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- November 1st @2:00 p.m., John & Sue Kendall, 847 E. Gettysburg, Fresno 93704
- December 13th @4:00p.m., Holiday gathering at Dale & Sandy Winn's 8099 E. Nees Ave, Clovis 93619

### Fall Pond Maintenance—By Rosimeri Tran

Ah the weather is changing, its that's time of the year that many of us look forward to getting the relief from those hot Fresno temperatures. Now is a good time to discuss some fall maintenance and how to prepare your pond and koi for the upcoming changing seasons. Let me stress the importance of checking your pond temperature and ensuring that you are not overfeeding your koi or feeding them when the temperature dropped below 50 F (see the attached feeding schedule). Other things you should be doing include:

Thin out your koi pond plants before winter arrives Annuals like water lettuce and water hyacinths need to be pulled before a freeze sets in. Water lettuce is usually the first to show signs of temperature stress. It is important to remove these plants before they die and release toxins into the water and depleting oxygen levels. Any tropical lilies should be removed and stored for the next season. Remove the lily pads as they die off and cut the perennials back to a small area. Plants like watercress should be cut back to a 1 - 2 foot square area. Cut the tops off of water iris to leave about 4 -6 inches. The less the plant surface area on the water, the easier it is to keep the leaves cleaned out of the pond. If you have dead spots it the pond with little water flow, an extra pump can be used to keep the bottom stirred up.

Once the leaves start falling it can be a chore to keep up with, but it is important to keep the skimmer baskets emptied on a daily basis. Not all of the leaves will end up in the skimmer and will have to be netted out. Some people use a net to keep the leaves off the pond during fall. When using a net it should be placed where the net does not sit on the water. This would be counter productive letting the leaves to decay on the top of the water. It can also be difficult to keep all the leaves out of the pond using a net.

The leaves that do get in would be impossible to clean without removing the net. Keeping the leaves cleaned up it the yard means fewer leaves that will end up in the pond. Even after the leaves have fallen they can continue to blow into the pond from surrounding areas. A warm spell in the winter months is a good time to clean any leaves that have blown in.

Fall, the season when everything seems to drop: **leaves, water temperatures**, and don't forget the worst one, **immune systems**. Koi are "Poikilothermic", which means cold blooded. Their body temperature matches the water temperature. You will notice that when the water gets below 60 degrees, your Koi will slow way down. This is a critical time period. Watch your Koi for any signs of distress or any complications with parasites. When the temperature starts to fall, switch to a Koi food that has a high percentage of wheat germ and a low percentage of protein. This mixture will be easy for your Koi to digest and will help clean out their digestive system. Stop feeding your Koi altogether when the temperature gets below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. They may look hungry, but if you feed them, the food in their stomachs may not digest and they will suffer.

So in summary trim back the plants and trees around your pond and clean up the leaves in the pond and around it. Check your pond temperature and adjust your feeding amount and schedule, watch your koi for any signs of stress and be careful when cleaning your pond if you decide to change the water be careful not to stir up your pond water, as many people decide to move rocks in their pond and hydrogen sulfide is just hiding in those spots waiting to escape and kill your koi.

#### **FEEDING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:**

##### **Water Temperature**

Less than 50F  
 50 – 55F  
 55 – 59F  
 60 – 72F  
 72 – 80F

##### **Feeding Quantity**

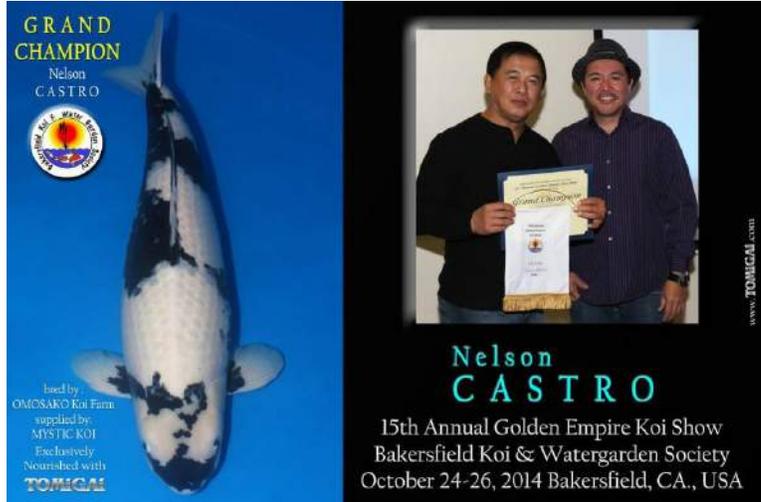
DO NOT FEED  
 2-3 Times a week  
 4-5 Times a week  
 Once or Twice per day  
 Three or Four times per day

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# Bakersfield Koi Show

*Grand Champion awarded to Nelson Castro for his Shiro Utsuri*



2014 Winners of the Best in Variety category at the Bakersfield Koi Show: Ron & Malise Unruh, William Williams, Jack Chapman, Louie Hernandez, Nelson Castro, Seng & Rosimeri Tran, Don & Brenda Chandler



The awards table consisted of drawings and paintings done by Lydia Liu, handmade koi art, very talented daughter of Ken Liu of Barstow Koi.

