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November 20, 2011
IKS Holiday
Festival Meal
with Side Dish
Potluck - Last
General Meeting
of 2011
2:00-5:00 pm



Hosts: Pat & Jerry Mall



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The annual bus trip, on Saturday October 22, was a great visit to Sherman Library & Gardens, Fashion Island's food court and koi pond, and Roger's Gardens. Some of our members chose to drive directly to the sites to save time from where they lived. The Sherman Gardens had water garden ponds and hundreds of different plants that survive in the Southern California climate. Do-cent-led tours were provided and were very informative.

The Fashion Island koi pond had a modern theme, was beautiful and restful place to sit and enjoy. The koi were top drawer and very valuable; in fact, they have 24/7 security. The last stop was at Roger's Gardens, which is a commercial operation and nursery, etc. In keeping with the season, there were lots of Halloween and Christmas items. The trip was enjoyed by all.

Note: What is the difference between a Water Garden and a koi pond?

Both are a hole dug into the ground and filled with water. A pond left to itself will turn into a smelly, murky hole in your yard. The addition of fish turns it into a fish pond.

Water Garden Pond: Combination of aquatic plants, frogs, toads, newts, insects, birds etc and some time described as a wildlife pond. The plants are the center of attraction and setup to mimic nature.

Koi Pond: The central theme is the koi and the pond is acting as a reservoir; the koi are the center of attraction. A koi pond is a specialized area and the keepers are people who are spend a great deal of time and energy—and sometimes money—to provide a home for these beautiful creatures.

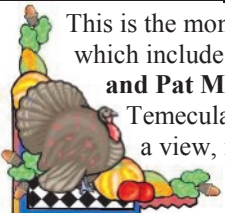
November 20 will be our Thanksgiving meeting at Jerry & Pat Mall's and should be as spectacular as last year. Remember, the turkey will be furnished but we are to bring everything else. Also, don't forget that there will be elections this meeting for the IKS board.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the November Thanksgiving meeting.

Dennis Lynaugh
Dennis Lynaugh - IKS President

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This is the month for our annual thanksgiving meeting, which includes the turkey feast. The hosts will be **Jerry and Pat Mall** at their beautiful home in the hills of Temecula. This home is a gorgeous two story with a view, incredible hand made patios -front and back-,and a beautiful Koi pond with the **NUMBER 1 KOI IN THE USA** as voted by the Associated Koi Club of America in 2010. This koi was also on the cover of KOI USA Magazine, so you can see it in person when you come to the November meeting.

Married for 38 years, the Malls grew up locally; they have six adult children who all live locally, plus four dearly loved grandchildren. Jerry and Pat had been living in Bloomington for about 25 years when they felt it was time for a change. They wanted to move to a place where there were more trees and more privacy. When they came upon this 20-acre avocado-and-citrus-grove property in Temecula which met both of the aforementioned criteria, they purchased their dream. Even though they have lived here for 12 years now, Jerry insists it is still a “work in progress...”

If you want to hear incredible stories of exotic places, talk with the Malls about their love of adventure traveling. They have been on all seven continents, and proof can be seen throughout the house: they have tastefully incorporated their own photographs into artfully framed pictures hanging on the walls. One example was taken in Rwanda in 1989 of a gorilla called “Big Daddy.” Pat referred to him as ‘a gentle creature.’ Other photographs were of giraffes, tigers, a leopard, elephants, and much more than I can list...

For the guys, Jerry has a six car garage and some great cars inside and you’ll love this: three of the bays had Dodge Vipers—an ’08, an ’05 and a ’98—and one of the bays is also a curtained car wash. And next to the garage is a full indoor racquetball court. Larry was busy talking with Jerry and said that he didn’t know if the house even has a kitchen, but who cares with those kinds of amenities!

Jerry and Pat are the owners of **K & N Filters**, which makes air filters for cars, trucks and buses among other things and securely employs approximately 600 people. Jerry has a racing team and he drives another Racing Dodge Viper. In one race three years ago, he had been doing over 220 mph, but when he was slowing to 170 the motor blew. The car flipped several times, yet Jerry was unhurt! Although he said he was tempting fate and has since backed off, he still has the racing team.

