

# The Inland Koi Connection



**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF IKS**  
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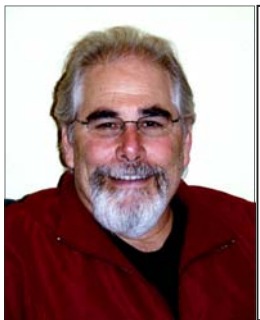
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### IKS Annual Trip

Vans will stop at The Soup Plantation in Fountain Valley for lunch 1:00-2:00 PM. (Everyone is on their own)

Target:	Orange County, Fountain Valley, Costa Mesa, & Westminster
Business Gathering Location:	Scott Marrin Parking Lot, 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside, CA
Who May Attend:	Members only
Cost:	\$10.00 per person
Time:	8:00 AM (Vans leave promptly at 9:00 AM) Returning at 5:00 PM
IKS Provides:	Vans & Drivers, Complete continental breakfast & beverages for the day.





**H**i All,  
A shared interest in and enjoyment of Koi continues to attract new members and guests to our club. 2008 has been an outstanding year of growth for our club, and the General Meeting at Jerry and Pat Mall's home this month was no exception. Jerry and Pat treated us to spending time in their beautiful yard enjoying their koi and pond and enjoying the serenity of their property and the cool breezes of the De Luz community. They also provided the club with an air conditioned sun

room to set up our potluck and to relax. Jerry unlocked two doors for us, one to his pump room and the other to his garage. Both were very clean, well organized, and full of "toys." Their home reminded me of a hilltop retreat and I personally want to thank Jerry and Pat for opening their home to all 72 of us that day, including 18 visitors. Spending an afternoon with the Mall's proved to be memorable. Additionally, Shawn McHenry shared an excellent talk with us on how to select Koi. His talk not only kept our attention, but also generated several questions. Thank you, Shawn, for a job well done.

**O**n Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day before our general meeting, Elizabeth Han, a staff writer for the Press-Enterprise, published an article about our club. Elizabeth initiated the article as a follow-up from this year's pond tour. During the next five days I received over 35 telephone calls from people who were interested in our club, pond keeping, or both. It is too early to know if this article brought us any new members, but all the same, our club is experiencing a growth spurt and I want to encourage all of you to introduce yourselves to and welcome these new members (over 20 as of July 8<sup>th</sup>).

**I** applaud Tom Wright for his generous offer to come to a member's home and set up a quarantine tank, including pump and filtration, to help the club provide homes for rescued Koi. Currently the club does not have the quarantine space available to keep up with the requests for koi rescues. If you are willing to help out, please call Tom at 951-637-5479.

**P**lease be considering your nominations for the Kelly Houston Koi Person of the Year Award (an individual or a couple) and our Club Koi of the Year. We will be nominating and voting for these awards during our October general meeting at the home of Tom and Zuma Ross. Koi of the Year nominations require that you bring a high resolution photograph of the Koi to the October meeting. You can find the contest rules on the [www.AKCA.org](http://www.AKCA.org) website. We are conducting this vote again because the next AKCA Seminar will be held in February 2009 in San Diego. Next year's AKCA is hosted by the San Diego Koi Club and will be held simultaneously with the San Diego Koi Show. What an excellent opportunity for our club to participate in what is sure to be one spectacular event. I want to strongly encourage everyone to consider attending this event next February.

**A**nd finally, I want to thank all of you for your flexibility concerning our "date change" for this year's outing. I look forward to seeing you during our September 21<sup>st</sup> Orange County field trip. Remember, there will be no general meeting in September.

