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A Fish Out Of Water – By Rosimeri Tran, KHA

- Fresno Home & Garden Show, March 6-March 8, Fresno fairgrounds
- Koi Club of San Diego koi show at Del Mar Fairgrounds March 7– March 8.
- CCKS March meeting March 10th @ 7:00 p.m., Tony & Nancy Palazzo’s 41071 Adobe Way, Madera, 93636, BOD meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
- ZNA SoCal koi show, Gardena Civic Center, March 21st—March 22nd

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I had the unfortunate experience to find one of my koi motionless, outside of the pond leaning up against our pond wall. You can just imagine my anxiety, especially since it was one of my Showa that I have shown in many shows and has won several awards. My first thought was “OH NO!”, then came the panic, “What to do, what to do”. So firstly I washed off the dirt on the koi using our pond water, poor thing was covered in mud from thrashing around on the side of the pond. His mouth was barely opening, eyes were already cloudy, but he was not stiff as a board, so there was still hope. I lowered him into the pond and kept moving him back and forth while holding him upright, we had water being pumped thru a PVC pipe for waterfall, so I would put him in the bubbling water, which provided oxygen. Back and forth from the bubbles and moving him back and forth, I would pull him closer to me and then I noticed his gills opening and closing, GREAT! He was not doing that before, so I took that as an improvement, and continued on. After about one hour, he was able to stay afloat and was even wiggling his body while I held him doing the back and forth motion. The reason we do this is the water needs to move through the koi’s mouth and out through their gills, this is how they will get the oxygen transmitted into their body. So after three hours of working on my koi he was able to swim around and stay afloat, but I did not want to release him just yet, so I kept him afloat in the net and kept him under the bubbles and would release him and scoop him up if I felt he was still too weak to swim away. But after several hours he was stronger and went from a limp, lifeless, muddy koi to a strong swimming Showa that I remember. It took a few days for him to get stronger, as he was out of the water for at least 30 minutes by my guess, so he sat at bottom of pond, and then swam around, and later we started feeding and he was not eating a lot but did eat some. Due to his jumping out, we decided to cover the pond with a net to prevent any jumping out. So today, I am happy to say that besides some scale damage from him jumping out, this fish seems to be doing well and swimming along with the rest of the koi.

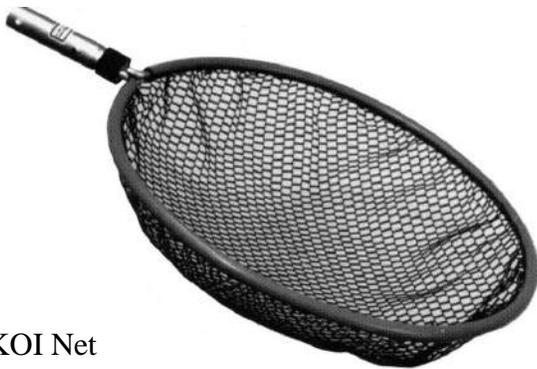
Fish jump out of pond for many reasons, some examples are:

- Parasites
- Startled by other koi, being chased
- Water quality issues
- New pond environment
- Lack of Oxygen

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In our case, we had just finished remodeling our pond, and moved the koi from their quarantine tank, into their new bigger, better pond, which had a new pond liner and they went from inside a tank to out into the outside into a bigger pond, so the water temperatures were the same, water quality readings the same, but this was a change that may have “freaked” this koi out as he had been jumping in the water now and then. Never give up on your koi, you might not be as lucky as I was, but put in the effort, have the tools ready just in case you have a jumper. You should have a net, plastic tub and air stone ready to go in case you need to perform KOI CPR. Check their gills if you find them outside of the pond, if they are not clamped shut or even if they are, open them and get the water pumping thru them, of course if the fish is rigid, and dry, eyes are glazed over, unfortunately it’s too late. But there is no better feeling than what I experienced where a lifeless koi came back to life in my hands, and hopefully my experience will enlighten you and help you if this should ever happen in your backyard pond.



KOI Net



KOI Bowl



Airpump with air stone



Here is the end result of my koi CPR, my Showa swimming happily with all the other koi as if nothing ever happened. He is eating well, swimming and socializing with all the other koi and has had no other jumping incidents since then. He did sustain some damage to his right side gill plate, from most likely thrashing around in the dirt but with time we hope it will heal up.

