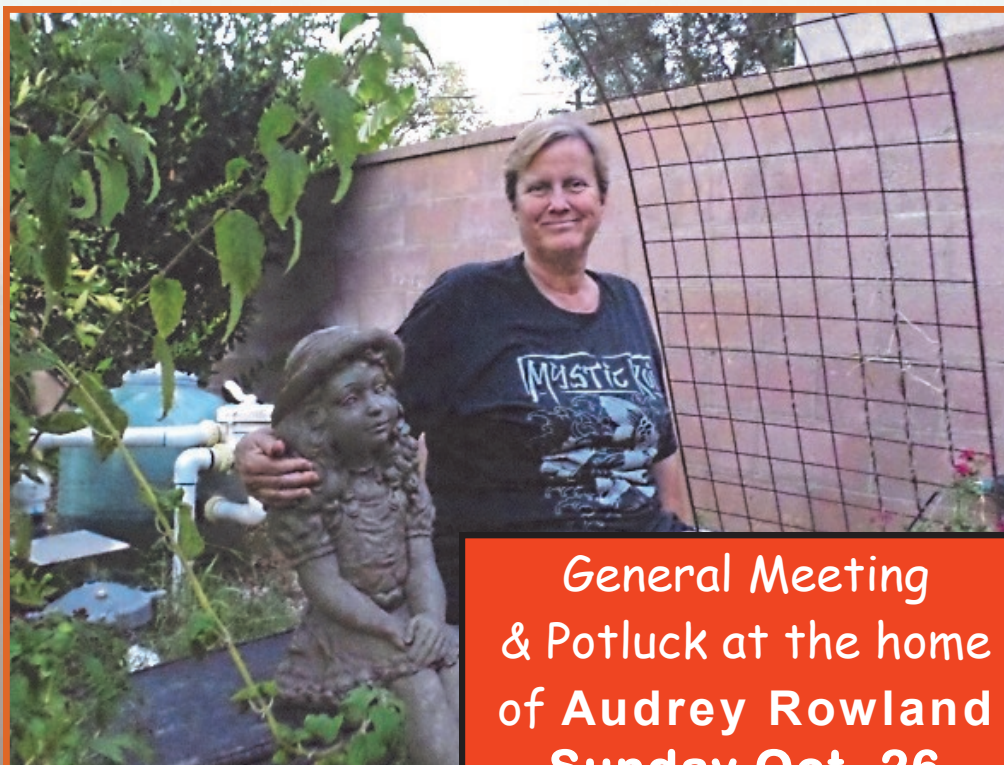


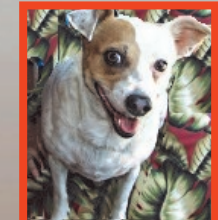
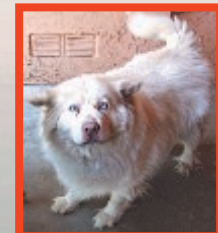
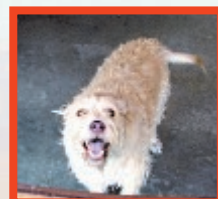
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General Meeting
& Potluck at the home
of Audrey Rowland
Sunday Oct. 26
2-5 pm



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We had the privilege of having our September meeting at the beautiful home of Richard and Dee Dee Henry. In addition to their beautiful home, the Henrys have a lovely tropical inspired backyard, with the back drop of a koi pond, swimming pool, spa, basketball court, and a separate building that is a bathroom complete with a shower. Not only were the Henrys gracious enough to allow us into their home, but they also provided delicious BBQ, cooked by Richard's brother, who is a caterer. As you can imagine everything was splendid.

It is obvious that they have put a lot of thought, work, and money into this grand setting. The koi pond is four and a half feet deep with 5000 gallons of water. The pond is filled with very vibrant colorful koi that accent the entire back yard. Richard gave a very informative talk on the building of his pond and had photos of the pond building on display.

