

Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc.

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12:30 pm start time 11:30 am set up.

January 17th – four hours – Bring Your Microscope

Koi Health Event and Wet Lab

Yee-Fung-Toy Association

3040 N 16TH ST, Phoenix, AZ

President's Message

By Bryan McCleney

Welcome to 2010! Valley of the Sun Koi club is now Valley of the Sun Koi Club, INC. That's right, "Incorporated". Our next goal is to gain our nonprofit status. This year, more than ever, our club is committed to koi health, education, and community service. All of us will need to roll up our sleeves and pitch in. Every major event that you participate in this year you will learn more about koi, koi keeping, and koi health. In January we have our Koi Health Event and Wet Lab with Dr. Nick Saint- Erne. This is a four hour lab that you will not want to miss. In February on February 12-14, we will be supporting the Chinese Cultural Center by bringing koi to an auction at the annual Chinese New Year's celebration. We need you to work a time period during the show. As in the past, every club member will get asked lots of questions from people who stop by our area. This is also a great time to practice handling koi. At some point on your koi keeping you will need to catch your koi and prepare them for movement or treatment. If you can learn to handle your koi when they are alive, you have a better chance of keeping you koi healthy at home. DO NOT LET THE ONLY TIME YOU TOUCH A KOI IS TO SCOOP IT OUT OF YOUR SKIMMER OR FLOATING DEAD IN YOUR POND! While there you will also get an opportunity to compare koi and see both their strengths and weaknesses. In April we have our own koi show. Arne and Ed have been working quietly putting together a wonderful show with quality judges. We are again having our show in conjunction with the Japanese Friendship Gardens Children's Festival. This event helps us expose children and their parents to the wonders and enjoyment of koi and koi keeping. By bringing your koi and purchasing koi from vendors you get the best opportunity to improve your eye for selecting koi. Yes it seems like a lot. What I do know is that we learn by doing and all three events require us to participate to make them successful. Come have fun, provide a community service and learn.

Business Note:

If you want an item placed on the meeting or board agenda please contact Bryan McCleney at 602-989-3966 or bmccleney@pvesd.org prior to the meeting on January 17th.

When contacting Koi USA magazine to renew your subscription or AKCA, please use the full name of the club "Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc." and not the abbreviation VSKC.

Directions to Wet Lab, 3040 N 16TH ST, Phoenix, AZ

For all regardless of World Wide Web access.

Due to the PF Chang's Marathon on the 17th, you will want to take I-10 to SR 51. Take SR 51 north to exit 2, E Thomas Road. Take E. Thomas Rd west to N. 16TH ST. Turn north onto N 16th and proceed to 3040 N 16th St. A street off ramp closure eastbound I-10 to 16th Street (Northbound) 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Reminder: If your microscope uses 110v electric, please bring a surge protector.

Koi Health Event and Wet Lab Set Up Assistance:

Help is needed to set up tables and chairs for the Koi Health Event and Wet Lab. If you can assist, please contact: webmaster@vskc.net or be there at 11:30 am.

Koi Trouble? Pond Trouble? Sick Fish?

Contact our VSKC Koi Health advisors:

Megan Yee: kha1@vskc.net or **Nikki Pritchard:** kha2@vskc.net

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By Dennis Beard, Webmaster

MapQuest: Street, Aerial, and Traffic Maps

Webmaster provides coded links to addresses that are zoomed in for the best detail: MapQuest has road network and Aerial Map - satellite view. Sometimes a satellite view has more detail of the road network and features, but it may not have all of the street names. MapQuest also provides a tab "**Traffic**" that reveals construction sites AND delay information. You can zoom in or out and move around either road or aerial maps to determine how you would navigate to the location. Or, there is an option where you can obtain written directions from the MapQuest site by adding your home address. If the instructions are backwards there is a button that reverses the travel direction.

Questions? Contact webmaster@vskc.net

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http://www.vskc.net/Member_Input/KoiHealthEvent/YEE-FUNG-TOY.htm



Amigo Pawn sign at front of YEE-FUNG-TOY, it is on the south side of the building. Access to rear



parking via E. Earl Drive (north of building). First alley, left off Earl to fenced lot. Rear door with door bell (not shown)

ASK BRYAN

<http://www.vskc.net/askbryan.htm>

Question: I have a swimming pool I would like to convert to a koi pond. Is that possible?

Answer: Yes you can. As a matter of fact, that is what I did. I'm not sure if it truly saves and money, but if you only have space for one or the other I would always recommend a koi pond over a swimming pool. The biggest difference in the pond vs a pool is the filtration, plumbing, and pumps. Most ponds, depending on their size, have multiple bottom drains with 4 to 6 inch pipe connected to a pre-filter, then to a filter and pump and then returned to the pond with 2 inch pipe. Most swimming pools current plumbing is very restrictive in size and will not allow you to turn the water over every 1-3 hours as need to maintain your koi health. With most swimming pools you try to kill living organisms by the use of chemicals. In a koi pond you are attempting to create an eco/koi friendly biological system. You will need to run your pump, or pumps 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, provide aeration to the water, and you may want to add an ultraviolet light to help with algae. Your pool sand filter, although a source for media, will clog and instead of the sand providing a bio system it will actually prevent the flow of water or the sand will bind together and you will create channels for the water to flow through the sand filter but not through the sand. Join a club, a look at some ponds that are large like a pool. Your local club will have a list of vendors who can support you by building your pond, or providing you with the necessary resources to DIY. If all you do is empty change the water and throw in some koi, my guess would be your koi survival rate will be low. But after a few weeks it really won't matter much. You won't be able to see your koi and know if the koi have survived because your pool/pond will be very green, murky, and smelly. Remember, you're the one who asked if you could turn your pool into a pond, not a toxic waste dump.