KOI OF THE MONTH
UTSURIMONO (AKA UTSURI)
By: Rosimeri Tran



The Utsuri are one of my favorite variety of koi, I just love the color combination of these koi and the “*sumi*” black just makes this koi stand out in any pond. Utsuri means reflection in Japanese, these are black koi with a second color such as white (*shiro*), yellow (*ki*), or red (*hi*). These koi were created by breeding with a black common carp, the *tetsu magoi*. The fish has improved since it’s origination in the 1925’s with the black being 40% to 60% color on the koi. The Ki Utsuri is one of the oldest koi with some varieties dating as far back as 1925 and was originally named “*kuro ki han*”, meaning black and yellow markings. The yellow in the Ki should be bright with no orange undertones. The most popular of the Utsuri is the Shiro, the white needs to be bright and have no other colors, in younger Shiro the white will almost look blue, these koi because of their white skin should not be fed color enhancing food as this may bring out yellow, or pink undertones and in some cases some have been seen with “*hi*” spots. Lastly my favorite of the group is the Hi Utsuri, just seeing the bright red and the dark black combination just feels great to look at. The black should appear shiny, like leather and blue-black or ebony in color, the red should be bright red and deep in color, there should be minimal black specks, you want to see black stripes in all three types of Utsuri. These straps should wrap around the koi’s body down to the lateral line, it should also extend across the head in one of two patterns, a diagonal lightning like line or “*V*” pattern. These koi have competed against Showa and Sanke in koi shows and won, think of their body as art, you want to seek one out that looks like a silhouette picture, a sharp edged black pattern on a contrasting solid red, white or yellow background.

Credits to: Pam Spindola for article on Watergardenersinternational.org, “Living Works of Art Utsurimono—Shiro, Hi, and Ki Utsuri”

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.

If you can help out please call me at 559-970-8508 or email me at cencalkoi@gmail.com.

Upcoming koi shows




Koi Club of San Diego
Presents its
28th Annual Koi Show & Water Garden Expo
March 7th & 8th, 2015
Del Mar Fairgrounds Activity Center

Fish Check-in:
Friday 3pm-8pm
Saturday 8am appointment only

Exhibit Hours:
Saturday 9am-4pm
Sunday 9am-3pm

Judging Starts: Saturday @ 10am
Awards Banquet: Saturday @ 6pm in the Activity Center
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PRESIDENTS CORNER—Rosimeri Tran

Hello everyone,

March is here and hopefully that warm spring weather will be soon upon us. You may have started to feed your koi, of course use caution and follow the temperature feeding schedule to ensure your koi's health. Start off slowly by feeding small amounts then as their appetites increase, slowly increase their feed. If they are not very active there is no need to feed them too much, remember that any uneaten koi food will go to waste and foul up your water quality. Our February meeting was fun, not a big crowd but we discussed the upcoming year's events and passed out meeting host signup sheets along with volunteer list for our info booth at the Fresno Home Show, if you are available to help out on either Friday, March 6, Saturday March 7th or Sunday March 8th, please contact me, the more help we get the easier the booth will run. We will have literature about our koi club and membership forms for those interested in joining, so please consider helping the club out, the Board greatly appreciates everyone giving their time which is not much just two hours on either of those days will be a big help.

We will be traveling on Saturday, February 28th to the ZNA Norcal koi show in San Jose to go check out their koi show, which is one of the biggest and visit with some of the vendors and koi stores in the area, this will be a day trip and if you are interested in going, please contact me at 559-970-8508 or email at cencalkoi@gmail.com.

Membership dues are rolling in and we appreciate those that are paying on time, so if you have not paid yet, please mail your check in the amount of \$35.00 payable to CCKS, mail it to 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, CA 93727 or bring it to our next club meeting on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Tony and Nancy Palazzo's home. I am working hard to find some good articles for our newsletter and please send me your comments, suggestions or even better an article from a member with an experience good or bad would be greatly appreciated too. I am reviving the KOI of the Month and will discuss the different classes of koi so we can all learn together.