I had the honor of presenting a plaque to Sandy and Orville Hanson for the 2014 Koi of the Year. I welcomed the new members and guests that attended the meeting. I would like to thank our guests and hopefully potential new members, Larry and Mona Perez, and Gerald Reyes for attending. Also, present were new members, Jim and Tess Poyle, who just received their new Inland Koi Society name tags.

We did not have a guest speaker this month and chose to go with the always popular "expert panel" to take questions from the audience. I would like to thank the panel members Spike Cover, Ed Kushner, Larry Leverett, Mark Krakower, and Theo Zoetemelk, for sharing their knowledge and to our members and guests for their great questions.

Although, I kept busy moving the microphone from the audience to the panel, the session was interactive and informative.

Our October meeting will be held at the home of Audrey Rowland and our November meeting will be our holiday feast meeting and will be held at the home of Jerry and Pat Mall. The Malls will provide the main dish of turkey. We have a sign up list going around the get the names of people attending, and the side dishes you will be bringing for November. You can email Peggy Milfeld your information or sign up at the October meeting.

November's meeting will feature nominations and elections for our 2015 Board of Directors. I truly encourage everyone to get more involved and join the board. We have four openings that need to be filled.

Thank you to Erika Henry and Cody, for stepping in for Rob and Deanna Fales, and coordinating the raffle.

Finally, you probably noticed that our board member and 2014 Koi Person of the Year, Pete Miles, was missing from the meeting. Well this was because Pete was out helping one of our members, Armand Blais, who is having problems with his filtration system. This is one of the many reasons why Pete was selected as the Koi Person of the Year. He is always willing to take the time to assist our members. *Enoch "Mac" McClain, IKS Pres.*

Thought of the month: "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope." - Martin Luther King Jr.

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The first thing you notice when you turn onto Audrey Rowland's street is that it is totally tree-lined and very quiet — you can even hear the wind whispering through the trees creating a peaceful first impression. Audrey's house is a terra-cotta color adobe style house and, as you walk up the drive, her wooden gate welcomes you into her backyard. On each side on the way are a couple of planter boxes where this vegan grows her kale, chard, asparagus, and assorted herbs like basil, rosemary, thyme, and parsley. She says being a vegan forces you to do your own cooking to get what you want and have it taste good as well.

How did she get started with koi? Ever since she was young, Audrey has appreciated koi and wanted her own pond. She first saw koi in the Japanese Tea Garden at the Huntington Library and Gardens, and later saw a large indoor pond in a Japanese restaurant. Audrey's sister had a koi pond, but was unsuccessful with it: it was a liner pond and her dogs tore it up trying to play with the koi. Audrey took the koi home and put them in a container (way too small without proper air supply) and had tragic results. She realized that next time she would need a real koi pond.

Audrey's pond is 3½ to 4 feet deep, a 9 x 12 rectangle in shape, which contains about 3000 gallons. It is two years old and simple in design with a 3-foot wide waterfall in the right corner of the pond. This generates plenty of oxygen into the water. Small slate tiles provide the trim on the pond across the front and along the sides. A good-sized sitting Buddha statue has joined a lantern on the left side of the pond as you enter the yard. Audrey has nine large (18-20 inches) and about 10 small koi, but we could not see them all; the water is murky, and she was going to clean the pond and flush the filtration system.

A "Bargain Basement Concrete Pond" was all Audrey could afford and it was built by a "concrete guy," not a normal "pond guy." She had him put in a bottom drain, but the floor is not sloped and does not drain as well as it should. Very soon she had a lot of string algae. Her original five koi from Mystic Koi were soon joined by five more. They spawned and there you have it — a *koi population explosion*. She was worried about this overcrowding and the ammonia situation..

Scott Zehm improved the filtration system: the biofilter is a Russell Water Gardens Hydro Vortex™ bead filter, and she has a pre-filter. There is Savio skimmer with pads that provide mechanical and some additional biological filtration.