The Mall’s pond is a creation of beauty and love. Pat was interested, so Jerry and workers built it about five years ago. It took 1½ years of full-time workers to build the equipment and pond. The pond is 12,000 gallons with about a 5 foot depth. One of Jerry’s employees, by the name of Dave Gonzales, who now does polyurea pond coatings in Texas, designed the pond and filters, and it is a thing of beauty. The pump house has state-of-the-art equipment, Lim Pumps, ½ hp and 1 hp, 2 Nexus filters, 2 bubble bead filters, and 2 large UV sterilizers. There are four air pumps, two for the Nexus filters and two for the domes on the bottom drains.

There is a pergola built from old barn lumber from the mid-

west that covers the patio and part of the pond which makes you feel dreamy and want to sit, relax, and never leave. Plus, you can’t help but notice the detailed rock work continuously guiding you along the walkway, steps, pond and property. The retaining wall along the driveway could be called a work of art: it’s made out of boulders. BIG boulders.

This meeting will be from **2:00 to 5:00 PM**. If there is any rain, Pat has every thing well planned. They have room in the garage to set up inside if necessary, but the country side is so beautiful, she also has room outside towards the front entrance way. The garden is so beautiful and often there is a soft breeze, so you’ll be quite comfortable and the surroundings lush! This is a sit down dinner, with Pat & Jerry arranging for the turkey and supplying the tables and chairs, therefore you won’t need to bring any chairs this month. However! **It is important to make reservations, so Pat will know how much Turkey will be needed, please! Call Peggy Milfeld 951 780-7395 for more suggestions and information** on the holiday pot-luck sides to volunteer bringing for this month only! Besides your side dish, you might want to bring a jacket and maybe your camera. © We will not get together again, after this meeting, until January 2012.

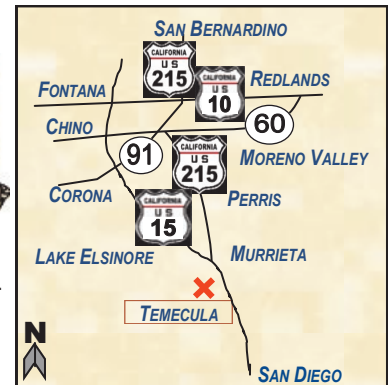
The Malls are soft spoken, compassionate people and Larry and I were quite honored to be let into their home, to learn a bit their of their lives, and to see their love of koi. You will feel honored and welcomed also when you experience their hospitality. We can’t express this enough...

*Debby & Larry Leverett,
IKS Newsletter Editors*



DIRECTIONS:

- ▶ Travel **I-15 S** toward San Diego.
- ▶ Exit **I-15** onto **RANCHO CALIFORNIA RD** and head west (right).
- ▶ Turn left at the dead end onto **DE LUZ RD.** continuing past two dips in the road.
- ▶ Turn right at **VIA LAS ROCAS** and continue up the long driveway to the end. Hopefully you will be guided where to park. Parking area is flat behind the house.





Elections Meeting

November will mark the end of our club year, as we won't meet during December. Part of our celebration of Thanksgiving will be the election of officers and directors for the coming year. There are several openings on the Board for the coming year, so if you have ever thought you might like to get more actively involved at that level in the club, we would encourage you to make that thought known to one of the members of the Nominating Committee — **Nick Milfeld, Larry Leverett, Jack Marrin, Rey Quirong** — and also to visit the next Board meeting.

Members are always welcome at board meetings, and are invited with no strings attached. You may sit in and have a voice in planning meetings; you may bring a concern before the board; you may just sit and listen to see if you like the way we do things... If you like us, consider joining us!

So what offices are open for 2012? Our board consists of 12 members:

- **President Dennis Lynaugh** was elected for one year and may serve two; he is seeking reelection.
- **Vice President Ed Kushner** was elected for one year and may serve two; because of his work commute and schedule, he will not seek reelection as VP, but will seek election as a director.
- The **Secretary** and **Treasurer** were elected last year for two years; they have another year to serve.
- **Newsletter Editor Debby Leverett** was reelected in 2009 for two years; she is due for reelection, but has far surpassed the maximum of eight years that she is allowed by the bylaws. Barring anyone wanting her job (anyone wish to volunteer as a trainee?), she may serve again.