**S**tay cool and enjoy the hobby,

Warmest Regards, *Gene*  
Gene Maingot, IKS President

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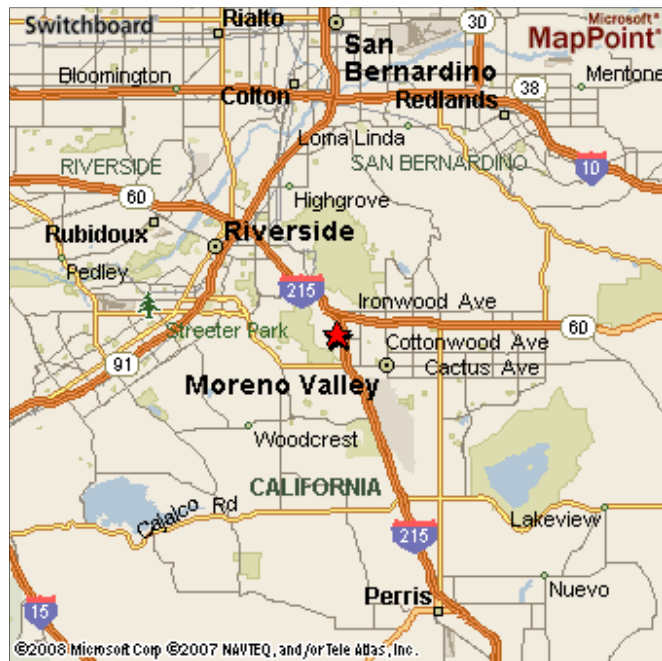
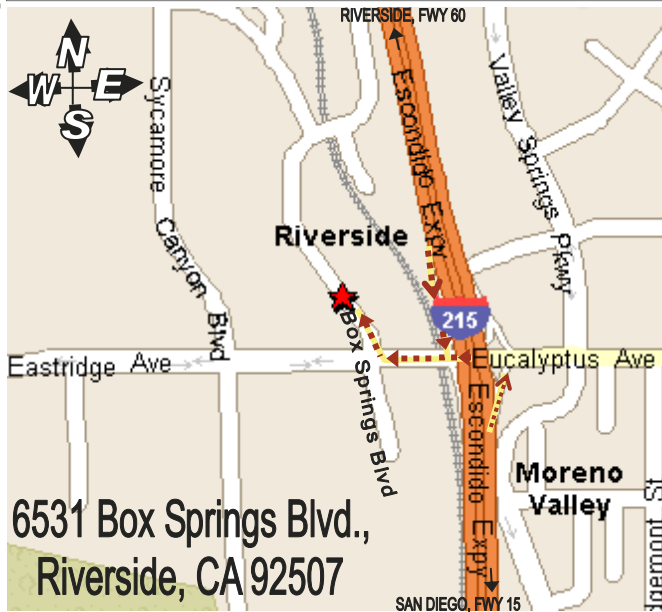
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**IKS BUS TRIP 2008** For this year's bus trip, the club will be visiting several koi ponds and a koi dealer in the Orange County area. The trip is planned for Sunday, September 21 in lieu of our regular general meeting. As in past years, the cost will be \$10.00 per person which will include transportation to the koi ponds and koi dealer and will include our famous tailgate breakfast as in years past.

The pond owners will include **BURT AND GLORIA BALLOU** whose main pond is a converted swimming pool of more than 30,000 gallons. Their pond has been featured in several koi magazines and contains many jumbo grand champion quality koi.

We are also scheduled to visit the pond of **MARK AND CHARLENE WHELAN** whose pond is over 6 feet deep and features a 15 foot wide waterfall. Additional ponds of **DON CHANDLER** will feature exquisite landscaping and current and former grand champion koi show winners.

We will also visit **EASTERN NISHIKIGOI**, one of the premier koi dealers of Orange County. The owner of ENKOI, Ken Tran, will provide a tour of his facility including his large Grand Champion koi selling pond complete with his Bakki Trickle Tower Filters.

If you need final information or reservations, please Call Gene Maingot (951) 272-4450, or Jack Marrin (909) 792-3606 as soon as possible. Cost will be \$10 per person. Hours 8 am - 5:30 pm

Back in 1968, Burt Ballou visited a Koi fish dealer in Gardena, Calif., searching for a goldfish for the pond he was building. "The dealer said, 'You don't want a goldfish pond. You want a Koi pond,'" Ballou says. "I said, 'What's Koi?' He gave me a Shusui Koi as a gift. That's how I got hooked."

