

VALLEY OF THE SUN



KOI CLUB



Desert Koi Newsletter March 2007

President's Message

Winter-Spring-Summer all in one month! Your filter does not know what to do. It is going to be 87 degrees this weekend and your Koi are hungry. Make sure to check ammonia and nitrite levels several times over the next few weeks. Do not over feed you're begging Koi buddies, remove all the debris at the bottom of the pond, back wash your filter and add salt.

Sincerely, Corey Garrett VSKC President

VISIT THE NEW VALLEY OF THE SUN KOI CLUB WEB SITE



WWW.VSKC.NET

FOR LINKS, VENDORS, EVENTS, MEETING INFORMATION

ASK BRYAN

How does a biological filter work?

Koi excrete large amounts of ammonia as a by-product of their metabolism, they are in effect swimming around in their own toilet. The main function of the filter is to act as a sewage treatment plant for your fish, it does this by providing a large surface area for bacteria to colonize. These bacteria break down the Ammonia and convert it first into Nitrite and then into Nitrate.. The filter is in effect a living organism in it's own right, hence the term biological filter. It takes five to six weeks for the necessary bacteria to become established in a new filter, during this period it is important to stock your pond gradually, adding a few fish every week, by reducing your feeding, frequent water changes (small amounts using a dechlor, or by the use of chemicals specifically designed to seed your filter. The filter must be operated 24 hours a day to supply the bacteria with a constant supply of oxygen and food. When the filter media needs cleaning it is important to only wash it with water taken from the pond if possible. Cleaning the filter with tap water containing chlorine will kill much of the bacterial colony and you will be starting all over again.

AKCA INFORMATION

Make your reservations now for the 27th Annual AKCA Seminar in Mesa, Arizona June 21-24, 2007. We need your help and support for the National AKCA seminar. It will be an opportunity to show case Arizona, and it is the greatest koi event that you could ever attend. Visit our web site for more information. [David Yee VSKC AKCA Representative](#)

Rail City Garden Center Presents:

Greater Nevada Aquatic Ecology & Koi Health Academy



Siena Hotel, Spa & Casino

**Date: March 30th - April 1st, 2007
Reno, Nevada**

2 DIFFERENT TRACKS AVAILABLE!

Here are a few of the topics:

- **Koi Health, Nutrition & Diseases**
(including a fish necropsy & diagnostic wet lab)
- **Build-A-Pond Day Class**
- **Pond Filtration**
- **Biology of Ponds**
- **Effects of Water Chemistry on Pond Performance**
- **Right Plants, Right Pond**
- **The World of Fish Food**
- **Principles of Bio-security**

"A freshwater fish which will become your sweet heart, with its brilliant colors and friendly nature. They look at you with their wise, round eyes, and the entire day can be lost watching them".

IDEAL FOR CONTRACTORS, RETAILERS, VETERINARIANS & ALL WATER GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS!

Featuring.....

Vicki Burnley-Vaughn

- Director of Aquatic Services
- College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia
- President of Molecular Therapeutics
- President of "The Koi Store"

Dr. Tim Miller-Morgan DVM

- Veterinarian for The Oregon Sea Grant Extension

Other Key Note Speakers

ECOLOGICAL LABORATORIES-Carolyn Weise & Mark Krupka,
Biology of Ponds

KOI CARE KENNEL-Tom Holder, *Filtration & Parasites*

BIOSAFE SYSTEMS-Angelique Levesque, *Pond Chemistry*

PACIFIC WATER GARDENS-Neal Lutch, *Water Plants*

SACRAMENTO KOI-Steve Walker, *Filtration & Construction*

CHAMPION NISHIKIGOI-Tom Lai, *Fish Nutrition*

WEST COAST KOI-Bob Caruso, *Koi Breeding*



Sierra Koi Club



Pacific Water Gardens



Registration Information:
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justin@railcitygarden.net