Directors are elected for two-year terms and may serve eight years.

- **Bob Henry** has served two years; he is due for reelection.
- **Mac McClain** was appointed this year to finish out another's term; he may seek election for his first two-year term.
- **Mark Krakower, Nick Milfeld, Rey Quirong** are not due for reelection.
- **Mary Leever** and **Larry Wolf** are both leaving the board this year, so there are openings for new directors.

In addition to elected positions, there are many jobs open to **volunteers**:

- Raffle:** Mary has run the raffle for years but is bowing to back problems and will give it up. The raffle coordinator collects gifts and donations for each meeting, sets up the display, and is reimbursed by the club.
- Beverages:** are handled by a team of three who keep the club coolers full of sodas and waters for each meeting and of course, reimbursed.
- Theo Zoetemelk:** brings all the paper goods and supplies for our meal, but we could use a few people who attend regularly to take responsibility for setting up the buffet, arrange potluck items on the table, and clean up after.
- Inventory:** Needed to keep track of IKS equipment and where it is stored.
- Greeter:** Keeps attendance as members arrive. Help sell tickets for raffle and gives information as needed.
- Programs & Meetings** Help in the planning and ideas for each month.



The Nominating Committee recommends the following members (listed in red) for the offices indicated. They should be presented to the membership in the November newsletter and **be voted upon at the November IKS General Meeting**. The remaining names (in black) are continuing in office and will not be listed on a ballot. The Board may nominate someone if they have that person's agreement to the nomination.

We will ask for nominations (or volunteers) from the floor – for both officers and directors – before the vote is taken. If none are made we can leave the open director's seat to be filled later, for a one-year term, by appointment by the Board. Such appointment would not count as part of a term served after election, but that person could be on the ballot the next year to for a 2-year term.

If only one nomination from the floor is received for director, the slate would be full and a motion could be made to cast a unanimous vote for those listed. If two or more nominations are received, a secret ballot will be required and members shall be instructed to vote for no more than four directors.

DENNIS LYNAUGH:	President, Incumbent (second 1-year term)
ENOCH 'MAC' MCCLAIN:	Vice President (first 1-year term)
PEGGY MILFELD:	Secretary (continuing, 2-year term)
SANDY HANSON:	Treasurer (continuing, 2-year term)
DEBBY LEVERETT:	Newsletter Editor (?continuing, 2-year term)
BOB HENRY:	Director, Incumbent (second 2-year term)
PATRICIA HURLEY:	Director (first 2-year term)
MARK KRAKOWER:	Director (continuing, 2-year term)
ED KUSHNER:	Director (first 2-year term)
NICK MILFELD:	Director (continuing, 2-year term)
REY QUIRONG:	Director (continuing, 2-year term)
NOMINATION(S) FROM THE FLOOR:	Director (first 2-year term)

Presented by: Nick Milfeld, Chairman, Larry Leverett, Jack Marrin

Only 29 members showed up at Jack Marrin's on Saturday morning, October 22, to get on the bus for the ride to Corona Del Mar and the three stops that would make up our annual field trip. There were so many who couldn't come at the last minute: the Lynaughs were going to bring neighbors, but the man had messed up his back...; both the Zoetemelks were sick...; Norma Marrin, Karen Willson, Chris Weber and the Taggarts had scheduling conflicts...; the McClain kids gave Mom & Dad a day off alone...; Nick had to deal with a big filter that wasn't working [naturally, just as he was ready to leave town for the next week!]. New in the group were our newest members, **Carlos & Rosann Rozzi**, from Riverside, neighbors of the Leveretts.

