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# WELCOME TO THE 2025 CENTRAL CALIFORNIA KOI SOCIETY (CCKS) 45TH ANNUAL FRESNO KOI SHOW

CCKS members and enthusiasts have brought their best koi to the Fresno Koi Show competition. Whether this is your first experience, you are a novice, or *koi kichi* (koi fanatic), we hope you enjoy the koi show!

You can view beautiful koi, visit vendors and sponsors, and speak to CCKS members who are happy to answer questions about koi keeping and pond building/maintenance. Grab delicious food from food trucks and enjoy the park with your friends and family.

*If you raise koi or are considering building a koi pond, you should join CCKS! **Membership is \$40 per year for a family,*** and you'll get loads of information, tips for pond keeping and meet great people.

During the show, we hope you visit the stunning Shinzen Friendship Garden. Check out the beautiful and peaceful gardens, the impressive koi pond, and the Clark Bonsai Collection. Have a great time and we hope to see you every year!



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Central California Koi Society (CCKS) is proud to continue the 45-year tradition of hosting the Fresno Koi Show. We wish to acknowledge the people, organizations, and tremendous time it takes to host this community event.

**Thank you to:**

**The Shinzen Friendship Garden and City of Fresno** for partnering with us to host our Fresno Koi Show in Woodward Park. The gorgeous park and beautiful Japanese garden are the perfect setting!

**AKJA and ZNA Certified Head Judge Ray Alexander, AKJA Certified Judge Teri Alexander, Shinkokai Judge Michael Hernandez, and AKJA Candidate Judge David Gabriel** for their expertise to judge and critique our koi.

**David Young** for running the judging program.

**Rosimeri Tran** for her excellence at serving as Show Chair.

**Ryan Kleiser** for serving as koi show Foreman.

**Erwin Santos** for koi photography and helping with benching.

**Seng Tran** for serving as koi show Water Quality Manager.

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday

Show setup	7:00am to 2:00pm
Koi entry check-in	3:00pm to 6:00pm

## Saturday

All koi ready to show	8:00am to 9:00am
Taiko Drummer Group	9:00am
Introduction of judges	9:30am
Judging begins	10:00am
Break for lunch	12:00pm
Judging resumes	1:00pm
Award Banquet	5:00pm

## Sunday

Judges tank side talk	10:30am
Raffle prizes awarded	12:30pm

Silent auction winners announced 1:00 pm  
Show ends - breakdown and cleanup 3:00 pm

**Thank you for attending our show and supporting  
our exhibitors and vendors**

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# CENTRAL CALIFORNIA KOI SOCIETY (CCKS)

## Purpose

- » Create, promote and enlarge the hobby of keeping, breeding, appreciating and exhibiting koi.
- » Disseminate information about the hobby to members and the public.
- » Engage in educational and social activities related to the hobby.
- » Provide an opportunity to interact with other hobbyists.

Founded in 1978, CCKS is an independent club that serves the central California region. **Pond Tours** are hosted at members' homes so you can see other ponds, koi fish, and eco-systems. Gatherings are fun, informative, and include presentations and discussions of topics to help improve koi and pond keeping such as: **koi varieties, breeding methods, pond construction, filtering techniques, fish health and treatment.**

CCKS hosts its **annual Fresno Koi Show** in fall that's open to the public. Enthusiasts exhibit their koi for competition and judges from around the country critique for best quality, variety, and size. Awards are presented at an evening Awards Banquet. CCKS members volunteer their time and knowledge at this important community event.

CCKS partners with the Shinzen Friendship Garden and participates in some of their events to share information about the hobby near their koi pond.

Members can attend seminars and koi shows in other parts of the state and country to connect with koi enthusiasts. Other activities include koi rescue, potlucks, and visiting koi dealers outside the area.

A newsletter is emailed to members with information about club activities, koi health, koi keeping best practices, pond maintenance and equipment, and CCKS partners.

**Central California Koi Society's membership fee for one year  
is an affordable \$40.00 per family.**

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# MEET THE JUDGES

**Ray Alexander**

**AKJA and ZNA Certified, Head Judge**

*Michigan*



Ray started in the Koi hobby in 1996 with a small pond of about 1,500 gallons. He and his wife Teri began traveling to Koi shows in 2000 where he was able to ask questions and really piqued his interest in this hobby. When he moved to a new home, he built a 10,000-gallon pond in 2005, utilizing all the information and knowledge he gained from talking to so many hobbyists and vendors at koi shows. His first membership to a Koi organization was the Mid-Atlantic Koi Club (MAKC) in 1999 and he began helping with its Koi Show, Koi America, whether it be setting up the show site, benching, bowling or tearing down. Since then, he has also volunteered and helped at many other Koi Shows.