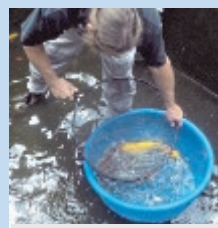
Kyle her youngest son just started law school at Chapman and Jason is a supervising financial analyst.

Whether sitting at the table on the patio or in her favorite swing, enjoying the breeze should be enough for relaxing entertainment, but you are also treated to the sounds of her wind chime collection. We spent more time there in silence than is natural for me, just listening to those chimes and savoring the breeze coming through the area. As we sat there, my eyes wandered further, exploring her surface collection.

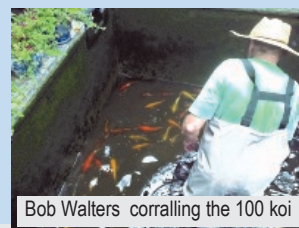
Then we walked around her yard and Audrey pointed out some of her other collections. There are frogs and pigs of all types, sizes and shapes. She has planted nine assorted fruit trees, as well as her Springtime favorites, a lilac tree and star jasmine. The real stars of the show, however, are her three dogs, Yojimbo, Daisy, and Satchel. They will be kept in their room during the meeting so neither guests nor dogs will get too excited over each other.

Audrey loves her back yard and enjoys sitting in her patio swing each evening, listening to the sounds of the wind chimes. She now has 13 planting beds on the side of her house to serve her Vegan appetite. Last year her pond was overcrowded and although she thought her koi spawnings produced 40-60 koi babies (she could not tell since the water was so cloudy), a few of our members came to her rescue and cleaned out the pond yielding over 100 8-10" koi which she quickly got rid of through an advertisement on Craig's List. With the pond thinned out and the water cleared up, Audrey hosted our July 13th meeting, last year. Here are some photos of the koi rescue performed by Bob Walters, Bob Henry, Larry Leverett, Orville and Sandy Hanson, and Pete Miles. **Please note:** This meeting will be at "Regular Time" — starting at 2 pm. Remember your chairs and potluck items!

See you there in cooler weather. ~Pete Miles, Newsletter Editor



Bob Henry tubbing a koi



Bob Walters corralling the 100 koi



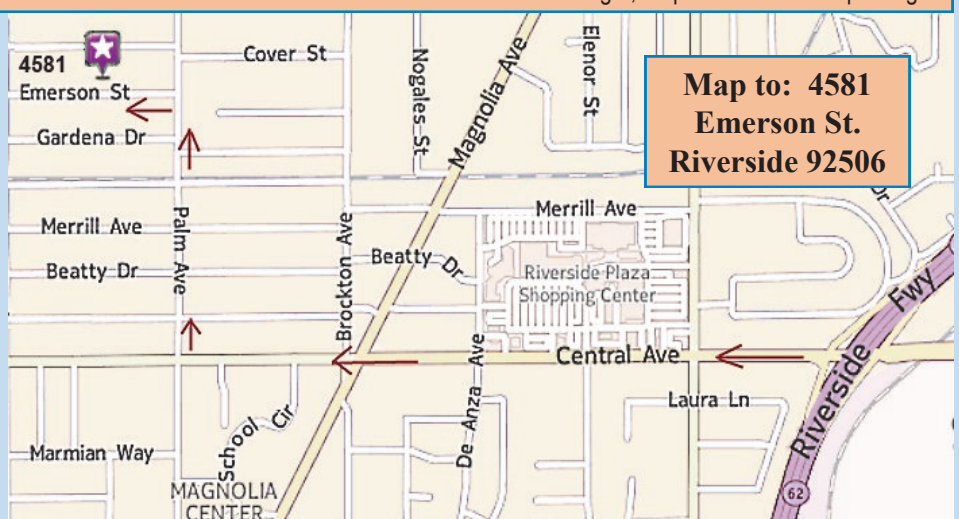
A few of the soon to be over 100 koi



Larry and Pete assist Orville with koi

Koi
Rescue at
Audrey's
Pond.
July 2013

Directions: 91 FWY, exit at Central Ave, drive past the shopping center, turn right on Palm, cross the railroad tracks and turn left on Emerson. House is on the right; ample shaded street parking.