Spotlight on a Member:

Mike Whiting is currently the President of Japanese Friendship Garden (JFG) and he has retired as senior manager from the City of Phoenix Park Dept. He joined us at the October picnic. We expect JFG will participate at Koi Health Event. You may want to check out JFG website: <http://japanesefriendshipgarden.org/>

Membership **Information**



**It is January so time to renew your membership?
Contact Derek at:**

**Valley Of The Sun Koi Club, Inc
C/O Derek Tang
2331 W. Binner Drive
Chandler, AZ 85224
Phone Derek at (480) 699-7586
Email derekmtang@hotmail.com**

Membership dues \$20 are calendar year basis.

Future Events!

February 12-14 is the Chinese Cultural Center Festival and Koi Auction.

Lucy Ross will host the February 21st Meeting.

March 21st is at Corey and Cathy Garrett's.

April 2-4 Open Koi Show at Margaret T Hance Park.

April 18 meeting will be at Arne and Liz Grant's home.

The Stackhouse's will host May 16th meeting.

<http://www.vskc.net/2007-2008%20monthly%20meetings.htm>

Support our Supporters!



CTK Quality Pond Products, LLC, at 602-214-5135 or e-mail CTKqualityponds@cox.net is owned and operated by Brian Connelly. He and his father also manufacture Koi food sold at about \$3 a pound in bulk. You can customer order Koi from Japan and he can provide advice on ill Koi. 10% club member discounts!

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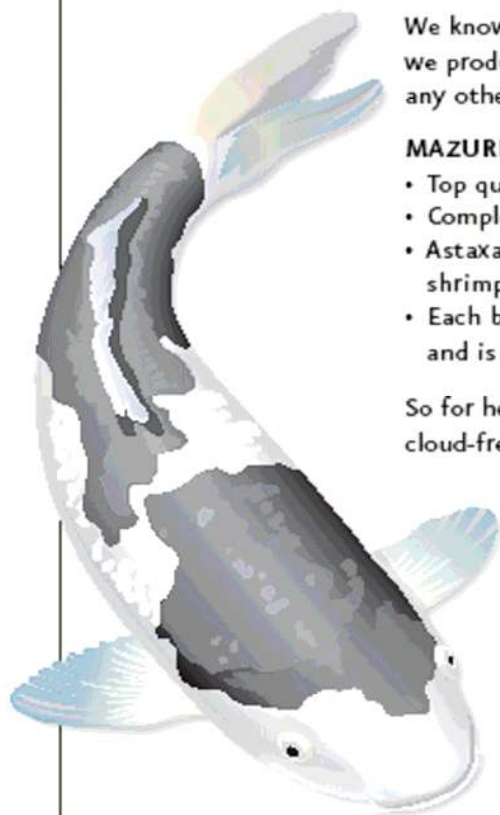
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Koi Health Event and Wet Lab

January 17th will be the meeting for Valley of the Sun Koi Club, but it will be a four hour educational meeting. It will start at 12:30 pm at the **YEE-FUNG-TOY ASSOCIATION, 3040 North 16th Street, (north of 16th Street & Thomas Rd), Phoenix, AZ.** The first hour will be about diseases. The second hour will be diagnosis. The last two will be a wet lab. Our instructor is Nicholas Saint-Erne, DVM. His presentations are similar to his Koi Health Advisor (KHA) presentation, but it will not make you a KHA. http://www.vskc.net/Member_Input/KoiHealthEvent/YEE-FUNG-TOY.htm If you will attend this meeting and have not contacted us, please e-mail webmaster@vskc.net of your desire to attend. We need to set up tables and chairs. Volunteers to help with set up and clean up will be appreciated.

Some members will be purchasing a microscope for this event and others will bring their own. If you wish to purchase a microscope, we have secured a quality scope with four object lens with magnifications totaling 40x, 100x, 400x and 1000x. The scope will only have one eye piece, but it will have an adjustable stage. The stage is where the microscope slide is placed. It has halogen illumination and comes with an extra bulb. The scope carries a five year warranty. A group purchase has lowered the price of the scope to \$170.00 USD. The shipping, handling, and insurance is \$24.98 for the scope and will be shipped to the individual's home address. However there is one problem, the scope does not come with slides or cover slips. A separate purchase of a slide set is being made. The set has twelve standard slides, two concavity slides, a box of 100 slide cover slips and a plastic carrying case. The Beard's will have the slide sets sent to their home. Members making this purchase of microscope and slides need to make their checks totaling \$200.00 made payable to "Valley of the Sun Koi Club" and either pass their check or money to Derek Tang our Treasurer at the December meeting **or** mail it to his home address (see membership above) to arrive by December 30, 2009. Actual scope purchase will be on Jan 4, 2010.

Members need to provide their own food and drink as NO snacks will be provided at this Koi Health Event. If you need 110v, please bring your surge protector. Note: Jan 17th is the PF Chang's marathon – please review the second page!



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