Attending AKCA Seminars in Jacksonville, San Diego and Nashville and ZNA Enlightenment Weekends added to his knowledge base. He was President of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club from 2008-2018, Vice-President for 2 years before that and has been Koi Person of the Year for the MKPC. In 2012, the MKPC along with the IKONA Koi Club, held the first Koi Show in Michigan. He has served as Chair or Co-Chair of every MKPC Show.

Ray entered the AKJA Judge Program as a Candidate Judge in 2014 and became a Certified AKJA Judge in 2017. He also entered the ZNA Judging program in 2019 and became a ZNA Certified Judge in 2024. He and his wife have received numerous awards from various Koi Shows, from Grand Champion to Best in Variety, Judges Award and President's Award.

He is an active member of the Northern Midwest ZNA club since 2014, which is now his home club, has been a member of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club since 2005, and a member of the Gateway Koi & Pond Club.



# MEET THE JUDGES

## **Teri Alexander** **AKJA Certified Judge**

*Michigan*



Teri lives in Michigan with her husband, Ray, and works as an RN at a community hospital. Their first koi pond was built in 1996 and was around 1,500 gallons. Their second pond built in 2005 increased to 10,000 gallons. This pond was rebuilt in 2021 and expanded to 13,500 gallon with simplified maintenance and improved water quality.

Teri and Ray attended their first koi show in 2000, which was the Mid-Atlantic Koi Show (MAKC). They attended every annual MAKC show after that, joined the MAKC and became involved in many aspects of the koi show, from setting up the show site, helping the raffle or MAKC booths, participating in the benching process, working in the show ring during judging, to tearing down on the last day.

In 2005, they joined the Michigan Koi & Pond Club and actively participated in every aspect including chairing events, helping with pond tours and working hard to host the first Koi Show in Michigan in 2012. Teri joined the Board of Directors in 2009, was the Secretary from 2011 through 2017, has been the AKCA rep, the Newsletter Editor, helped with the pond tours, wrote articles for KOI USA highlighting the club's pond tours and was the co-chair for the MKPC Koi Shows. Since 2014, they have been active members of the Northern Midwest ZNA Koi Club, which is now their home Club.

In 2014, Teri was accepted into the AKJA Judging Program as a Candidate Judge and was certified in 2017. Between attending shows to support a club or to enter their koi in the show, participating as a worker bee or to Judge the show, Teri and Ray attend 6-8 Koi Shows per year. Their first trip to Japan was in February 2019 for the All-Japan Koi Show and they visited numerous Koi Farms.

Teri looks forward to many more years of enjoyment in the hobby of Koi.

# MEET THE JUDGES

**David Gabriel**

**AKJA Candidate Judge**

*Georgia*



David grew up in a rural setting and was active in livestock shows and judging. He took part in livestock judging, poultry judging, land judging, and forestry judging. After High School, he began a career in Law Enforcement. He worked at Athens-Clarke County for 26 years (UGA) before retiring to pursue elected office.

During this time, David helped his father build his first real koi pond. He originally had a small preform with three koi in it. The koi grew to a size to where they could not maneuver in the pond. So, after a lot of digging and learning how to build a pond, he gave his koi a new forever home. That was about 25 years ago and that pond is still going strong. When David built his new home, obviously he included a koi pond. It was eighteen inches deep, and he was very proud of it. That was until Mr. Heron showed up. So, a pond rebuild it was, eight feet deep this time.

In his professional career, he ran successfully to be elected Sheriff of Oglethorpe County. More responsibility, more stress, more koi. He had many special memories with his four children around the koi pond. They even gifted him a three-ton boulder for a bench they could all sit on and watch their wet pets. After the kids all grew up, graduated, and moved out, he had an old pool that wasn't used anymore. So obviously he made it a koi pond.

He always enjoyed judging against a standard and working with animals, so he decided to pursue being a koi judge. He was attracted to the challenge of learning the finer points of his favorite pets while also appreciating the great variety and unique forms koi can come in. The koi community is a great group to spend time with. They are always cordial and wanting to learn better husbandry, filtration, and feeding regimes. These are his people.

# MEET THE JUDGES

## **Michael Hernandez** **Shinkokai Judge**

*Los Angeles, California*



Michael Hernandez is a prominent figure in the international koi community with decades of experience. He is involved in many aspects of the koi world, serving as a Shinkokai judge, breeder, business owner, product developer, multi-media journalist, and award-winning exhibitor at koi shows. Associated with the company Kois and Ponds in the Philippines, Michael helped develop the koi food product TOMiGAI.

He has a long history of working with masters in Japan, testing koi food products with them, and judging alongside Japanese experts at international shows. His experience has been featured in publications like Koi USA Magazine, where his daughter, Mikki Hernandez Swanson, covered the All-Japan Koi Show.

Michael was the first Filipino to be invited to judge the All-Japan Shinkokai Koi Show in 1998 and has served as a judge at this highly respected show seven times. He was proud to serve as judge alongside his daughter, Mikki Hernandez Swanson, at the All-Japan Shinkokai Show in 2013.