Map to: 4581
Emerson St.
Riverside 92506



When considering buying a pond vacuum, the best way to decide which one is by talking with someone who owns one, and even better using it yourself. I knew Audrey Rowland had one and uses it to clean her pond, which tends to have a lot of debris on the bottom due to the huge amount of fish she has kept. I asked Audrey if she could bring it to a club meeting in her Prius. She lifted it out of the hatchback by herself, and easily pulled it along the sidewalk to give it to me so I could load my truck. It is easy to handle and move around; really important when you're going to vacuum an entire pond with it. My pond is 2 feet above the ground and 2 1/2 feet below, and I thought this would present some real challenges to using this vacuum successfully. However the literature online easily solved it by telling me I had to put the vacuum on the stand at least at water level. Once I did this everything worked fine and suction was strong.

Because my pond had sat with only a foot of water in it for over a month, and was formerly contained koi, imagine what was on the bottom of it. Not only that, but there were some dead algae on the sides below the waterline still remaining, and on the sides above which I just sprayed with hydrogen peroxide and water, that the vacuum took right off. The floor cleaned up very well and using extensions I was able to go across width of the pond and along the length, side walls and floor. The flexible head for flat surfaces with a brush kept moving along, picking up everything.

This product worked actually as advertised and it took less than a half-hour to vacuum my entire small pond which is basically 8 x 12 and about 3 feet of sidewalk that I had to vacuum. Even with a bottom drain you're going to have some dead spots in most cases and stuff is going to accumulate on the floor the pond and the side-walls that you want to get rid of. Solution in this case is the OSE PondoVac 4. Another option: drain your pond completely, get out the scrub brushes, scrub away, and wipe off using sponges and rags. Having done this before and taking hours to do so, I think the PondoVac is the better way to go. Is it worth the \$379 advertised?

Yes, if you can afford it and you need to do a thorough cleaning of your sidewalls and pond bottom. Probably the biggest advantage is that you don't have to drain the water from the pond, the fish could actually still be in it, and it doesn't disturb the koi because it's not really noisy and it's a very quiet unit with its operating. And it picks up the leaves, debris and small stones that settle there.

Pete Miles, IKS Newsletter Editor



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Richard & Dee Dee Henry's home is in a quiet two-story neighborhood of newer Norco that bows to *Horse Town USA* standards with equestrian paths on one side of the streets, leaving the other side to people. Dee Dee was quick to choose the people side to try to minimize the dust in her home, but had to admit that when the Santa Ana winds blow through, all of Norco is a dustbowl!

Instead of setting up a buffet indoors, Dee Dee used three tabletop *Dura-tents* that kept most of the food fully enclosed and protected from flies. One fit on a 6-foot banquet table (62"x28"x36" tall) and two smaller ones (each 36"x22"x 25" tall) fit on another table. They were like miniature dome tents, with lift-up flaps on both long sides. A wonderful idea for outdoor dining and camping (*and I could just picture two little kids in the big one, napping without bug bites!*)

Chatting about the pond, Richard admitted to having a recent water quality problem, his treatment of which turned the water green. He has been trying to get the filtration right with an inefficient 3" bottom drain; most recently he has added a Vortex/settling chamber. Two deep block-walled pits enclosing equipment were left uncovered so all could see in, and I wondered at the tightness of the space allowed for working in them. It will be interesting to see how creative Richard will be in making covers for the pits; the yard is designed for entertaining, so perhaps they will become removable tabletops or extra seating....

