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## Benefits of plants in your watergarden – By Rosimeri Tran

They will add oxygen production in your pond/watergarden

Provide shade to keep pond cool on hot summers

Create great spawning material for those who want to spawn their koi

Prevents algae from getting out of control due to the shade factor created by the plants

Reduce nitrates in pond water

Added beauty to your watergarden

### Three types of water plants:

Floaters – Fairy Moss, Water Lettuce, and Water Hyacinths



Drifters – Anacharis, Hornwort, and Parrots Feather



Potted – Lily, Water Celery and Taro



Downside of putting plants in pond with dirt in pots is that koi will try to eat the plants and make a mess with dirt and uprooting the plants. You can avoid this by not using dirt but with larger rocks to weigh the plant down. Plants can also be put at or near the waterfall away from the koi and still providing the oxygen and nitrate reducing benefits. There is also the option of creating a veggie filter which is an addition to your filtration system and will help filter out many toxins out of the water in a natural way, as well as looking beautiful too, we you yellow flag Iris in ours. By placing the veggie tub by pond's edge, you would pump the water through the plants and then return to the pond, therefore the plants will consume the toxins and nitrates and you provide clear water back into your pond.



## Benefits of plants in your watergarden – By Rosimeri Tran

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Remove plants from solution and rinse in second container filled with de-chlorinated water before placing them in your pond. When disinfecting potted plants the soak time should be increased by 2 hours to ensure all of the soil is disinfected along with the foliage.

Take care to disinfect any new plants to eliminate any snail, fish eggs and parasites that may be hidden in them. Here is a recipe using Potassium Permanganate:

- First fill 2 large containers with water.
- Treat one container with chlorine remover.
- Add Potassium Permanganate to the other container at a rate of approximately 1/8 teaspoon per 3 gallons of water. The solution should be a medium pink or magenta color, not purple.
- Next, wash all dirt off the roots of floating and drifting type plants and remove any faded or damaged leaves.
- Place the plants in the Potassium Permanganate solution and add an air bubbler the container. Force plants down into the solution with a net and gently weight it to ensure all foliage is submerged.
- Allow to soak for a 3-4 hours.
- Remove plants from solution and rinse in second container filled with de-chlorinated water before placing them in your pond.

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\*Potassium Permanganate will stain! Use extreme caution and follow all manufacture instructions.  
“Koihealth.info”



Plants soaking in Potassium Permanganate

# **TOXIC PLANTS—By Rosimeri Tran**

Below is a list of some common plants that we may have around the pond, did you know that many of these are toxic to our koi. So please use caution when planting in and around your pond and use this list as a reference, I have included the website link at the bottom where there are many more plants that I did not list, as these are the common ones we might have.

## **Plant Name**

## **Part**

Aloe	leaves
Amaryllis	bulbs contain alkaloids
Apple	all parts, seeds contain hydrocyanic acid
Apricot	all parts, seeds contain hydrocyanic acid
Azaleas (Rhododendorn)	all parts can be fatal
Bird of Paradise bush	seeds
Black Walnut	hulls
Bluebonnets	all parts
Boxwood	all parts
Calla Lily	all parts
Christmas Berry	berries are toxic
Crocus	all bulbs
Daffodil	bulbs may be fatal
Dogwood	fruit slightly toxic
Elderberry	red fruit toxic, black and blue okay
Elephant Ear	all parts
English Ivy	berries
Holly	leaves and berries
Honeysuckle	flowers and leaves
Horsetail	all parts
Hyacinth	bulbs can be fatal
Impatiens (Balsam, Touch-me-not, Snapweed)	whole plant
Iris	underground stem, leaves, rhizomes
Ivy	all parts
Jasmine (yellow)	all parts
Lily of the Valley	all parts
Oleander	all parts
Peach, Pear, Plum	seeds
Poinsettia	all parts, leaves and sap fatal