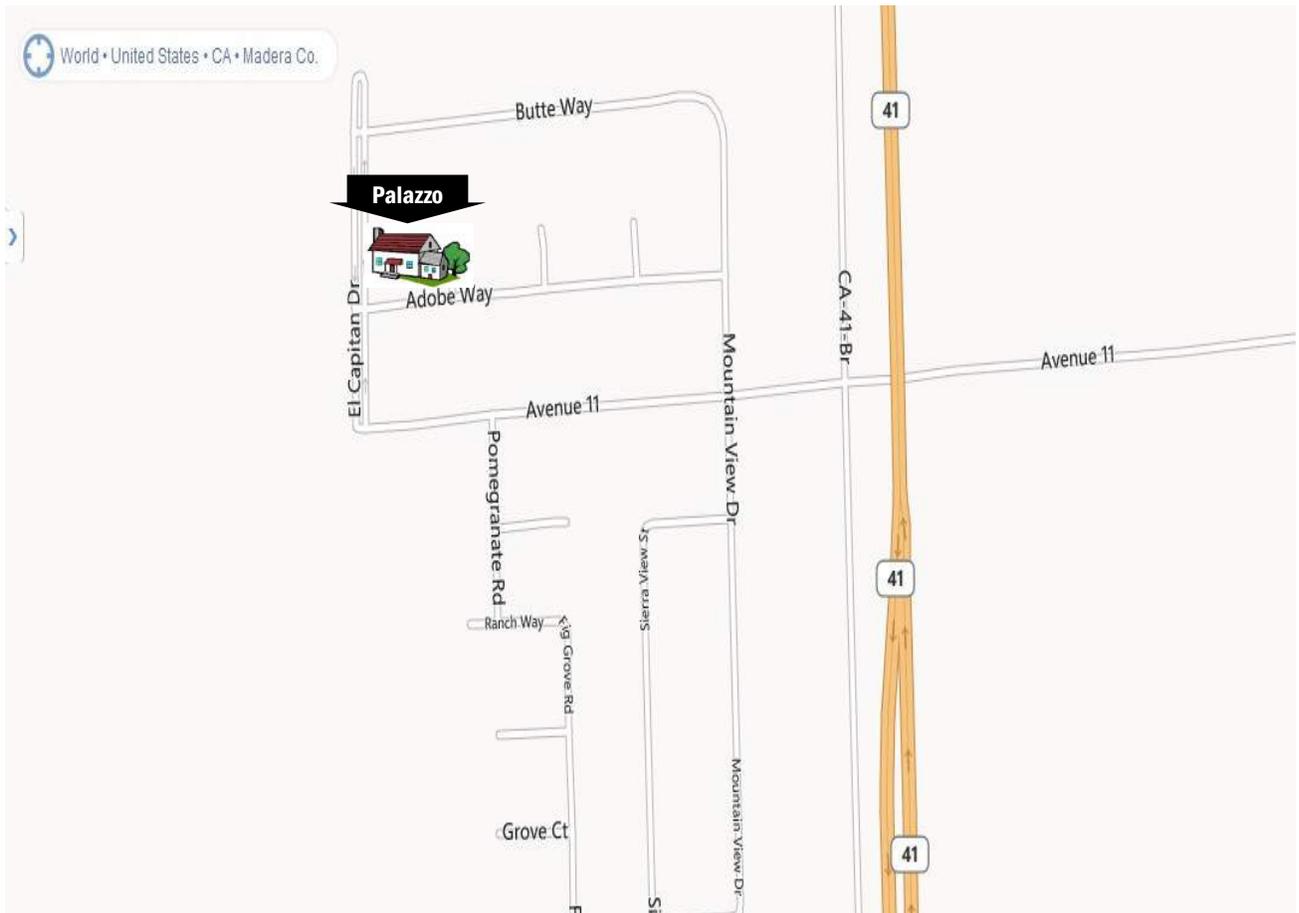
I hope to see everyone at our next meeting, on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Tony & Nancy Palazzo's home.



CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

March 10th at 7:00 p.m.	Tony & Nancy Palazzo	41071 Adobe Way Madera, CA 93636
April TBD		
May 12th at 7:00 p.m.	Ryan & Richele Kleiser	13136 Winegrass Lane Clovis, CA 93619
June date TBD	Tom & Elaine Callahan	5966 E. Butler Ave Fresno, CA 93727

March general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th @ 7:00 p.m. at Tony & Nancy Palazzo's home 41071 Adobe Way, Madera 93636. RSVP at 559-435-7438.



February 10th General Meeting Minutes—By Nancy Palazzo

General Meeting Minutes of Central California Koi Society February 10, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by President Rosimeri Tran in her home.

President Rosimeri Presented a plaque from AKCA to Bob Garrison in recognition of his prize fish from the 2014 Koi Show.

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 Motion was presented by the Board to amend the bylaws, Article IV, Section B, so as all Officers including Board of Directors will be nominated and elected at the same time, previously it had been Officers on Odd years and Directors on Even years. The recommendation was presented to the general meeting members and as a motion and the motion passed.

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.

A sign up sheet was passed to the membership to host meetings. The next meeting will be on March 10th at Tony and Nancy Palazzo's home at 41071 Adobe Way, Madera. Time: 7 pm. (The Board will meet on the same night at 6pm.)

There are several events coming up soon.

The Home & Garden Show, March,6,7,8. We were invited to have a display booth and hope members will share in staffing for this opportunity to talk about our living jewels, Koi keeping and ponds.

February 28th. San Jose Koi show.

March 7-8 San Diego Koi Show

March 21st- March 22nd Gardenia Koi Show

June -- Joint meeting of Bakersfield and Fresno Koi Clubs. Fresno is host this year. Details are pending.

There was a discussion on immediate problems of Algae and leaking ponds.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted by Nancy Palazzo.

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Pond Equipment for sale By Tom Callahan

I'm selling equipment from my koi pond at a price far below their initial cost since they are no longer in use:

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