Hidden Valley Golf Course, just over the ridge from the Henrys, has several ponds—and resident herons and egrets that terrorize local koi ponds. Because of their daily 4AM breakfast visits, this pond is covered with netting. (*Richard was quick to warn others that such a net must be taut and secured at least 8" above the water surface because the herons can and will walk the net; and if they spear a fish through it, they will be unable to pull it out, leaving it behind and injured.*) One of the visiting egrets is bold enough to let Richard get within five feet of it, then it tries to attack!

Announcements from Mac began with introductions of our visitors, **Larry & Mona Perez** and **Gerald Reyes**, and **Jim & Tess Poyle**, who visited and joined last month. **Ed Kushner** wants to hear from members who want to help with Koi Rescue; give him a call, learn how to do it, and maybe take home a nice fish. **Jerry & Pat Mall** will host in November; see me next meeting or call me to sign-up for which part of the pot-luck feast you'll bring, and we need a reservations count so Pat will have enough turkey ordered. We will also be electing directors and officers then; call Mac and offer to get more involved! Finally **Sandy Hanson** received her AKCA award for being voted *Koi Person of the Year 2014*; **Pete Miles** was helping **Armand Blais** with his pond and so will get his *Koi Person of the Year* award next month.

Responding to a lot of koi questions, Mac called five of our most knowledgeable members—**Spike Cover**, **Mark Krakower**, **Ed Kushner**, **Larry Leverett** and **Theo Zoetemelk**—to get answers. **1**Can you use *Amquel* in a new filter system, or seed the system with *biologicals*? Spike said *Chloromax*, *Ultimate* and such are a good idea at first, plus some salt to protect the fish; salting is a big topic, so study up first or ask for specific help. **Gerald Reyes** is finishing a pond: **2**Once the pond is full of water, do I just throw in a bunch of koi?

Discussion jumped to selecting koi, with a lot of sage advice given. Larry learned from Burt Ballou to view a small fish as a balloon

and imagine it being inflated, the pattern expanding; but don't look only at pattern—see personalities and qualities you can't judge. Spike added a mantra from Bob Spindola: "*Pay for red; bet on the black and white.*" You don't get any more red than you start with, but black and white can improve over time. Called back to the question, the guys were asked to explain maturing the filter through the scary green water cycle. *Oh that!* Gerald was warned that the pond will turn a murky green as excessive microscopic phytoplankton (algae) "bloom"; even with a properly-sized biologic converter/filtration system, most ponds will go through a green cycle until the system balances out. Larry and Theo emphasized not to use water changes to clear green water; a large water change generally makes it worse and it cycles again. It can take months to find balance.

How **3**Where can we post questions for the panel to answer? Mac said send them to him and he'll pass them on. *Koiphen.com* is also an excellent resource with an open forum for questions. **4**What's the life cycle of a koi, age before spawning? Koi may be mature in two to three years and able to spawn, but you may not get babies; koi eat most of the eggs. Larry explained a spawn cycle: The female may drop up to 300,000 eggs; you'll know which she is because the males will be chasing her all around the pond, pressing into her to expel the eggs. Viable eggs that survive will hatch in 7-10 days; once recognizable as a fish, they won't be eaten. You may find babies first in your filter.

Ended with **Larry Perez's** query of **5**How do you deal with power outages? In the recent deluge, some areas lost power for two hours; there is usually enough residual oxygen from a good waterfall to keep the koi 4-5 hours. Many keep a portable generator and battery-run airstone. The bio-filter can go 4-6 hours without oxygen before it goes anaerobic. Ed noted that heat of the day, fish load, pond depth all come into play; a back-up generator is a good investment, even for the house.

6Does a hard rain aerate the water? Spike noted that the interface is the water surface, so yes, but our atmosphere is so dirty that rain can pollute—especially if it washes off trees overhanging the pond. Most experts recommend a water change after a rain to restore balance. Test it!