**Reference:** [www.koi-pond-guide.com](http://www.koi-pond-guide.com)

## Water Quality—By Seng Tran

As I am writing this article, I had just tested the water quality of my pond, and the ammonia are slightly higher than normal, yep, you heard it, and how does it happen, and when does it happen. Well it all happens when we start feeding our koi, soon afterwards the water temperature warms up and it may seem like our koi are always hungry and will happily accept any and all food you throw at them. When they eat, they also pollute the water, and it is up to how efficient your filtration system is to handle this matter, or if your filtration system has been properly cleaned, so that it will be able to handle the ammonia that your koi created; well, that's another subject for another day to discuss, but what I'm discussing in this issue is water quality in your pond. As a koi hobbyist, we invest a lot of time and money in our pond, our prize koi, and we would want to know what type of water environment they live in. If the water quality or chemistry are out of the perimeter they live in, we would want to correct it before they start to show sign of illness or perhaps too late to save them. I will be conducting a water testing workshop, what they should be ideally in our next general meeting, so if you have any questions or are confused of what your pond water chemistry should be, bring some water from your pond, we will test it and discuss the problem that would help your pond fish.



## CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

May 14th @2:00 p.m.	Ryan & Richelle Kleiser	13136 Wiregrass Lane Clovis, CA 93619
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Clovis, CA 93619

**November TBD**

**December Holiday Party TBD**

May 14th meeting held at Ryan & Richele Kleiser home at 2:00 p.m., located at 13136 Wiregrass Lane, Clovis, CA. RSVP at 559-312-3892.



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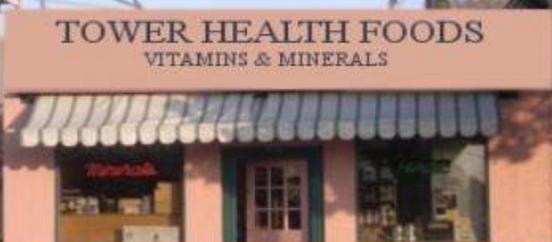
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I would like to welcome new club members, Lito Gonzalez and Lisa Lamoure into the club, we are always happy to see koi hobbyists join our club to become more educated in the koi hobby. Our koi show plans are booming right now with the help of our show chair, Richele Kleiser, she has created a magnificent show flyer, which I have circulated on Facebook and also is included in this newsletter. Our head judge this year will be returning AKCA/ZNA Judge, Larry Gill and we are awaiting a candidate judge to assist him. Our banquet facility will be held at the University Square Hotel, Ambassador Room, (Shaw/Cedar), they will have a buffet dinner for us and it will be a great social time for all to attend, the banquet will cost \$40.00 each and more final details will be given as it arises. Already I am being contacted by outside vendors and exhibitors and since this will be our 38<sup>th</sup> annual show, it will be a big one. I am working in the background at this moment, half way thru chemo and my last treatment will be in June, and I hope to get back in the saddle soon of this club, but no worries you know I am here for you if need be, as well as our board of directors, so feel free to contact any one of us with suggestions for the club meetings, or koi show suggestions and newsletter topics you would like to see discussed. *At our May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Seng will be doing a water quality test, so if you would like your pond water tested, please bring a small sample for him to test, there may also be a microscope demonstration as well.* So hope all is well with everyone in their pond and koi and hope to see everyone at Ryan and Richele's home on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Thank you for all the get well cards and wishes, and also for voting for me for KOI Person of the Year, it means a lot to me and I look forward to getting better and getting back in the saddle of the club and seeing all your smiling faces, so again thank you!

*Just a friendly reminder that if you have not paid your annual dues please send the \$35.00 payable to CCKS at 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, CA 93727, for those who paid already, the club thanks you for your prompt payment.*



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- Awards Banquet 6 pm (Tickets \$40)

**Sunday 9 am – 3 pm**

- Raffle Drawing – 12:30 pm
- Silent Auction Winners Announced – 1 pm
- Koi Auction – 2 pm

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