Nearly 40 years later, Ballou still has the same Shusui Koi. While dogs, cats and other pets may live for only a decade or so, Koi – and the hobby of raising them - can last generations. "The oldest Koi on record was 227 years," Ballou, Fountain Valley, Calif., says. If you create the proper environment, "fifty to 70 years is not unrealistic." Experts say planning your pond and learning the hobby are the keys to successfully owning and enjoying Koi.

"Most people who go into the hobby uniformed will make major mistakes: lose fish, the pond won't work, they'll get green water or string algae and that discourages them and they bail out of the hobby," Ballou, a past chairman of the Associated Koi Clubs of America ([www.akca.org](http://www.akca.org)), says. "Before they ever start, my strongest suggestion is to join a Koi club. They get to see a different pond every month in someone's home. They get to see all the pond designs."

Koi ponds range in size and expense. Ballou has three ponds, including a swimming pool he converted into a 22,250-gallon pond for about \$60,000. A beginner might have to sink a few thousand into a do-it-yourself 3,000-gallon pond. But it's worth the cost – and patience – required to get it right. "People who go out dig a hole and put a liner in, they're going to have nothing but nightmares," Ballou says.

"A Koi pond is great relaxation," Ballou says. "I can go out there and sit and look at the fish. It's very good to reduce stress and strain." And it's a joy that can be shared. That first Koi brought home by Ballou nearly 40 years ago, is the only one in his pond with a name. "My youngest son named this particular fish David," Ballou recalls. "I didn't have the heart to tell him David was a girl."

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In addition to the peace and tranquility of Pond Keeping, spending time with your Koi can be equally rewarding. Koi are very sociable and love a crowd of friends. They are less apt to be shy when they are in a large group.

Your Koi will eat from your hand, provided you have the patience to

earn their trust and friendship. Here are a few helpful hints:

- Feed them in the same place every time.
- Drop a small handful of pellets and stay there to observe.
- The bravest or hungriest will start to eat and the rest will follow.
- They must see you when they eat.
- Don't walk away from the pond before they start to eat.
- Withhold food for a day if they won't eat in front of you.

Gradually, the Koi will equate you with food. This usually takes

about 3 to 5 days. Tease them closer with small sprinklings of food. Put your hands in the water while they eat. The Koi will learn that food comes from your hand. Start with just a few pellets. The bravest Koi will soon be nudging your hand. It is only a matter of time and all of your fish will swimming, jumping and splashing toward you every time you walk by the pond.

**Koi Feeding Guide**

A Koi's metabolism functions best at temperatures above 70° F. High protein foods are difficult to digest when the water falls below 65° F. However, Koi still need sufficient carbohydrates for energy when water temperatures are low. This is particularly true for Koi less than 1 year old. Squash, bread, peas, citrus fruits, and watermelon are good sources of carbohydrates. Never overfeed your fish! Koi do not have a stomach. Feed smaller quantities more frequently for better nutritional absorption.

Feed only as much as the fish will eat in about 3-5 minutes. Koi pellets should be fresh and used within three months to prevent oxidation of the food.

**IKS GENERAL MEETING ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008 ~ RIVERSIDE**

The August General Meeting was held at Pat and Jerry Mall's home in the avocado groves between Temecula and Fallbrook. The day was pretty hot, but the area cooled noticeably when the sun went down behind the hills. The setting was beautiful. There were 72 people present, including 18 visitors. Several people attended as a result of the publicity in the Press Enterprise. Gene opened the meeting with a welcome to all the visitors and new members. After the meal break, Jerry talked about their pond. The pond is about 2 ½ years old, concrete construction with natural rock surround, about 12,000 gallons, maximum depth of 5 ½ feet. The pond has 2 sets of gravity fed Nexxus filters, and UV lights. The system has a back-up generator, and an auto-fill device. The pond designer and builder, Dave Gonzalez was present at the meeting. He was in the area helping another member build a pond. Jerry estimated it took about 1 ½ years to design and build the pond. The pond is home to 28 beautiful fish.