Never run out of questions, only time! The quirk of a panel is that those newest to koi lead the discussion and the rest of us are challenged by a refresher course in basics. We'll want to hear from Gerald again when he gets his pond finished. Maybe he'll have us over...?

Raffle time always closes a meeting, and it was fun to have **Erica Henry** and friend **Cody** call the numbers. **Rob & Deanna Fales** and kids were excused: they were moving daughter **Carrie** into a dorm at UC Davis over the weekend. The Fales enjoy shopping for gifts, but remember: anyone can donate prizes and receive a free ticket for each.

You have to understand how much our hosts appreciate the ease of having 50-plus people over when you watch how quickly everyone pitches in to clean up after a meeting. In no time at all there's no evidence we were there—except maybe a full trash can! Rob will be planning meetings for next year soon, so consider offering to host one. The first to volunteer gets first choice of dates. See you next month at Audrey Rowland's pond in Riverside.

~ Peggy Milfeld

September birthdays: **Tom Wright** (9/6), **Pat Sharpe**, **Ruby Krause** and **Tom Ross**. Hope it was a great month for all!

*Anyone interested in Dee Dee's table-top tents, you can find them at www.picnicpal.com. There are ice trays that fit inside them, too, and all at very reasonable prices.



How to Find (& FIX) A Pond Leak!

While some water loss in a water garden is normal due to evaporation and sometimes splash out (up to 1 1/2"), significant loss can be a problem. The first, and usually most difficult, step in fixing a leak in a koi pond is to actually find the leak. Follow these steps to make the job of finding a pond leak a little more efficient.

Step A in Finding a Pond Leak

Turn off the pump. *Note: keep pond aerated.* If your water level continues to drop, skip to Step C and then continue the search for your pond leak. If the water level stays the same see Step B.

Step B in Finding a Pond Leak

You have now determined that the leak is not in the main basin pond. Now you need to narrow it down a bit further. The pond leak is either in the plumbing or in the waterfall / stream. Closely inspect your plumbing, particularly at any joints, make sure there is no leakage here. Next, inspect your waterfall and stream for leaks. Most of the time, the problem is caused by plant matter or other obstructions raising the water level behind the weir and causing an overflow over the liner. Perhaps a stone has settled or your pond liner has slipped below water level in an area. If it hasn't rained in a few days, check around the perimeter for a wet spot. If you find one, you have a good idea of where to look closer for the source of the leak. If you still have not found the problem use the ideas in Step C in the streambed.

Step C in Finding a Pond Leak

At this point, you have determined that the leak is in the pond itself. Leave the pump off and allow the pond to continue to leak until it stops. If it does not stop before reaching a level dangerous to fish and plants, you will need to temporarily remove them from the pond.



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While the water level is dropping, check around the edges to make sure that the pond liner has not sunken down or rocks have not been displaced. When the water reaches the point where it is no longer dropping it will be necessary to closely inspect the liner all along this water level to find the source of your pond's leak. You should be looking for any irregularity in the pond liner from a large gash or a tiny pinprick. For fast leaks you can try putting some milk in a squirt bottle and spraying into the water at the edges of the pond. The milk will cloud the water where there is no hole. It will flow toward the hole, if there is one. This method will not work for slow leaks.

Once you have found the source of your pond leak it is time to make repairs. If it was just a displaced liner, move everything back into place. If a hole was found in the pond liner, you can patch it following our Splicing and Patching Instructions.

Courtesy of *The Water Garden* website. Visit it soon!

<http://www.watergarten.org/Pond-Info/find-a-leak>

A IKS member's own experience with a pond leak that took a month and 4 attempts to find and fix.

Anybody who has a liner pond fears that drastic experience of looking at your pond one morning and realizing that it has 4 to 6 inches less water than it did the night before. You replace the water and it happens again the next night and so on. The biggest question that never seems to get answered is what caused the leak in the first place. If you don't know this, and repair your pond leak, how do you know you won't have another very soon? I followed the advice of the websites, of my fellow Koi club members, pond supply dealers, and racked my own pea brain but my answer was nowhere to be found.