Not to be cavalier about it, but the fewer the diners, the bigger the breakfast for everyone else. Larry and Debby laid out a beautiful spread of fruits and juices, sweet breads, Danish and bagels with cream cheese, hot coffee and teas.... What we didn't devour went on the bus with us for snacking. Our driver, Al, was excited about taking the trip with us, until he found he couldn't park at any of the sites [which might have allowed him to lock it up and join us] and instead had to park as far as half a mile away [and stay put :-)]

The drive to Corona Del Mar was easy and seemingly shorter than expected, which is usually the case when everyone is chattering away and not paying any attention to time or distance. No one was whining "Are we there yet?" No pit stops, even after coffee and tea. Just a pleasant chance to relax and catch up with each other. I wondered how many of us thought about making the same drive as children, about how little there was to see way back then. It was all underdeveloped then, with farms and fields, some oil fields, random businesses, and small communities not so indistinguishably connected to each other as today: you saw the city limits then....

How much pre-planning went into this trip was evident when we arrived at Sherman Library & Gardens, for waiting at the gate to greet us was Wade Roberts, Director of the Gardens, and his docents, ready to lead us on small-group tours so we would see everything and still have time to wander and shop at leisure. Wade gave us an initial overview of the koi pond—without taking us inside the conservatory to see it—then released us to the docents. And joining us after having driven themselves to the area were the Atkisses, Malls, Pollocks and Rhodes. Our final count the day was 38 members.

Everything was so beautifully landscaped and maintained in the gardens, and to add to that they were hosting a National Chrysanthemum Show with hundreds of blooms and specimen plants on display. One beauty was a yellow cascade stretching about 3.5 feet out of the pot, parallel to the table.

Fully enclosed in the tropical conservatory, the pond is a 3,000-gallon, irregularly shaped beauty that seems larger! It was built against a rock outcropping (lava rock?) with a gentle waterfall, certainly the return from

the pressurized filter system. It was originally built with an in-ground gravel filter which had to be cleaned out every six months; the amount of work that took was the incentive to upgrade the system. The pond is stocked with fish purchased from Laguna Koi Ponds, always those imported from the same breeder in Japan. At one time there were 42 koi, but the aerator went out and all died. Since then they keep only 11 or 12; they are fed citrus fruits in the morning (grapefruit, oranges, lemons or limes), and then get pellet koi food in the afternoon.

Unfortunately we only got about two hours per stop, so by noon we were on our way "across the street" to Fashion Island for lunch in the food court and a visit to their koi pond. What a massive place! And what a joyful place the pond is! It's a destination in itself, especially for families with small children, for they can walk all over it on barely-above-water-level concrete pads while the fish loll about on all sides. In fact, lolling seemed to be very popular with everyone near the pond, footed or finned!

Normally we like to have a pond talk, but Debby found it impossible to get much info about the pond from management. Some of the guys spoke with nearby shopkeepers and found that just about a year ago they lost all the koi. Evidently, whoever maintains the pond had removed all the koi to tanks, drained the pond to clean it out, and then refilled it and returned the fish. By the next day all were dead! Our guys suspected they used city water to refill it and failed to treat with dechlor.... Another possibility—or additional cause—may have been that the water in the tanks got rather warm but the pond was being filled with fresh cold water; if the koi weren't "floated" to acclimate to the colder water, the shock to their system could have killed them, or at the very least contributed to their demise.

By 2 o'clock we were on the move again to our last stop at Roger's Gardens. What a crowd! All the Hallowe'en décor was already on sale and Christmas had encroached on its space, with "Fall" and "Harvest" tucked in between. It's an expensive place to shop for decorations, but the quality is unequalled. I went searching for my annual rocking horse ornament and found only one, but at \$35 I said *nah!* It gets harder every year...

Uniformity and uniqueness are two of the hallmarks of design at Roger's Gardens: if you want two specimen plants or hanging baskets or floral arrangements that are identical, they will make it happen. In the Christmas shop, decorated trees are used as display racks, overloaded with ornaments with a theme to each tree. Wandering through the florist shop, a victory garden, succulent and color displays, the outdoor furniture rooms... it became sensory overload! And hard on the feet! Many members grabbed shopping carts and took home the fixings for a Sunday of planting. Ah, yes; *Fall is for Planting!* Too soon it was time to go, with many determined to do it again on their own. Soon.

