



Southern Arizona Koi Association

Organized by those with the interest of raising and improving the quality of Nishiki Koi, and its culture. Promote better community and international relations for the better understanding of brotherhood among members through a common interest. To improve and promote the technology and education of Aquaculture

September 2018 Newsletter

POUNDERING

Our Next SAKA Meeting:

October 20, 2018 10 AM

Bea & Todd Paulus' Home

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And subsequent gatherings:

Nov 9-11: Koi Show!

Dec 8th: Christmas Party!

We need a location for the Christmas Party. Who want's to HOST?

SAKA will reimburse a host up to \$50.00 for beverages and snacks served while holding a meeting. You will also be in the Annual Host Drawing for \$250 held at the Christmas Party each year.

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The meeting actually started outside of Brent's house this time. Brent had setup a portable, or collapsible, tank. Dan C and I arrived early and we helped Brent move 3 smaller koi from his quarantine tank to the temporary one. Then we collected some nets and buckets to get ready for the training. There were 18 people in attendance, and we were ready for some 'fish handling' training. With Brent's coaching, several of us each worked as a team to coax one of the koi into one of the blue buckets without actually touching the fish, eliminating the possibility of any damage to its scales.



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Brent pointed out that the key to the process is to guide the Koi's NOSE, not the body. And that worked beautifully, of course, without agitating the Koi at all.



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So this is what several of us will practice at the Koi Show, as well, as we help the Judges, and collect the Koi that are sold at auction. This was a very good session for all of us! Thanks, Brent!

Next we used a SEINE NET to slowly corral the koi in the large pond over to one end where it would be significantly easier to properly net them, reducing the agitation, and the chance of any damage to the koi. For most of us, with larger ponds, this is the only way this can be done effectively.



And while I am at it, this is also a better picture of Brent's pond. You can see he has some good sized koi in there, including a very large 'monster' that has to be nearly 30" long!

Advertise here— 1) join our club with a Commercial membership or 2) offer 10% discount to our members or 3) be a vendor at the show



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The training was the most important part of this month's meeting, but we did move back inside Brent's home and started the business meeting about 11:12.

Thanks to John Goudy's assistance, we have located a storage area for our 2 trailers that are typically pulled out and used only once per year, for the Koi Show. They will be moved to the Arizona Pistachio Nursery on West Fleet Drive after this year's Koi Show. This nursery is owned by a friend of SAKA and will cost us \$300/6 months. The Nursery is fully enclosed and is also reasonably close to the location of our Koi Show. So, this works out nicely!

The Flowers have confirmed they will be at the Koi Show to handle the judging setup, benching, and record keeping using their software. We decided NOT to attempt to incorporate new software this year mostly because we have run out of time to test. However, the plan is to continue to pursue new software for next year. Brent put together a simple spread sheet that we will use for the auction record keeping. We will need 2 people to help with that process.

We may need 2 people to help with the chauffeuring of the judges and the Flowers. Martha will take on part of that, but we might need to simply use UBER, depending upon the scheduling, which is not yet known.

Michelle and Wolf will be handling the chemicals during the show. This is particularly nice since Michelle has passed the Koi Certification exams, and is quite the expert, now, on the chemistry!

Allan Johnson has the power washer that we will need, again, for rinsing out and sanitizing the tanks. And Alan will, again, head for Phoenix late this month or early next to get the trailer with tanks from the Phoenix club. The Phoenix club President, Lucy Ross, is in China right now. I don't remember any Koi Ponds in China during the years I was there, but who knows?

John Lindstrom is going to add some interest to the Koi Show with his talents on Writing Analysis. He will have a spot in our SAKA booth.

Brent purchase a new sound system for this year's show. This should help a lot, because it included a mic that attaches to the auctioneer's shirt, as well as hand-held units.

Brent has already passed posters to Kathy's Posters for distribution to more than 100 businesses throughout the Tucson metro area.

Raffle Tickets will be sent out shortly. It is expected that each member print out their own. They will cost \$10 for a dozen, or \$1 each. You can turn in the tickets at the show along with your contribution. We have already collected quite a few of the donations from those that have responded to the letters that were sent out over a month ago.

Karen Johnson reported that the awards creation is progressing on schedule. Carolyn will have them all done on time. If they are anything like last year's collection, they will certainly be a big hit!

Dan Cover will bring some extra 4 mil plastic bags to the next meeting. These are for those that need them to transport their koi to the show. Most of the koi are expected to be brought to the show during Friday afternoon, during show setup. Our regular security guy has also confirmed he will be available to guard everything during the Friday and Saturday nights. I am told he has 3 big dogs, now!

We need all the help we can get at the Koi Show, especially during setup (starts Friday at 7AM!) and teardown (Sunday afternoon). When there are several of us doing the work, it goes very quickly and easily. Last year was actually very good. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or contact one of us. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Next month, on October 20th, we will hold our usual SAKA meeting at our house, Bea & Todd Paulus. I know it is a bit of trip to come all the way down to Vail for some of you, but I hope you will make the trip. I plan on presenting my pond design and construction through a series of pictures to show how it was done. Fortunately for me, I discovered and joined the SAKA club BEFORE I started construction! I was able to correct several errors before I grabbed the shovel!

VERY IMPORTANT! We have 3 Office positions that expire this year: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. None of these jobs demand a lot of time and effort. The most time I spend as President is the 20-30 minutes it takes to write this Newsletter. So, please come forward and offer your services for one of these positions! It is very valuable to the organization to have new blood every couple of years! I have had the privilege of fielding several phone calls from people that have seen our website, and had questions. A few of them have, indeed, joined SAKA.

Treasurer's Report (as of this writing): Checking: \$9559.54, but \$600 is outstanding for the Oro Valley Marketplace and Water deposits, and Brent still has a couple of checks to cash! Savings: \$5239.55

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45. See you in October!