



Koi Ahoy

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Our November meeting is always moved up in the month so it doesn't interfere with the Thanksgiving holiday. This year it's a picnic at McKinley Park, **Saturday, November 13**. To attract public viewers, we're calling it a **Koi Festival**.

We have reserved area 7, which is right next to the Rose Garden. Our official time slot is 11am to 3pm. No one expects anyone to stay the whole 4 hours. Please drop by for a grilled hot dog or two, play corn hole, or just hang out and talk about your pond. Bring the whole family; kids, grandkids, dog(s), and even your fish**!

McKinley Park is the block bordered by Alhambra Bl., McKinley Bl., 33rd St., and H St. There is free 3 hour parking on all 4 streets.

Festive Festival Festivities For You

Part of our display will be **bagged koi fish. If you are inclined to bag up some of your beauties, there will be oxygen available to add to your bag. You may offer them for sale if you like. Just write a price and your cell # on the bag.

We'll also have a small raffle table set up. You can bring a raffle item to donate. The area will also double as our information booth, so a few volunteers are needed.

Hot dogs and drinks are provided by CKC. Potato salad, chips, desserts are on a voluntary pot luck basis. You can also bring your own meat. We'll keep the grill hot until 1:30.

We must nominate and vote for 2022 officers. Some volunteers have stepped forward so unless there are more nominations, this is a mere formality. Bob Haugland has volunteered to be President. Chuck Cottam would then move to Director. Shannon Skalisky has volunteered to be Vice President. All of the other offices don't need changing. Nominations and voting will be a paper ballot so that you can vote at your leisure.



Our 2021 Christmas Party!

The Grinch stole our party last year. Not this time! Make your calendar for Sunday, December 5, 1pm to 3pm. It's our annual Christmas Party! We've reserved a room at Old Town Pizza in Roseville. 120 Church Street. There's plenty of parking.

We'll install the new officers, but the white elephant gift exchange is most of the fun. The white elephant thing is voluntary (but don't miss out). Just bring a wrapped gift for each member of your family that wants to play. It's usually something you may want to re-gift, or don't want. Can be fish related or not. If it's a used item please make sure it's clean and in very good condition. If you feel led to buy something, keep the cost below \$20.

The gifts are opened one at a time by lottery and revealed to everyone. The next person can steal a previous gift or select from the gift pile. There are very specific blood & guts rules that I don't want to screw up here that will be ~~argued about~~ explained at the party.

The cost is \$20 per person which we will collect at the door. Cash or check only please. Some people even like to pay their 2021 dues (\$30) with the same check.

For your \$20 we provide pizza, bread sticks, salad, chicken wings, and soda. You may purchase other adult beverages at the bar.

You may also bring dessert items to share.

CKC Report to AKCA, November 2021 by Jerold Kyle, Club Rep

CKC meeting at last Sunday of Month for October was on Halloween this year making it more of a Halloween party than a Koi fish get together. It was all about having fun and half a dozen prizes were awarded for best costumes and/or best pumpkins. Hostess Michelle got her new pond under construction up and running the Friday before the meeting so the Koi Kitchi were pleased to see a new pond. In order to keep the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday times clear for families, Nov meeting is moved up to Nov 13 and Dec meeting to Dec 5. With expectations of mild weather, Nov will see us at a BBQ at McKinley Park where we will have a meeting with open invitations to all. Will even set up a tank to show off some nice Koi to visitors. CKC Officers will be voted on for 2022 year and they will be installed at the early December Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting at Old Town Pizza in Roseville. It will be a nice ending for an improving nice year as we are getting back to normal and looking forward to an even more exciting year with our friends and our Koi.



Dion & Michelle Cardenas got water into their formal pond only 36 hours prior to the party. All of their little fishies were happy to be in their new home. There's a little more work to do; capstones, facia, etc.



Rural or Urban? In addition to koi, Michelle also keeps rabbits and chickens properly penned in the back yard. In the house were three dogs that only two people had noticed; until she let them out toward the end of the party. And a cat!

We're told that Dion wants another dog.



Two raised gardens that are already flourishing with herbs and winter vegetables.



The Costume Party

I came as a chagoi.

Lyn came as someone who doesn't take care of her cat very well.

Diane as a tancho, displaying her goody bag and exhibitor award ribbon. She even had barbels, but they don't show in the photo.



Our Halloween pond party was raided by Pam as a racoon.





"Bats in the Attic" aka
Bob's Wife, Michael.



Pumpkin Contest

Pauline won the scariest pumpkin award for her haunted house. Of course, she grew the gourd herself so I guess you could say that she has about six months invested into her project. The other one got 81 million votes but somehow still lost.



Dr. Soto, UC Davis

We got a short slide presentation of the services offered by UC Davis Veterinary Department. We are fortunate to have koi Veterinary services less than an hour drive from the Sacramento area. Dr. Soto also described some of the symptoms of serious koi viruses like KHV and 'Sleepy Koi Disease'.

Here's the contact information for the Small Animal Clinic:
530-752-1393



Michelle had bought one of my fish at the Koi Auction in August. She asked me to keep it until her pond was built. I took the opportunity to make a big deal about how to introduce your new fish into your pond. The fish was transported in the cooler with a frozen water bottle to keep him cool. The thing in my hand is an optical thermometer. As luck would have it, there was only one degree difference between the pond and the bag water. When he was put in the pond, all of Michelle's fish came over to welcome him.

As Winter Approaches

One of the FAQ's I get is "When should I stop feeding my fish?" The consensus is to stop at 50°. In most Sacramento areas our ponds may not get that cold, so how much to feed? My opinion is to adjust the feed rate to the activity of the fish. At 63° they don't get as much as I fed at 73° because they're obviously not as active as they were in the summer. If they vehemently beg for food, I feed 'em. If they don't eat it all quickly, I've fed too much.

The 5" of rain we got in one day played havoc with our ponds. In some cases, it threatened a pH crash. Baking soda can fix that quickly. I got a number of calls about water collecting under the rubber liner and causing a big bubble. After the deluge, the ground would then absorb that water and the bubble would go away. In some cases, this would appear to be a leak in the liner because it happened quickly. The moving liner could also pull away from its adhesion to the bottom drain or skimmer, actually causing a leak. The best way to prevent these issues is to assure that the area around your pond has adequate drainage so that water doesn't build up under your liner.