Safely home, our annual field trip behind us, everyone gathered up the prized plants and other treasures found irresistible at our stops and headed home. We were reminded of what we signed up to bring to the next meeting, that we would be electing new officers and directors, and that membership renewal forms would be in the mail in the next newsletter.

[Payment may be made at the meeting at the Malls' home in Temecula, or mailed in. Please do check and update your information on the form.]

~Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Milfeld,
IKS Secretary



Photos courtesy of Peggy Milfeld!

If you signed up to attend the November meeting, here's a reminder of what you volunteered to bring to the table. If you haven't signed up yet, please do and fill in the "blanks" on the menu. We need to know how many people will attend; last year there were 66, but we've had as many as 85!

Here's the menu so far:

Dressing:	Hanson, Nyquist, Thompson
Potatoes:	McClain (mashed), Lynaugh (sweets)
Vegetables / Sides:	Nyquist (green bean casserole), Miles (rice), Rozzi (green beans), Wolf (corn casserole)
Salads of any kind:	Leverett (fruit), Milfeld (applesauce), Quirong (cranberry)
Breads:	Keats (dinner rolls)
Desserts:	Kushner, Krakower, Hurley
Other items:	Leevers (ham)

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KOI HEALTH

Suggestions of the Camellia Koi Club

What are you going to do when a fish gets sick? Unfortunately, you can't just put it in a Ziplock bag and bring it to the vet. Because you love your aquatic friend, "flush it down the toilet" is not an option, nor is simply continuing to watch it suffer. Here are a few options. Contact:

University of California, Davis,
Fish Health Clinic
(530) 752-1393

Learn what you can reasonably do on your own.

www.ponddoc.com

www.koivet.com

www.lagunakoi.com

Educate yourself about preventive care and the value of quarantine

www.bonniesplants.com

Further Reading

The internet has many resources. Use the internet carefully. Several excellent magazines are available. They have excellent articles and information.

[Koi USA](#) (USA)

[Koi Nations](#) (USA)

[Koi Carp](#) (UK)

[KOI](#) (UK)

[Nichirin](#) (Japan)

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[Koi-Bito](#) - International Discussion Forum

The following are excerpts from the Water Quality Seminar hosted by Olympic Koi Club

Prior to winter, Tony Prew suggests preparing your Koi for the coming hibernation by catching each fish for inspection. Look at the entire fish, especially the gills and the rarely seen underside for problems. If problems are noted, make every effort to treat the fish to full health to give it the best chance at weathering the winter and spring warm-up. This is when the fish are most susceptible to parasites and infection. Insuring that they are healthy to begin with will minimize problems.

As the temperature falls past 60°F towards 52°F, start cutting back the feeding to once every 3 days with a **wheat germ food** with no animal products. This caters to the slower digestion rates seen at these lower temperatures. When the temperature falls below 52°F, it is time to stop feeding altogether and let the fish go dormant. The fish cannot digest food below 52°F and the food rather rots in their system.

It is desired that the water temperature fall to less than 45°F at depth but not below 41°F due to concerns of frostbite and infection. Temperature at depth is usually figured by taking the temperature at the surface and adding 1°F for every foot of depth. The time spent between 52°F and 45°F should be minimized. The Koi's immune system is essentially shut down at these temperatures while parasites are still very active therefore giving the parasites an unfair advantage. Below 45°F, the parasites are no longer active.

Maintain flow and filtration 24 hours a day throughout the winter. The fish still need the clean water and oxygenation. Although most of us would wish for heated ponds to keep our fish active throughout the year, dormancy is sometimes a necessary cycle, especially for females greater than 3 years of age. The cold, dormant period forces the females to re-absorb the eggs she has that were not used in spawning. Otherwise the eggs will harden in place. Successive seasons with these hardened eggs building up would certainly lead to health complications and necessitate surgery to remove the petrified eggs. Besides helping to avoid this problem with females, the dormancy period is good for all fish in helping to set their color pigments.

Debby,

These pictures are from the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park. Neal was at the SDKC meeting yesterday and had some prints of the pictures. While these pictures are for sale, he will come to the homes of individual koi owners and take pictures of their koi underwater.