Larry Leverett then talked about the AKCA and introduced Tom Ross as the new Vice Chairman of the AKCA. Tom is also a Koi Health Advisor. The AKCA, Associated Koi Clubs of America, has about 10,000 members in 105 clubs in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. The AKCA is the parent organization our club belongs to. They provide insurance for club events, print the magazine, Koi USA, and organize the annual seminars with the help of a local club. The next AKCA Seminar will be in February 2009, in San Diego. Tom gave a short speech, mostly emphasizing the need for all club members to subscribe to the magazine, Koi USA, because that is where the funding for the AKCA comes from. The AKCA puts on the annual seminars, funds the judges training program, and funds the Koi Health Advisor program, as well as providing event insurance for the local clubs.

Gene then talked about the upcoming bus tour. The bus tour will be held on September 21. The tour will include a breakfast at the Scott Marrin Company, bus transportation to several ponds and a dealer in Orange County, water and drinks for the trip, and transportation back to the Scott Marrin Company.

The next regular meeting will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>, at Tom and Zuma Ross' house. At that time we will be nominating members for the Kelly Houston Koi Person of the Year. We will also be picking the Koi of the Year for our local club. Please have your nominations and pictures of your favorite fish ready.

The speaker for the meeting was Shawn McHenry from Mystic Koi. He talked about "How to Select Quality Koi." He also provided pictures of several fish that included a picture of the fish when he purchased it, and the same fish two years later to show how the color and confirmation developed in the two years. When a person picks out a young fish, the fishes body shape, including head shape and fin size will determine how the fish will develop as it matures. If the head is more triangular, the fish will be smaller as an adult than a fish with a broad head and rounded mouth. The width at the back of the head, the "shoulders" is also important. The "shoulders" should be wide and muscular. The fins should be held horizontal, and should be in proportion to the body, the bigger the better. The examples he used were all Shiro Utsuri which are black and white fish. Two types of black, tetsu sumi and asagi sumi, were discussed. Tetsu sumi is smooth and shiny in appearance. Asagi sumi is expressed on the scales. The scales are more grey or dark in the center, and lighter on the edges. Showa and Utsuri varieties take about 5 years to reach full color development. Both these types are black to begin with. The white color and the pattern develop with time. From the pictures of the Shiro Utsuri, color development includes a lot of changes in both the placement and the amount of the black. Shawn indicated that if a fish has black eyes, black will develop on its head. Concrete ponds are better for black color development. A question and answer period followed the presentation. The audience appeared to pay attention, and there were many questions.

After the conclusion of Shawn's presentation, the raffle was done. Jerry Mall called out the numbers, and Mary Leever passed out the prizes. The meeting was then concluded.

Zuma Ross, IKS Secretary



We wish to express our thanks to all who helped make the 2008 IKS Koi Pond Garden Tour possible; the Tour Committee, the Businesses that supported us, the Pond Owners, the Faithful Members, and to Visitors. You helped the decision of donating profits from this year's tour to the Corona-Norco Animal Shelters become a reality

*Gene Maingot, IKS President and Mark Krakower, 2008 Pond Tour Chairman*



Photography by Tim Law





Visions of the 2008 AKCA Seminar photographed by NFKC, Larry Leverett and Nick Milfeld.



St. Augustine city tour and the oldest



IKS and friends group



St. Augustine—The fort and one of the



Gene & Cecilia Maingot accepting 2nd Place



Boardwalk at dusk. We always get adopted by someone; this lady was the only one attending from her club.



Workshops and meals



Florida sand chickens



The water was warm!



