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- February 10th @7:00 p.m., Seng & Rosimeri Tran's 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, CA 93727
- ZNA Norcal Koi Show, February 28th-March 1st, 399 Silicon Valley Road, San Jose 95138
- Fresno Home & Garden Show, March 6-March 8
- March 10th @ 7:00 p.m., Tony & Nancy Palazzo's 41071 Adobe Way, Madera, 93636
- March 21st—March 22nd, ZNA SoCal, Gardena

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Spring Pond Care – Checklist

By: Rosimeri Tran

1. Remove debris from the pond bottom, using a skimmer, manual pond vacuum or powered pond vacuum.
2. Skim off leaf debris off the pond surface.
3. Test pH and adjust as necessary.
4. Clean filter media – remembering to rinse with pond water as chlorinated tap water will kill off any living “good bacteria”. Jumpstart the biological filter by adding beneficial bacterial. i.e. Microlift. Because at water temperatures of 45° - 50°F the bacteria populations are greatly reduced. With the addition of the beneficial bacteria it will “seed” your filter and help colonize the bio-filter faster.
5. Test salt level and add salt if necessary.
6. Visually inspect koi for signs of disease and/or parasites.
7. Inspect pond equipment and ensure everything is working properly with no leaks. UV light should have UV light bulbs replaced.
8. Adding a barley product will help to prevent string algae from forming in pond.
9. Feeding should ONLY begin when water temperatures are a consistent 50°F. Feed small amounts of wheat germ as the fishes digestion system will be sluggish, avoid overfeeding because:
TOO MUCH FOOD + NO NITRIFYING BACTERIA = POOR WATER QUALITY
This will make a toxic water environment for the koi.
Did you know that your fish produce more ammonia from breathing than from their waste?
10. Water changes, 10% once a week and use a de-chlorinator and/or water conditioner.

2015 Fresno Home & Garden Show

SPRING SHOW



Fresno HOME & GARDEN Show

MARCH 6,7,8, 2015

We have been asked to attend the Home & Garden Show at the Fresno Fairgrounds on March 7, 8 and 9th. They will provide a booth for us and this would be a great time to show case our club and sign up new members. Our club would greatly appreciate if members could sign up to volunteer to sit at the booth and answer questions, hand out flyers and membership forms. At our upcoming February 10th meeting I will have more information available along with sign up sheets. So please give it some thought and help out your club get more publicity and wrangle up some new members. If you can help out please call me at 559-970-8508 or email me at cencalkoi@gmail.com.

Upcoming koi shows



8th Annual ZNA NorCal Koi Show

Feb 28 and Mar 1, 2015
SAT, 9am-5pm & SUN, 10am-2:30pm

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ZNA SoCal Chapter

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Judges Commentaries 9am - 11am
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Show Closes 3pm

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PRESIDENTS CORNER—Rosimeri Tran

Hello everyone,

Let me first wish everyone a happy new year and hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. With the New Year come new adventures and experiences. Some of the ideas that I will discuss at our upcoming February 10th meeting will be to attend upcoming koi shows, there is the ZNA NorCal koi show on February 28th to March 1st in San Jose, this would be a great day trip where we could leave in the early morning, arrive in San Jose enjoy the show and then visit some koi dealers; Then on March 21st to March 22 is the ZNA SoCal koi show in Gardena, which is about 4 hours south of us, both these shows are a great time to see how other clubs put on a koi show and to check out some amazing koi. So I hope we can get enough members interested in doing a group trip so we too can enjoy the fun. Another item I would like to discuss is attending the Fresno Home & Garden Show at the Fresno Fairgrounds on March 6th—March 8th, we have been offered a free booth and it is great opportunity to showcase our koi club to other prospective members, one thing is that we need volunteers to help man the information table to hand out information on our club and membership forms. I hope you can spare a few hours on your weekend to help, we will have passes to get in so it won't cost you anything but a few hours of your time, which our club would greatly appreciate. This year we will be Fresno's turn to host the joint meeting with our sister club, The Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden Society most likely sometime in May, more information will be available in the upcoming months when I secure a date with their club. Then of course our September koi show in Fig Garden, I would like to see club members participating in not only volunteering but also showcasing your beautiful koi at the show, more info will follow in upcoming meetings.

I shall continue to incorporate koi health and pond care into our meetings and would appreciate your input and suggestions on the meeting forum, if there is something you would like me to discuss or research please let me know, one of the great things about our meetings is that is casual and open to discussion. Membership dues of \$35.00 are due by March 31st, so if you would like to mail a check payable to CCKS, to 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, CA 93727 or you can pay at the February 10th meeting, for those new members who joined at the September koi show or at the end of the 2014, you are paid for in 2015. Speaking of meetings, we will have a sign up sheet at our February 10th meeting for meeting hosts, if you haven't hosted a meeting please do sign up, members always enjoying visiting with members and viewing your koi and pond.

Happy koi keeping my friends.