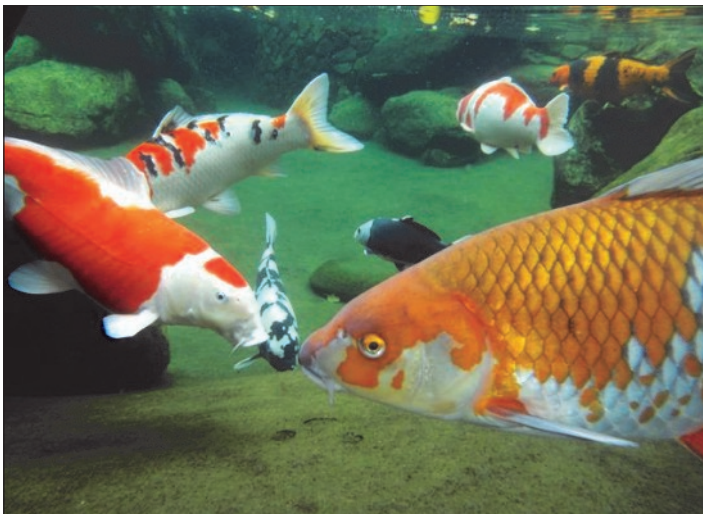
I think they are spectacular and thought the club would be interested if you already don't know about him.

Cheers,
Patricia Hurley

See more photos on his web site:

<http://nealmatthews.com/koi.aspx>

Custom prints available on paper, metal, or canvas. The photos below are a small sample of the images I've captured in ponds around San Diego. Here's a link to my album of 506 underwater koi photos: [Kavalcade of Koi](#). Email: nealmat@cox.net



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There will be **NO IKS Meeting** and
NO Newsletter sent in **December!!** January
2012 will be on Sunday, 1-22-2012/ Watch 4 it.

~IKS Library & Video Tapes~

Did you know you can find the Inland Koi Society's Library on line? Just go to our web-site and check on Resources. A menu will come down with two choices; "IKS Library" is what you want to choose.

You will find our library a useful resource for information about koi and freshwater ponds. IKS has a variety of books and videos that are available at each of our general meetings, but you can reserve from the on-line Library by contacting **Rey Quirong** at (951) 660-1475 and he will be sure to bring, to the meeting, what interest you! Each member may check out one item to be returned at next meeting.

The IKS Board has decided to implement the electronic distribution of the IKS monthly newsletter to those members who have requested it. The yearly cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to a member is presently \$32.10. In addition to the cost savings to the club and the saving of a few trees, the members electing to receive the newsletter by email will receive the newsletter a few days earlier as it would be sent to them at the same time as it is sent to the printer. Members will have the opportunity to reconfirm or change their previous choice on this matter via the 2012 Membership Renewal form. The electronic distribution of the newsletter will be implemented early in 2012.



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What goes on at the IKS Business Meetings?

Pond Tour 2012: Nick volunteered to chair the 2012 Pond Tour; Ed, Dennis, Sandy & Orville, Ray, Larry, Patricia, Mac... Just about everyone on the Board volunteered to be on the committee, as usual. *Meetings will begin in January to select a tour area, date, etc. *Sandy was asked if she would do the art work for a new T-shirt; we think she agreed.

IKS Library: Rey suggested the Library inventory be posted on-line so members can call or email him to request a book or video; he would take the requested items to the meetings.

New Business: Edward-Dean Museum: Patricia Hurley reported that two more thefts have taken five and three more koi from the Edward-Dean pond; some 40 "small" fish remain. Those stolen had grown to 16-18". The pond is a flow-through system, and it looks like someone removed the stand-pipe to let the water out. Surveillance cameras are being installed soon. She doesn't see us adding more fish at this point or the water left will be over-stocked, and they don't have a quarantine system.

