooking—from Peru. By far the oldest tree on the mission property, its trunk measures 44 feet in diameter. [I truly doubt this, but every source repeated the figure. Circumference, maybe? We'll just have to see!] The tree limbs, now supported with braces, provide majestic shade and a sense of history.

Joday, Mission San Luis Rey is a working mission, cared for by the people who belong to the parish, and it is still being restored. Pete will guide us through the mission grounds and to his Koi pond; hopefully we'll get to visit the buildings, too. ~PM



Historic Oceanside Pier is one of the longest wooden piers on the West Coast, spanning 1942 feet in length. Opened in 1987 as the city's sixth pier to be built (and fifth on this spot), it is located on Third Street. You can enjoy a meal at Ruby's Diner, go fishing, or stroll to the end to see Oceanside Harbor, a marina that sits along the northwest border of the city.

Oceanside, a charming beach city located 35 miles north of San Diego and 83 miles south of Los Angeles in the region of SD County called North County, ranks 2nd in the USA for best climate, with around 10 inches of rain per year and an average daytime temp o 69 degrees Fahrenheit. No wonder it was chosen as home to Camp Pendleton USMC, a 125,000-acre base

housing the 1st Marine Division and over 38,000 military personnel. They are an enormous part of the personality of Oceanside; wit a median age of 32.1, the pop. Is young, busy, and fast-growing.

Historic Mission San Luis Rey (Museum and Retreat) is just 4 miles from the beach. Longest wooden recreational pier... International Gymnastics Hall of Fame... Audubon Society's Museum and Habitat...

Ist pier built 1888, located at what is now Wisconsin Ave. The next 5 were built on the present site.. The concrete approach was built in 1925; the wooden portion in 1988 At 1954 feet, it is he longest wooden pier on the West Coast. On a clear day, you'll be able to see La Jolla, the Coronado Islands, and Catalina Island.

RUBY'S DINER AT OCEANSIDE PIER

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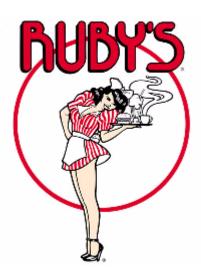
Ruby's Diner, situated in an idyllic setting at the end of a wooden bridge stretching out into the waters was a food addict's paradise. Very low key, no luxurious setting, no snooty servers. Just a family place, where everybody minds their own business. Large red booths and best of all...The intoxicating aroma of cheeseburgers.

This vacation was supposed to be about forgetting MacDonald's. Faced with Ruby's formidable array of magnificent cheeseburgers, I folded without any resistance, waved the white flag and pondered over the difficult decision

Walking out of Ruby's, I had to walk the length of the pier, about a quarter mile. Pass the wannabe tacklers trying to get hold of a big catch, I made my way down to the beach via a sloping ramp. The street along the shore is called the Strand, and I did a bit of aimless wandering, mingling with the bikers and throngs of beach bums.

I never wander far from base. I also have a list of places I need to visit, in order to be labeled a tourist, which include the Beach Amphitheater, the California Surf Museum and the farmer's market (Thursday mornings).

Ruby Dooby Double Cheeseburger — a Ruby Dooby with 2 patties, 4 melting slices of cheese, beefsteak tomato, lettuce and Rubysauce. Ever notice how embarrassing it is when the guy at the counter gives you a second look when you order a double cheese burger? And how the embarrassment turns into gratitude to God for creating the double cheeseburger when you sink your teeth into one? ~C.C.R.









33rd Annual World Bodysurfing Championships / August 22-23, 2009 at 6AM to 5PM. Oceanside Municipal Pier Oceanside Pier, Life-

guard Tower 1



Champions will be crowned on a designated date following the competition. Vendor sponsors will be featured, with product booths on the Strand during the competitions of this annual event.



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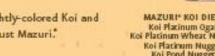
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IKS hopes you enjoy a fun and informative association with our club! As a member, you get the advantage of having years of experience (mistakes and lessons) available to you, while at the same time there are enough newer hobbyist members that you don't feel you are the only one who is clueless on a subject. Ask questions!