IKS chosen Kai People of 2008, Theo & Jeannie Zoetemelk



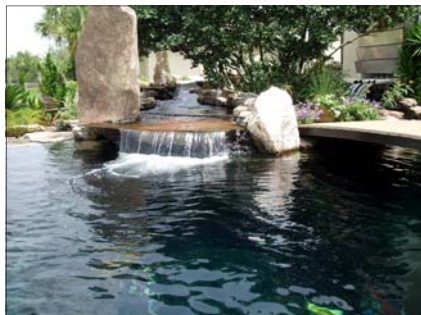
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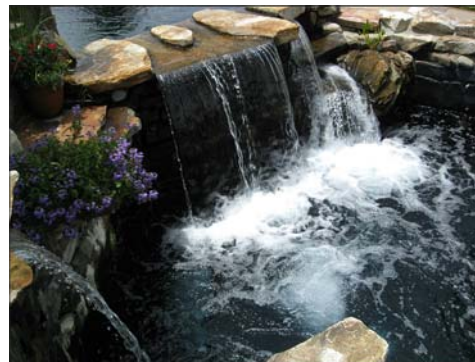
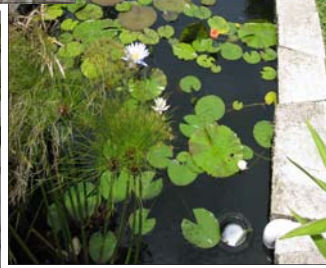
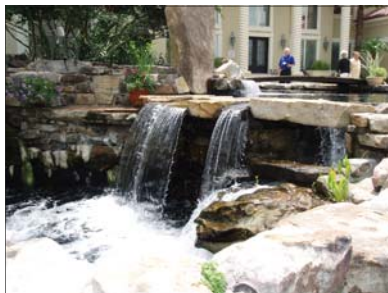
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Well, I put out a message to send me pictures of your travels this year so I could let members know "Where IKS Travels" and I got ONE response before this newsletter went to print. Thank you from the bottom of this Editor's heart Phil and Rachel Hunter! Hopefully you will inspire others to e-mail me with THEIR pictures in a jpeg format [JENNIFERDL1950@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:JENNIFERDL1950@HOTMAIL.COM) so I can print more in the October or November Inland Koi Connection!



Danielle Annelise was born Monday, February 4, 2008 at 11:16 AM. She weighed 8 lbs 4 oz and was 21 inches long.

I, Debby Leverett, got to go to TEXAS in February this year to help my youngest daughter and welcome our 10<sup>th</sup> grandchild.

"TEXAS WAS MARVELOUS!" Yes; I even did the newsletter while staying there...

Danielle is 7 weeks old here and beginning to smile.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these..."

Matthew 19:14



"In January, 2008, Phil and Rachel Hunter went to AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND. This photo was taken from the Oceana cruise ship "Nautica", as it left Sydney harbor on the first day of the cruise."

FLORIDA: As our venerable President wrote last month, "Twelve of our club members (who could be described somewhere between the 12 Apostles and the Dirty Dozen)...yes, 12 hardy members made the journey across the country, not only to face a variety of weather and travel challenges, but to have a darn good time."



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<b>September 28</b>	<b>Trip to Greater Orange County Area</b> Rented van transportation. 10 persons per van	IKS BUS TRIP 2008	Oct. 1
<b>October 26</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Zuma Ross</b> 11830 Ridgecrest Drive Riverside, CA 92505		Oct. 29
<b>November 23</b> <i>Thanksgiving 11/27</i>	<b>Mac &amp; Jill McClain</b> 16130 Red Pony Lane, Riverside, 92504 (951) 398-7048	Elections, Koi person of the year 2009, Koi of the Year 2009	Nov. 26?
<b>December 2008</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>	<b>No meeting until Jan. 25, 2009</b>	<b>Adjourned until Jan. 2009</b>



**Sept. 27-28, 2008:** The Camellia Koi Club established in the Sacramento Valley in 1968 is again hosting a FREE koi show at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville, CA, Saturday and Sunday Sept 27-28, 2008. In keeping

with the club's non-profit educational mission to promote good koi husbandry and show koi, the Combined Koi Show will have FREE admission and FREE parking for all. Vendors from around the country will answer questions and display products ranging from pond building, filters and equipment, maintenance items, special koi food, and live koi to beautiful artwork. Even the educational lectures are at no cost along with the two local Bonsai Clubs demonstrating and showing the beauty of their skills. [www.camelliakoi.org](http://www.camelliakoi.org)

