



APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8th - Meeting

Nunnlea House
1940 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy
7:00 Refreshments
7:30 Meeting

May 6th - Meeting

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MEETING IS APRIL 8TH



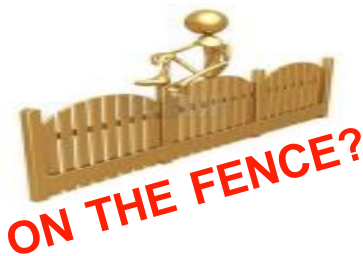
At the April meeting, we have several presentations planned. We will have our annual Bonsai Demonstration given by Tom McCurry and Earl Eckman. After the sculpting of the tree, it will be raffled to one of the lucky members. Also on the agenda, Mike Pfeffer will discuss proper pond and filter design, pond maintenance and how they effect the health of the fish. Charles Phelps will continue his judging seminars with the koi class Kawarimono. We will discuss the status of the show preparation. Please join us at 7:00 for refreshments or 7:30 for the club meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As excited as I am right now, to finally be able to enjoy my pond & koi, I'm also a little nervous because our Annual Show is just around the corner. I know with the help and support of the club members, once again, we will have another successful show and my nerves will settle. Please try to show your support for the club, by helping with the setting up and taking down of the show equipment. We start setting up on Wednesday before and take down Monday after the show. We are also looking for Trophy Sponsorship for both Koi & Goldfish Awards.

Join us at the April meeting. Tom & Earl do such a great job with their Bonsai Demonstration and who knows maybe this will be the year "YOU" win the raffle of the Bonsai. I'm also looking forward to listening to Mike, over the years his knowledge has helped me very much and I'm sure we'll all learn a lot from his presentation. And last, but not least, Charles Phelps will again Judge a variety of koi that will help us when selecting koi for purchase in the future.

Happy Koi Keeping!
Troy



So are you still on the fence about putting your koi or goldfish in the Show? Let us put your mind at ease. It is very easy to enter. First, just contact Charles or Carolyn Phelps to reserve a show tank. You will find in this month's newsletter, the instructions and entry forms for koi and goldfish. We will help you fill out the forms if you don't know the size or variety to mark on the forms. Each show has a novice class for first time showers. If you have not entered a fish show before, you are eligible for this award.

Remember, the 12" koi do not compete against the 28" koi. So, it is not necessary to have large fish to win an award. The Baby Grand Champion is chosen from 12" or less and Junior Grand Champion is 20" or less. Also, there are awards given for each variety. The same goes for the goldfish. There are awards for the smaller fish and larger fish and of each variety.

TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

One of the ways that many members show support of the club, is by sponsoring a Koi or Goldfish trophy. For as little as \$25 for a Goldfish trophy or \$50 for a Koi trophy. You or your company can sponsor your favorite variety of fish. Help spread the word and ask your employer to support their local non-profit Koi & Goldfish Club. Your name will be displayed with the trophies as well as printed in the program that is given out to all who attend the show. Attendance to the awards banquet is not necessary but many do choose to attend to present their sponsored award. *The club thanks you for the support.*

PhD - Pond Health Directors

This program gives all club members a list of contacts for pond or fish related issues.

Cindy Baddder - 502-538-3240

Mike Pfeffer - 502-254-7432

Carrie Albert - 502-637-7957

Troy Head - 502-243-6152

Please place calls between 9 am - 9 pm

KOI 101 - April Lesson

During this time, please observe your koi and goldfish closely for sores and ulcers. Along with starting our filtering systems, beginning to feed our fish, and the decaying matter that has accumulated over the winter (which we need to remove) are all a sources that can cause fish issues. One way to check our fish is to hand feed or get as close to the fish when we feed them. The two areas that seem to be prone to sores and ulcers are "Where the food goes in and where the food goes out". Plus, under the pectoral fins and belly region of the fish.

2010 GLK&GS AGENDA

May 6th - Meeting - Final Show Planning
Judging Seminar - Varieties TBA

August 14th - Picnic or TBA

May 29th & 30th - 15th Annual Koi & Goldfish Show

September 4th - Roadtrip to Ikona Koi Show

June - No GLK&GS Activity Planned

October - Mud Pond Harvest
Date & Time TBA

July 10th - Annual Club Pond Tour
Time & Locations TBA

December - Annual Christmas Party
Time & Location TBA

2010 CLUB ANNUAL DUES

The 2010 Annual Dues are the same as last year.

\$20.00

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