After multiple attempts and repairs, taking over one month to complete, testing and still losing 500 to 600 gallons of water each time through the continued leaks and draining to make further repairs, the answer came in usual way through a lesson in water mechanics given to me by "Koi Jack" at the San Diego Koi club meeting I attended. There was only one possible source left for my leak after I made three other repairs, which included sealing off those possible leak culprits. How could a leak be caused from a source well below the water level where the leak stops is the question I asked. Jack's simple answer was "fluid mechanics." Heavy water said he, can push UP under the liner and force the water to flow out until the pressure equals out. A 15 minute repair solved this month - long, big water bill problem. All has been well for three weeks now—no more leaks—fish and I are happy again!



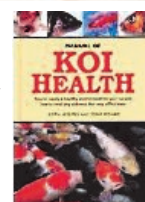
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4th Sunday			
October 26	Audrey Rowland-Riverside	Panel of IKS Experts will answer your questions	October 29
November 23	Jerry & Pat Mall-Temecula	Holiday Banquet- new officer recommendations	December 3
January 25	Edward Dean Museum - Cherry Valley	First Meeting of 2015 new board member induction and awards.	January 28

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Fall is my favorite time of the year, when the nights get cool. It means winter is coming! Doing your pond fall care is likely not high on your list of things to do but the BENEFITS of performing a few simple chores on your pond are big!

Save money, time and energy next spring when you do your Fall Pond Care according to schedule. <http://theponddigger.com/>

Ensure that your pond will look amazing for Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day while providing a healthy habitat for your Koi and other pond inhabitants over the winter months.

Thinning out your aquatic plants in the Fall is much easier to do before the end of winter! Did you know during the winter your aquatic plants focus all of their energy on their root system mass!

Consider these 5 HELPFUL POND MAINTENANCE TIPS to keep your pond ecologically balanced through winter - ultimately your holiday season.

1. Switch to COLD TEMPERATURE Beneficial Bacteria (dose as directed for your size pond). Once your pond stays below 60 degrees for the winter we recommend switching to our Cold Water Beneficial Bacteria. Beneficial pond bacteria plays a key role in koi pond and water garden care. Our Cold Water Beneficial Bacteria will eat away at sludge on the bottom of your pond during the winter and help keep your pond crystal clear and healthy.
2. Reduce your fish feeding regimen. As your water temperature drops below 65 degrees the metabolism of your fish slows down. Start feeding your fish just a couple of times a week. Our Cold Temperature Fish Food is specially formulated for the spring & fall. LOW PROTEIN and HIGH CARBS are a must at this time of the year. Stop feeding your fish completely when water temperatures fall below 50 degrees. If you don't have a thermometer for your pond, for goodness sakes, get one!
3. String algae—make pond maintenance easy; you can use The Pond Digger Rock and Waterfall Scrubber once a month as preventative pond care to help control undesirable string algae. Rock and Waterfall Scrubber will assist in the breakdown and reduction of debris in your streams, waterfalls and pond, thus reducing your pond maintenance needs. Dose as directed on the container for your size of pond.
4. Use The Pond Digger Liquid Barley Straw Extract. The effect of barley in your pond is an eco-friendly way to keep your pond in balance. Why use barley bales or barley pellets when it takes 4-6 weeks before it becomes effective? Use Barley Straw Extract treatments for fast results.
5. Trim your perennial aquatic plants that begin going dormant as the weather cools. Your aquatic plants aren't dying, but they may turn yellow or brown as they go dormant. You should trim back the yellowing leaves to prevent the fall out debris from building in the bottom of your pond. This simple trick will make your fish pond cleaning responsibilities easy.

This is a good time of the year to lightly clean out your biological waterfall filter and service your skimmer box and pump. Most of the material you read from pond equipment manufacturers suggests that you only service your biological waterfall filter once a year.