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05-28	<b>LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR</b> ~ Pomona Fairplex 1101 West McKinley Avenue, Pomona, 91768 (909) 623-3111 <a href="http://www.lacountyfair.com">www.lacountyfair.com</a>
<b>21</b>	<b>IKS TRIP ~ 8:00 am - 5:30 pm</b> Van trip to two ponds in Fountain Valley, one in Costa Mesa, one in Westminster. For further information contact Jack Marrin at (909) 792-3603
22	<b>FIRST FULL DAY OF FALL</b> ~  Fall
25-28	<b>LOS ANGELES KOREAN FESTIVAL</b> ~ 3250 San Marino St. Los Angeles, California 90010. (213) 487-9696 <a href="http://www.lakoreanfestival.com">www.lakoreanfestival.com</a>
27-28	<b>SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB SHOW</b> ~ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm <a href="http://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com">www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com</a>
27-28	<b>2008 SACRAMENTO COMBINED KOI SHOW</b> ~ Hosted by Camellia Koi Club. Garry Chin (916) 922-2525 <a href="http://www.camelliakoi.org">www.camelliakoi.org</a>
Oct 01	<b>IKS BUSINESS MEETING</b> ~ 7 pm / <i>All members of IKS welcome!</i> 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Gene Maingot at (951) 272-4450.

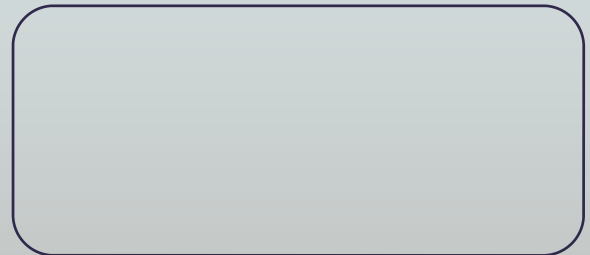
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3-5	<b>SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FAIR</b> ~ Quail Botanical Gardens Orchid Show and Plant Sale. 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, <a href="http://www.qbgardens.org">www.qbgardens.org</a> (760)436-3036x206
5	<b>JAPAN AMERICAN KITE FESTIVAL</b> ~ See information to the left. Free Admission.
09	<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> ~ The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) is the Jewish New Year.
10	<b>AKCA BOARD MEETING</b> ~ 7pm / 529 E. Blueridge Ave Orange, CA 92867 / Call Kelly Houston at (909) 885-2503 for more information.
13	<b>COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED</b> ~ Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas, which happened on October 12, 1492 in the Julian calendar
16	<b>NATIONAL BOSS DAY</b> ~ It has traditionally been a day for employees to thank their boss for being kind and fair throughout the year.
17-19	<b>BAKERSFIELD KOI &amp; WATER GARDEN SOCIETY</b> ~ Koi show held at Kern County Fairgrounds Gene Cope (661) 399-6195
20	<b>PUMPKIN PICKING</b> ~ at Riley's Farm / Mon- Friday 10-5 Saturday 9-5 Closed Sundays / 12261 S. Oak Glen Road - Oak Glen, CA 92399 909-790-TIME
<b>26</b>	<b>IKS GENERAL MEETING &amp; POTLUCK</b> ~ <b>2-5pm</b> . At the home of Tom & Zuma Ross in Riverside. For more info, contact Kelly Houston (909) 885-2503.
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31	<b>Happy Halloween</b> <b>TRICK OR TREAT!</b>

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IKS has the opportunity to visit the pond of Mark and Charlene Whelan in Fountain Valley.



These pictures do not do justice to the entire feeling of the Ballou pond's. If you can imagine you are lost on a lush island, your dream would still not compare to this oasis.



The winding paths throughout contain the most extensive array of plants and exquisite koi you'll ever see. The moral is to never pass up a pond tour!

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