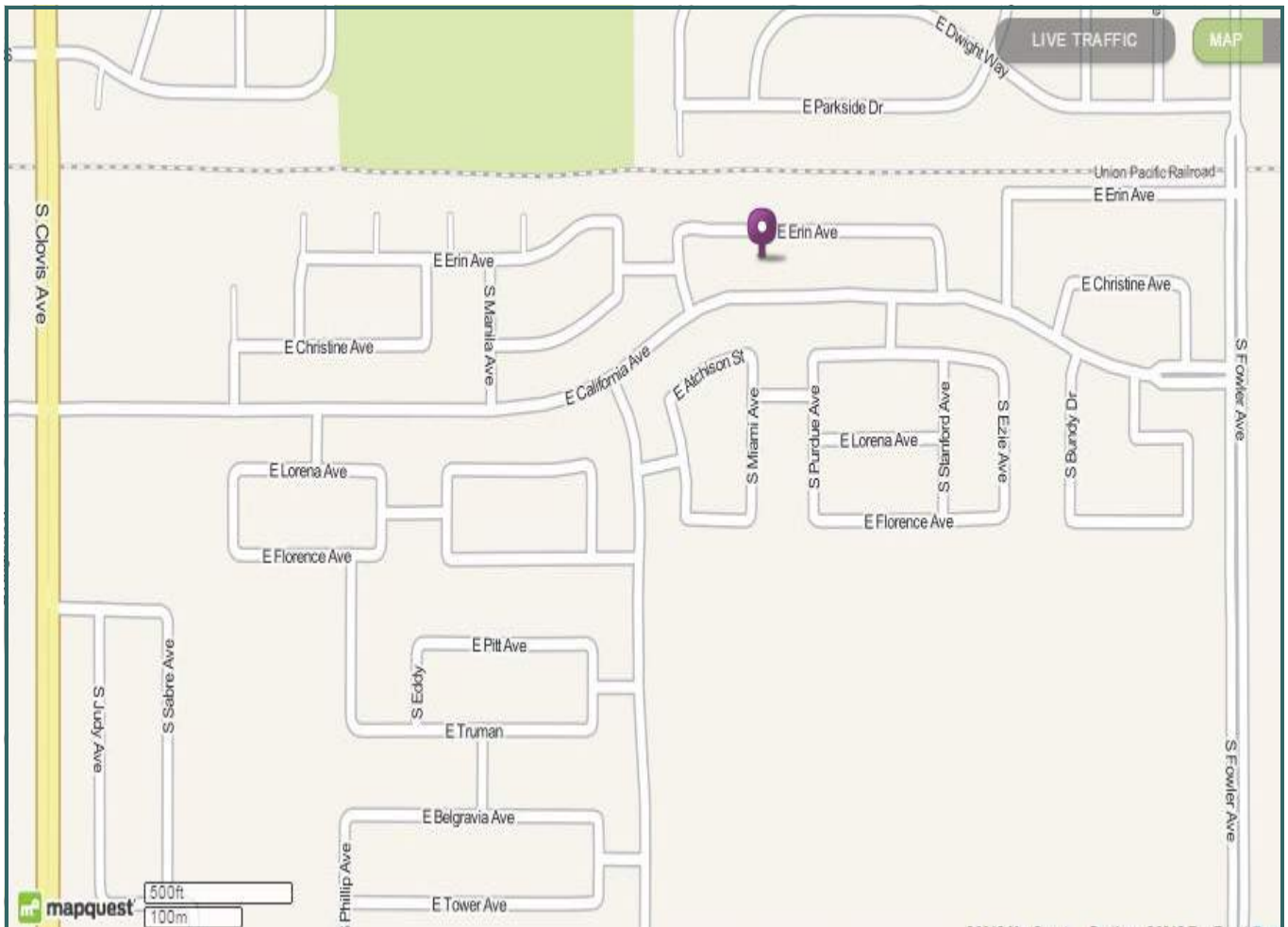


CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

February 10th at 7:00 p.m. Seng & Rosimeri Tran 5832 E. Erin Ave
Fresno, CA 93727

March 10th at 7:00 p.m. Tony & Nancy Palazzo 41071 Adobe Way
Madera, CA 93636

February general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th @ 7:00 p.m.. at Seng & Rosimeri Tran's home 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, CA 93727. RSVP at 559-970-8508 or via email at cencalkoi@gmail.com



January 29th Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—By Nancy Palazzo

Board Meeting, January 26, 2015, Minutes of Central California Koi Society

Meeting called to order at 6:45 by President Rosimeri Tran.

Those present were, Nancy Palazzo, Tony Palazzo, Seng Tran, Tom Callahan, JR Romagnoli and John Kendall.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3,878.27 in the checking account. Nancy Palazzo will sign a new bank signature card to write checks when necessary if the Treasurer is not present.

A copy of the By-laws and Membership Roster were passed out to all those present.

Renewal Membership dues are now due and will be delinquent after March 31st.

The By-laws of CCKC were reviewed by the Board. After discussion that the election rule of alternating the Officer/Directors elections every two years is not working as all were elected this year. It was moved by JR with a second from John to change the bylaws to an annual election for Officers and Directors. The motion passed and the change in bylaws will be presented to the membership for approval at the general meeting.

The next meeting will be Feb. 10th. At 7pm at Seng and Rosimeri Tran's home.

There will be a sign up sheet for assisting at the Home and Garden Show coming up this spring. Our club was invited as a guest to have a booth on Koi Keeping and ponds. There are several events coming up soon. Details will be discussed at the meeting.

The March meeting will be at Tony and Nancy's home in Madera near Valley Children's Hospital at 7pm.

Board will meet at 6:00pm., prior to General Meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7:35.

Respectively reported by Nancy Palazzo

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2014 Show Pin \$6.00 each have arrived.



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If you have ever used or are using a pond maintenance or repair service, please share what you know. We have members, prospective members, and the public asking frequently for references, suggestions, or just any information about anyone in this business. Pond maintenance companies allow us to relax a bit with our ponding duties, we are always in search of new ideas of pond maintenance. If you have anything to contribute, please send us an email at: cencalkoi@gmail.com

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