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INLAND KOI SOCIETY

Program Planning Calendar 2009			
REGULAR MTG 4th Sunday	HOSTS Address	PROPOSED PROGRAM Speakers	BOARD Wed. after Mtg
August 22 Saturday Annual Field Trip	 Mission San Luis Rey Bus Transportation & lunch provided by club Reservation Required 	• Tour, visit Koi Pond • Lunch at Ruby's Diner • \$15 per person due at sign-up or by Aug. 10	Wed. Aug 26
September 27	Jim & Earlene Hearn 14175 Rio Road Riverside, CA 92509 (951) 789-8953	Pending	Wed. Sept 30

"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass...
it's about learning how to dance in the rain."

Wednesday - Sunday May 19 - 23, 2010

Nashville, TN AKCA 2010 Seminar



Trade Show, Classes, City Tour, Pond Tour Start planning, start saving, start setting aside. IKS always has the largest contingent at the Seminar. Let's do Nashville together!

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To look forward with hope
To better years.
This is the house
That becomes their home.
This is the house
That love built.



Pull One for Love! Ever notice

the little piles of soda can pull-tabs that appear on the sign-in table at club meetings? Wonder why they're there? Today, pull-tabs serve a greater purpose in their afterlife as part of ongoing funding of the **Ronald McDonald House Charities** and the 150+ Ronald McDonald Houses in the U.S., Canada and overseas.

We don't do a good job of recycling at club meetings—tossing our cans and bottles out with the rest of the trash; we should have a place to put both—but we do at least pull the tabs. Many members save them up from home and work and regularly bring little tab-filled bags to meetings.

March 7, 2008, IKS turned in **39.8 pounds**, or approximately **50,600 tabs** (about 1265 tabs per pound!) at the Collect-A-Million Day for Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House. That was about two years worth of tabs. We're still collecting...for a turn-in next year. Save with us. Remember, **Pull One for Love!**

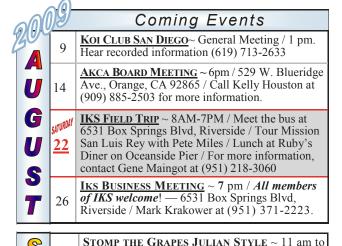
FYI: The Koi Health Advisor Program now has a new website

http://www.koihealthadvisor.org

and a new forum site

http://koihealthadvisor.org/forum/index.php

that members may be interested in. Although some portions of both sites are restricted for use only by Koi Health Advisors, there is public access to both with a wealth of information readily available. The Forum is a place where the public can get one-on-one advice and information from trained KHAs. Such sites always provide some fascinating reading!



What's Happening. .

S	_	05	7 pm. Menghini Winery-Adm: \$10 adults 21 and over (includes a commemorative wine glass), \$5 ages 20 to 6, 5 and under free / Contact: Krisie Morgan, Julian Chamber of Commerce (760) 765-1857
	P T	11	AKCA BOARD MEETING ~ 6pm / 529 W. Blueridge Ave., Orange, CA 92865 / Call Kelly Houston at (909) 885-2503 for more information.
	E	13	KOI CLUB SAN DIEGO ~ General Meeting / 1 pm. Hear recorded information (619) 713-2633 / www.koiclubsandiego.org
B	B	sunday 27	IKS GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK ~ 4:00-7:00 pm / Hosts will be Jim & Earlene Heam of Riverside / For more information, contact Mark Krakower at (951) 371-2223
	R	30	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7 pm / All members of IKS welcome! — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Mark Krakower at (951) 371-2223.



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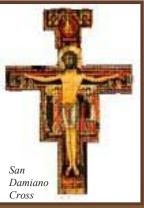




[top right] St. Francis of Assissi and Fr. Junipero Serra

The courtyard of Mission San Luis Rey...
The first California pepper tree in the state, planted here in 1830, is visible behind the arch





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