Elections: Nick read the bylaws applicable to elections, noting that a Nominating Committee should start in September and report to Board in October; balloting is at November meeting with one vote per member family; a quorum is 1/3 of the members present. He offered to lead the committee and reported we must vote for *President, VP, and any Director who has completed a 2-year term*, either for reelection or replacement. *Ed announced he will not seek a second term as VP because of his work and commuting schedule, but would like to remain on the Board. *Mary reluctantly said she would retire because of back problems and would have to give up as raffle coordinator also. *Larry Wolf did not want to go a second year, and Patricia Hurley, visiting the first time, expressed interest in coming on board.




Meeting Sites & Speakers: • November meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 20, the weekend before Thanksgiving. Alan Pollock of La Quinta is willing to host, but it is a 75-mile drive from Riverside, one way! We voted at September meeting and had 26 agree to the drive, but not all ballots were collected or turned in. In the meantime, Jerry & Pat Mall offered to host again in Temecula, and Alan agreed, preferring a Spring date anyway. Sign-ups began at September meeting and will continue on bus trip and by phone or email. • Looking for hosts for 2012: the McClains (Riverside) offered to host in February 2012, Alan Pollock and Pam Spindola (Santa Ana) both offered for March or April 2012, and Patricia Hurley (Cherry Valley) volunteered for October 2012.

AKCA News from our club's AKCA Representative, Mac McClain: The 2012 AKCA Annual Meeting location fell thru at the last minute so the AKCA Committee will need to start over to find a new location for that ANNUAL MEETING (Conventions will not be planned as in the past).

*2011 and 2012 Koi of the Year voting is now back up in the air. The 2012 AKCA Annual Meeting attendees were the first choice to vote for both 2011 and 2012 Koi of the Year winners. The back up option is to run the photos in KOI USA magazine and let the subscribers vote on the koiusa.com website. So we will see what the final decision will be at a later date.

*Koi USA is 1 ½ weeks behind, so the magazine won't be mailed or received on time.

**Inland KOI SOCIETY
PROGRAM PLANNING CALENDAR 2011**

REGULAR MTG 4th Sunday	HOSTS Address	PROPOSED PROGRAM Speakers	BOARD MEETING Wed. after Mtg
November 20 <i>This is the last meeting of 2011.</i> Thanksgiving 11/24	Jerry & Pat Mall 43024 Via Las Rocas Temecula, CA 92590 951-506-4814 	Elections- Holiday meal togetherness 	Wed. November 30
NO Meeting in December	IKS is dismissed for the holidays		

Happy Holidays Everyone! We will see you on the 4th Sunday in January 2011

Fall & Winter in the Koi Pond: ~Tom Ross

Winter arrived with a bang this year, and water temperatures have been dropping quickly. Your fish are probably still acting hungry, as they want to store as much fat as possible for the winter. But as water temps drop into the mid-60's their metabolisms slow down and they have trouble digesting their food. This has a number of bad effects on the pond and fish.

That slowing metabolism means that a lot of food – especially harder to digest ingredients like fat and protein – goes right through the gut and ends up in the water, on the bottom, and in the filters. This raises the level of dissolved organic compounds (DOCs), which in turn promotes the growth of bad bacteria like Aeromonas. This is worsened as our big winds (like the one whistling in our windows as I type this) blow leaves and debris into the pond.

How can you tell if you have too much DOCs? First, you'll see an oily sheen on the surface. Next, bubbles and foam will form under waterfalls and where air stones operate. This can get so bad that the foam hides the fish and heaps up with ugly brown tops. Before that happens it's a good idea to reduce those DOCs.

The most direct way to do this is by changing water. If you have a skimmer, you can plumb it so you can drain that oily scum off of the top, to waste or to your yard. It's good fertilizer! That has become part of our regular weekly filter maintenance on the patio. Or if your pond doesn't have a skimmer you can overflow it and achieve the same skimming effect. This works in our garden pond.

Don't overlook the dirt on the bottom of the pond. There are various pond vacuums available, even a shop vac will do the job. Of course it helps if there are no rocks and gravel on the bottom of your pond.

Keep your filters clean. If you are running a bead filter, open the drain before you backwash it (pump off, of course) and look at how dirty the bottom is. If the backwash is effective, the drain water should be clean when you check it afterward. Keep leaf traps clear and net out fallen leaves.