MEETING MINUTES

1. Minutes of February 2007-minutes were not submitted.

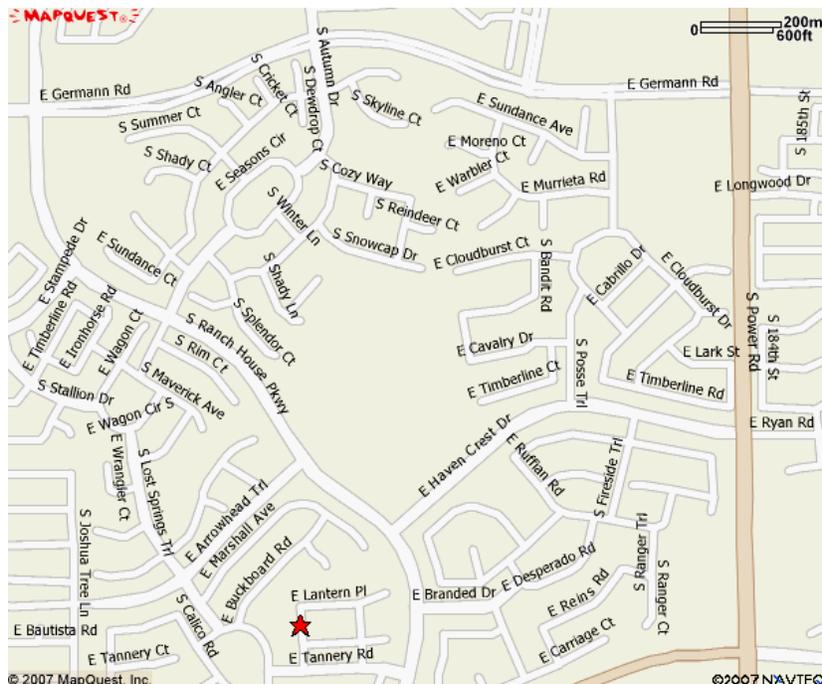
Koi Club Meeting Notice

MARCH 18 2PM

Arne Grant

Gilbert , AZ 85297

KOI CLUB Gathering STARTS AT 2:00 PM



RELAX YOUR BODY AND SOUL AT THE 26TH ANNUAL AKCA SEMINAR 2007

June 21 - 24TH



**Hosted By The Valley Of The Sun Koi Club
and the Southern Arizona Koi Association**



Marriot Phoenix Mesa and the Mesa Convention Center

[Vendor Trade Fair](#)

[Fantastic Ponds Of Phoenix](#)

[Grand Canyon Tour](#)

Here Are Just Some Of The Subjects By Knowledgeable Key Note Speakers



Koi Health and Hands On Workshops

Koi Judging and Categories

Koi Shows

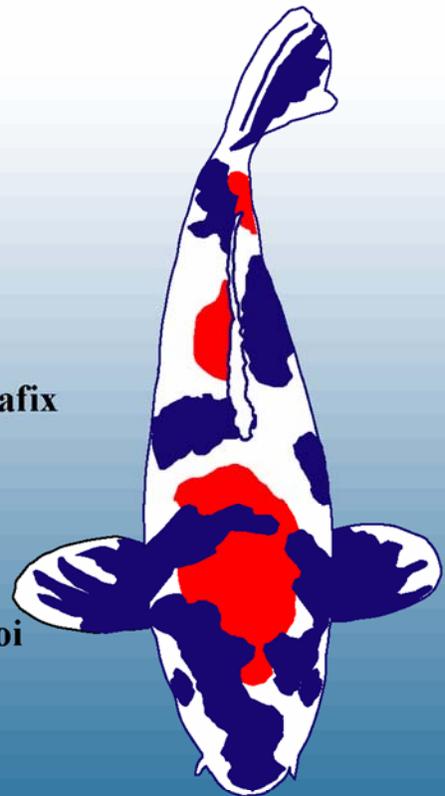
Koi Pin Collections

The Art of Koi and Painting with Patti Grafix

Longfin Koi And How They Are Judged

**Register By April 1st For A Free \$300
Koi Raffle Sponsored By Eastern Nishikigoi**

(One Ticket Per Paid Package 1)



FOR INFORMATION:

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Press Release

Mazuri[®] offers promotional discount for Koi Diets purchased online at www.Mazuri.com.

February, 2006: Mazuri[®], The Exotic Animal Feeding Resource, is offering a promotional discount on Koi diets purchased online through May 31, 2007. Shop WWW.MAZURI.COM today and receive 10% off the following products.

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Our Koi club needs your expertise and service. We are looking for a secretary to take minutes during the club meetings and we are also looking for a newsletter editor. Both of these vital roles are important to our club and you can help. Contact Corey Garrett or Derek Tang to volunteer _____.

**FOR
SALE**

VSKC makes no guarantees regarding the items for sale.



Several Large Koi Located in Tucson

Contact Bob Panter President of the Southern Arizona Koi Association

**Female Sanke 17 to 19" bred by Genjiro
Showa male bred by Isia
Budo Koromo male 13 to 15"
Sanke bred by Dainchi ? male**

All healthy. price range is from 125.00 to 875.00

They are all D/D free I have had no problems with any of them. For those of you wanting to know why I'm getting rid of them it's that I am looking to upgrade.

#1. Is Kiki a 12" Kiksui (Doitsu kohaku) from Kase 2.5 yrs. old \$200.00.

#2. Is Beni Kumonryu 14" from Fujio Omoo 2.5 yrs. old \$400.00.

#3. Is a Doitsu Platinum 11" from Kase 2.5 yrs. old \$200.00.

#4. Is a Doitsu Kohaku 17" from Yozen (Hiroi) 2.5 yrs. old \$800.00

#5. Is a Yamato Nishiki 16" from Kaneko 2.5 yrs. old \$800.00

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We have had a Koi pond for about 20 years which needs extensive remodeling, which we are unable to do. Therefore, we would like to give our Koi away to someone who would like them. We have about 25 fish, ranging in age from 2-22 years old. We have never lost one to disease, and they appear to be very healthy. The only requirement would be that the individual provide the means of transportation. Thank you for any insight you can provide to me.



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TO:



SPECIAL EVENTS
Club Meeting March 18
Nevada Koi Health Academy
March 31-APR 1
AKCA Seminar Jun 21-24



Koi For sale by Michael D. Cox