Koi Jack started this line of thinking at the Koi Club of San Diego meeting last month.



Jack said that we all worry so much about a thorough spring cleaning that we don't realize how much harm we're actually doing with an all-out springtime cleaning. Our koi immune systems are at their weakest and Aeromonas is at its strongest. We stir up everything that could possibly hurt our Koi. The biofilter hasn't begun to revive yet, so let's focus on doing our cleaning in the fall. Here are 5 points from the "Pond Digger" Eric Tippler that can help us get ready for the wintertime, and in turn spring.

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Benefits upon joining A Koi club:

1. A major advantage of belonging to a club or society is the pool of free resources available to a member. You will be able to get relevant advice and help about almost anything related to your hobby. I guarantee that at some stage another member has had the same issue or problem as you.
2. There is guaranteed to be a member who can get you better deals on products or has knowledge of the latest products available.
3. Koi clubs and Fish keeping societies often invite guest speakers to talk

about a particularly relevant topic or invite authors or famous faces in the hobby to offer guidance, advice and support.

4. Well organized Koi clubs and fish keeping societies will often have a full itinerary for the forthcoming year, prepared well in advance and we know the potlucks and meeting locations are fantastic. PLUS, we all leave with new ideas for our own ponds..

5. If you are into field trips or days out to visit other clubs or places of interest that relate to your hobby then joining a club or society also has a great social aspect to it. You never know you may meet a future partner or a life-long buddy.

Responsibilities you share as a active member:

1. Some of our members lack the physical strength to dig the granite, move the boulders or even properly tighten the pump housings, so our younger and stronger members should assist them.
2. Volunteers are what makes a club successful and our auctions, pond tours and meeting setups and takedowns always need help.
3. Often we have pond equipment— fittings, pipe, even filters and pumps just sitting in our garage and a member might need that piece but temporarily can't afford to buy a new one. Why not make them a deal they can't refuse and sell it to them for a smile.
4. Your support and expertise and willingness to make suggestions can save the newbies valuable time and dollars as they build or rebuild their ponds. Why not let them learn from your mistakes instead of their own?
5. Thank your board members, auction chair and committee, pond tour organizers, hosts and volunteers, or go even one step further and become part of these team that has made this one of the premier koi clubs in the U.S.A.

Nominations and elections will be held at our Thanksgiving meeting so let's give the outgoing folks thanks and offer to serve?

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2014

Coming Events

OCTOBER	13	COLUMBUS DAY ~ Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492
	19-	PELTZER FARM PUMPKIN PATCH ~ Temecula / 9 - 8 pm / Website: http://peltzerfarms.com/
	19	FALLBROOK HARVEST FAIRE ~ Over 150 scarecrows dot the town and a fun-filled event celebrates. Food, games, pony rides, petting zoo, crafts, music, hayrides, pumpkin contest - (760) 728-5845
	26	INLAND KOI SOCIETY MEETING & POTLUCK ~ 2:00-5:00 pm. Host - Audrey Rowland in Riverside For more info call Audrey (951) 233-3671
	29	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7pm / All members of IKS welcome! — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Mac McClain / (909) 225-2346

NOVEMBER	02	IT IS TIME ~ to "Fall Back!" Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 am
	23	IKS FINAL MEETING OF 2014 ~ Holiday side dishes needed by members / Jerry & Pat Mall's home in Temecula / Contact Peggy Milfeld for more information (951) 780-7395
	27	Thanksgiving

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- **AKCA Website** <http://www.akca.org/>
- **KoiClub of San Diego**
www.koiclubofsandiego.org
- **Nishiki KoiClub**
<http://www.nishikikoiclub.com/>
- **So Cal KoiClub**
www.akca.org/akca-koi-clubs/california/so-ca-koi-club/
- **Bakersfield Koi & Watergarden Society**
<http://www.bkwgs.com/index.html>
- **Inland KoiStore**
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