If you have a suitable location, you can add a foam fractionator or protein skimmer. This uses air to make foam that is removed through a pipe to waste. There are a number of designs available on the web.

As a last resort, you can treat the pond with Potassium Permanganate. One teaspoon of powdered PP per 4000 gallons produces a level of 0.5 ppm, which will oxidize the organics without harming the fish or plants. Remember that PP will blind you if it gets into your eyes; the powder is very fine and is carried by the slightest breeze. If it is windy out, dissolve the PP in a bucket of water first. The pond water will turn purple, and back to clear as the DOCs are burned up. This will happen fairly quickly at first; repeat the treatment until the color lasts 30 minutes or so. Aerate the pond well during the PP treatment. If the color persists more than an hour, neutralize with dechlor (Sodium Thiosulfate). A well-established filter should not be harmed by this level of PP.

Finally, keep the DOCs at bay by feeding by temperature. I cut the normal amount in half below 68 degrees and quit feeding entirely below 60. The fish can handle months without food; they won't like it at first but will get used to it. If you don't have one, I saw a non-contact thermometer at Harbor Freight for about \$30, it should be accurate enough for these measurements.

Keep 'em swimming!

2011

Coming Events

N O V E M B E R	04-06	LA INTERNATIONAL TAMALE FESTIVAL ~ \$6. Exposition Park Friday 3-8pm, Saturday 8am - 8pm, Sunday 9am - 6pm live music, Tamale sampling, seating - www.eastlosangeles.net/tamalefestival
	05-06	HOLIDAY PET EXPO ~ 10 am-5pm / Pomona Fairplex - 1101 West McKinley Avenue / (909) 865-4310 - http://www.petexpousa.net
	06	IT IS TIME ~ to "Fall Back!" Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 am
	10-12	SUGAR PLUM ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL ~ Free Orange County Fairgrounds / 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA - www.sugarplumcrafts.com
	18	AKCA BOARD MEETING ~ 6 pm / 529 W. Blue-ridge Ave., Orange, CA 92865 / Call Mac McClain at (951) 398-7048 for more information
	20	IKS FINAL MEETING OF 2011 ~ Holiday side dishes need by members / Jerry & Pat Mall's home in Temecula / Contact Ed Kushner for more information (951) 520-0092
	24	Thanksgiving
	30	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7 pm / <i>All members of IKS welcome!</i> — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Dennis Lynaugh (951) 780-0123.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy~

D E C E M B E R	02-04	POMONA HARVEST FESTIVAL ~ Pomona Fairplex / 1101 West McKinley Avenue / Pomona/Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm
	25	Merry Christmas 
	Dec. 31-Jan. 1	Happy New Year!  2012 - The year of the Dragon . Chinese zodiac related to the Chinese calendar. 

ANY WAY YOU SAY IT...
May you become prosperous,
Stay or become healthy,
Be wiser with choices,
and have a very
HAPPY NEW YEAR!





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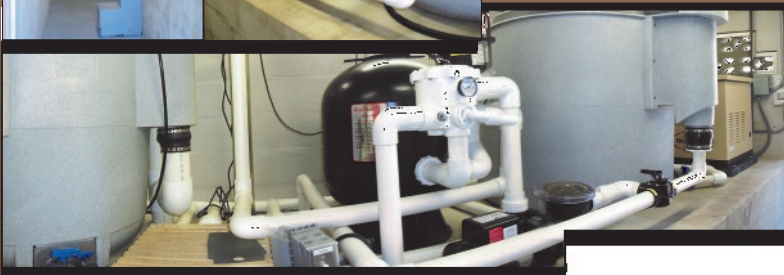
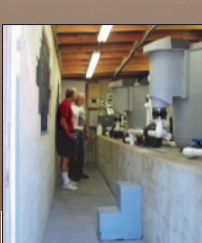
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You can see
for miles in
their beautiful
Sun Room!



The pond is so
dreamy & the koi
are so friendly, you will want to stay forever!



Here is Jerry Mall's pond equipment.
It is at a lower level almost under-
neath the pond. An awesome built
building to house the equipment. He
will take you on a tour if you are
curious or want to see it.

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