Bakersfield Koi Show:  
 Judges Andrew Moo and Michael Hernandez  
 Show Chair: Ron Unruh  
 Club President: Malise Unruh



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# KOI AUCTION

Sunday November 9, 2014

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- No fee for bidding paddles

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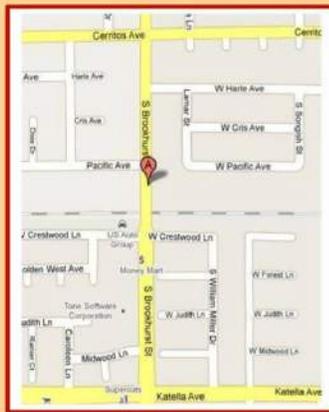
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- All Varieties

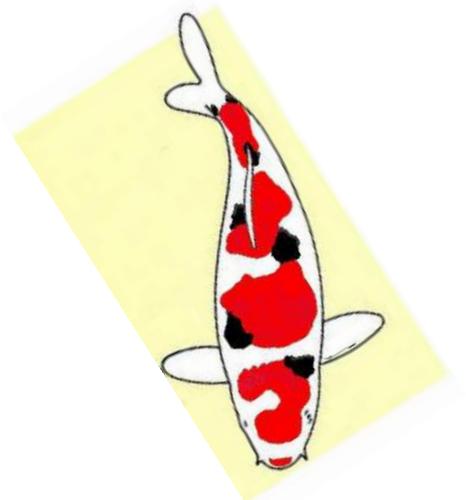
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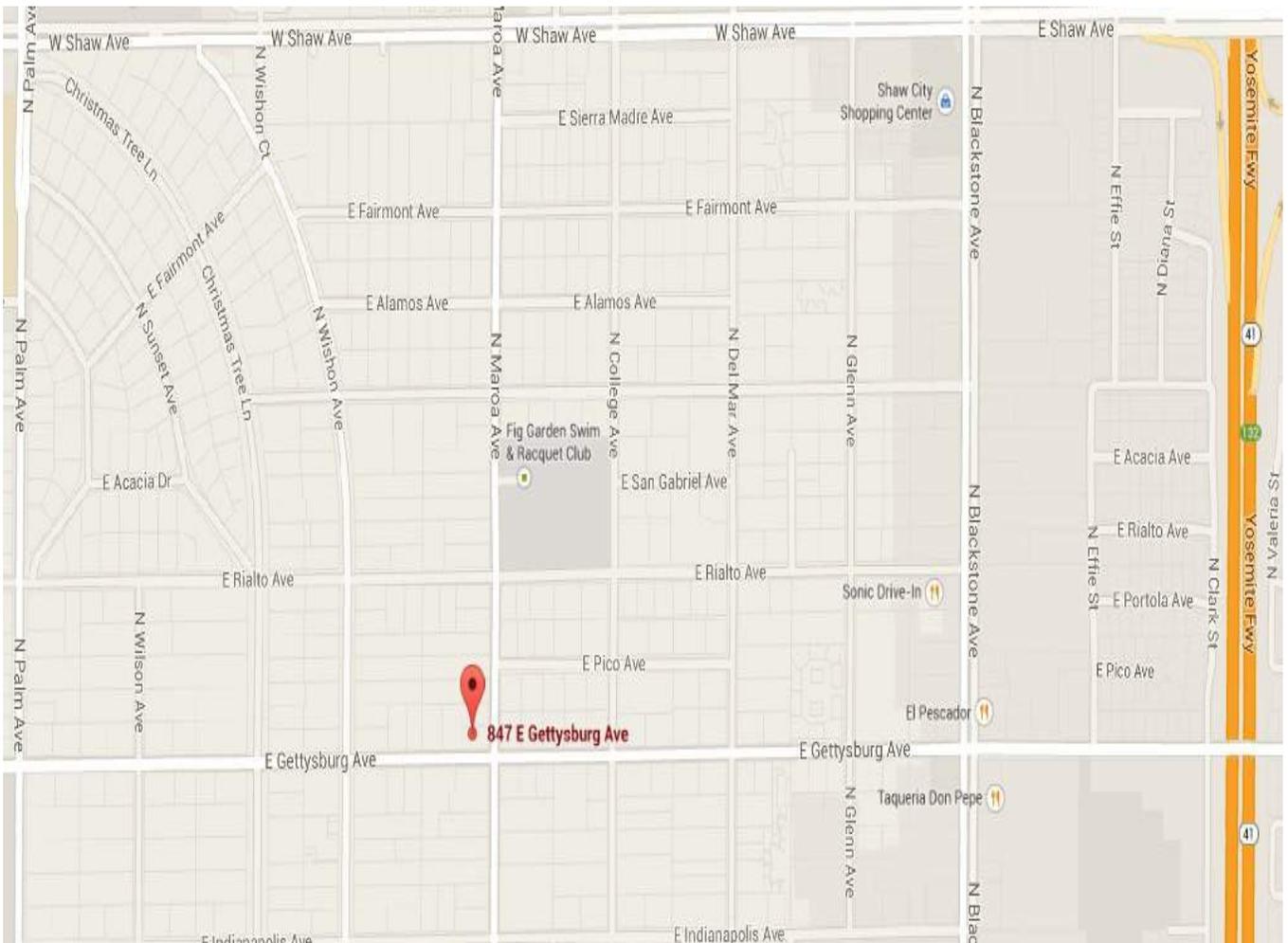
**Our ZNA SoCal friends are having their koi auction on Sunday, November 9th at Andrew's Koi International in Anaheim. This is a great way to acquire great looking koi at great prices. The auction begins at 12pm and you can preview the fish at 11am. If interested let me know and we can organize a day trip to Anaheim.**

## CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

November 1st at 2:00 p.m.    John & Sue Kendall                    847 E. Gettysburg  
Fresno, CA 93704

December 13th at 4:00 p.m.    Dale & Sandy Winn                    8099 E. Nees Ave  
**HOLIDAY PARTY**                    Clovis, CA 93619

November meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st at 2:00 p.m. at John & Sue Kendall's at 847 E. Gettysburg Ave, Fresno 93704



## Thank You and New Ideas Needed – By Seng Tran

2014 koi show has come and gone with a blink of an eye, everything that we had planned for through the year had come together as planned. Of course I do my very best to help our President, Rosimeri throughout the koi show, from planning, setting up and various tasks as needed here and there, so that the koi show went as smoothly as possible, but the koi show would not be possible without the help of all the members and non members, such as Bob and Nina Garrison, Jon Garrison Sr, and Jon Garrison, Jr., Tony and Nancy Palazzo, John Kendall, Marilyn and Pete Miller, Dale and Sandy Winn, MaryHelen DelaTorre and her sister Jessie, Tom Callahan, Robert and Fam Rangel, Joyce and Ed Kroeker, Peggy Avila and Dulces Gonzalez, along with new members J.R. Romagnoli, Ryan and Richele Kleiser; and all the idea during the set up and tear down, we apologize if we missed out on anyone's name, so thank you guys.

Throughout the year Rosimeri and I went to other club koi shows to support them, like they come to support our club, and to learn and bring back if there are anything that they do that are good idea to make change, and that we could incorporate into our koi show in the future, and of course we want to make it to less work as possible during set up and tear down. So for the upcoming year and koi show in 2015 I would like to ask each club member family to give me your input of 2 ideas if possible:

If there is something that you want to make change at the koi show, what is it that you want to change and how would you make it easier and more efficient?

We know that each member family has some good idea that you care for your koi and pond, DIY, good or bad idea, "what to do" or "what not to do", and please submit your article and send it to us via email or mail or at the club meeting. We will take all ideas to discuss at the board meeting and publish your idea on the newsletter throughout the year.

Thank you,  
*Seng Tran*

## October 11th General Meeting Minutes—By Sandy Winn

General Koi club meeting was held Oct 11, 2014 at Bob and Nina Garrison's home. Koi show was a success. Judges were impressed with the fish, set up and location. 14 tanks and 91 koi showed.

Bakersfield Koi show will be Oct 25 and 26 at Kern County fair grounds. November 22 Rosimeri will have a booth at Chen zen garden from 10 - 4 in wood ward park, treasurers report states that we have \$ 6985.00 in bank . koi show mad \$1880.00. Koi auction Made \$870.00. next year once a fish is won at auction it will be bagged and buyers name on it. to eliminate confusion.

Suggestions wanted to make Koi show better fro each koi club family and submit to rosimeri. Election for new board members will be at November general meeting at John and Sue Kendall's home. nov 1 at 2 pm.

Discussed buying new poly tanks. would be a lot easier for Koi show. New Tanks would be \$450.00 each.

## October 21st Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—By Sandy Winn

Koi club board meeting was held Oct 21, 2014 at Seng and Rosimeri Tran's home.

Balance in Koi club bank account is \$7,016.46. Discussed buying the poly tanks and decided the club could start off with buying 6 tanks. will be a lot easier for set up and cleaning for Koi show. Discussed club membership. November general meeting will be at john and Sue Kendall's home 847 E. Gettysburg Fresno 93704 Nov 1 at 2 pm. Elections for new offices will be at this nov meeting. need new officers and board members. Bakersfield Koi show is October 25 and 26th at kern county fair grounds.

Holiday party will be at Dale and Sandy Winn's home Dec 13, 2014 at 4 pm. club will supply meat and drinks. Please call Sandy Winn at [559 779 3149](tel:5597793149) cell or home [559 325 5689](tel:5593255689) to let her know that you will be attending. as in the past club members bring a side dish let sandy know what you want to bring. please \$20.00 exchange gift men by for men. women buy for women. Hope we have a good turn out we always have fun.

Submitted by:  
Sandy Winn

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**PRESIDENTS CORNER—Rosimeri Tran**

Hello everyone,

November has arrived and so has the change in the weather, finally we can get our break from the Fresno heat. As the weather chills take this time to do some maintenance and ease back on the feeding of your koi, remember to check your water temperatures when feeding, as the water temperature gets cooler your koi's appetite will ease up.

This is also our election month, we need to elect officers for the 2015-2017 for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Seng and I are willing to run for another term but will need someone to step up and volunteer for the Vice President and Secretary positions along with a board of director position. This club needs everyone's help to be successful, it has been around for 36 years and we would like to continue to keep this club active but without enough leadership this cannot be accomplished. With that being said at our November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting I will be seeking candidates for these positions, I hope that you will consider one of these positions and please let me know if you can help keep the Central California Koi Society running. If you have any questions on the duties of these positions please contact me and I can go over them with you.

Seng and I spent this past weekend at the Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden koi show, and we had fun, always fun attending koi shows, we reconnected with our friends and made new ones too. I was happy to see some Fresno faces there visiting thanks to Dale and Sandy Winn, Bob and Nina Garrison and Pete and Marilyn Miller for attending, it helps keep the connection of the two sister clubs going when they see our club support their koi show. They had 40 tanks of koi with a koi count of over 200 koi there, quite impressive, exhibitors were there from San Diego, Los Angeles, Bakersfield and Fresno competing. There were wet booth vendors there including our own J.R. selling some Fresno koi. Judges were Andrew Moo and Michael Hernandez. Congratulations to all the winners, and to Nelson Castro for winning the Grand Champion title.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KOI for Sale:

*We are thinning out our pond and have various koi for sale some show quality, please contact Seng at 559-999-1706 for pricing and if interested in viewing. We also have some nice baby koi, different color, For Sale, baby koi prices are \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, and \$30.00 each.*

2014 Show Pin \$6.00 each have arrived.



1997—2013 \$2.00 each  
Contact Rosimeri at [cencalkoi@gmail.com](mailto:cencalkoi@gmail.com) or call her at 559-970-8508 if interested in purchasing any.

## POND MAINTENANCE

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](mailto:cencalkoi@gmail.com)

CCKS Club Store:

Potassium Permanganate	\$15.00	(1 lb jar)
Sodium Thiosulfate	\$10.00	(2 lb jar)

*Call Seng Tran at 559-999-1706, or email [sengtran@gmail.com](mailto:sengtran@gmail.com) if interested in purchasing, we will also have these available at every club meeting.*

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# **CCKS HOLIDAY PARTY**

## **12/13/14 AT 4PM**

**This is a cordial invitation to all club members that we will be having the annual CCKS holiday party on 12/13/14 at 4pm at the home of Dale & Sandy Winn located at 8099 E. Nees Ave, Clovis, 93619.**

**The club will be providing the ham, turkey and beverages and we ask that all those attending bring a potluck side dish, i.e. salad, pasta, bread, dessert, appetizers. Please RSVP to Sandy at 325-5689 or 779-3149 to let her know how many in your party will be attending and what potluck item you will bring.**



**Also we will be having our yearly gift exchange. This is where men buy a gift for men and women buy for women. The value of the gift should be valued at \$20.00. Gifts should be wrapped with no name on it. Members will be given a number and gifts will be chosen in sequence.**