He has served as a head judge at major events, including the Midwest Pond and Koi Society Koi Show and Fresno Koi Show in 2014. He has also judged at the Dallas Koi Kichi Show and Greater Louisville Koi and Goldfish Society Koi Show. In 2025, Hernandez judged at the All-Vietnam Koi Show, a "Shinkokai style" show.

Michael's company, Kois and Ponds, was instrumental in the creation and distribution of TOMiGAI Koi Food. Known for its specialized premium feeds, TOMiGAI Koi Food is used by serious koi enthusiasts and breeders to promote color, growth, and overall koi health. As an acclaimed judge and breeder, Michael has used his expertise to develop and endorse the food line, testing the products with top Japanese breeders.

He is also an experienced exhibitor having won numerous awards in both Japanese and international competitions.

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# KOI VARIETIES



**SHIRO UTSURI** - (she-ro oot-sir-ee) Black and white koi. Black appears as bands around the body. Black on some portion of the head and motoguro on pectoral fins is desirable.

**KOROMO/GOSHIKI KOROMO** - (koh-roe-moh) Base of this koi is of a Kohaku, with scalation on red pattern outlined with blue or black. Varieties include Ai Goromo, Sumi Goromo and Budo Goromo.

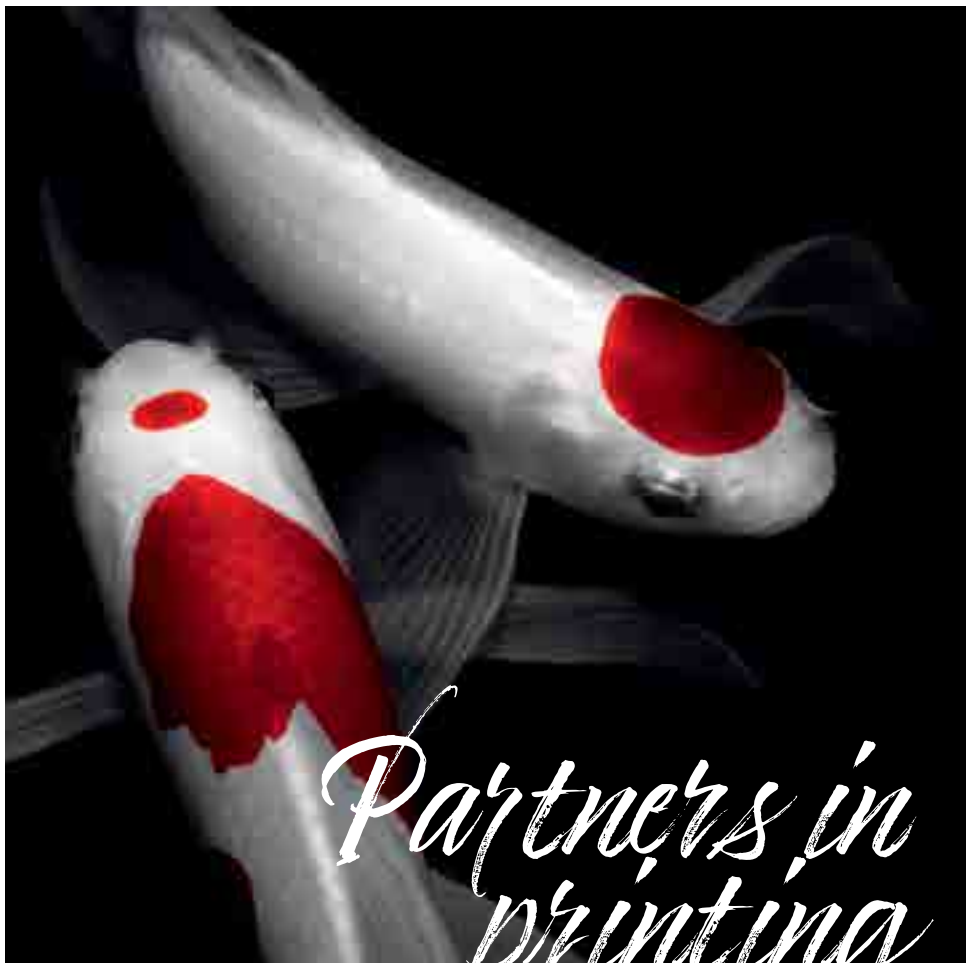


**GOSHIKI** - (go-she-key) White koi with red Kohaku like pattern and black reticulation on the scales.

**ASAGI/SHUSUI ASAGI** - (ah saw-gee) Light blue koi, dark blue or black netting of the scales, and orange or red pectorals and red below lateral line.



**SHUSUI** - (shoo-sue-ee) Scaleless version of the Asagi. The red can be higher on the body. Large zipper like scales run along the top of the koi from head to tail.



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# KOI VARIETIES



**KOHAKU** - (co-hah-ku) White Koi with bold red patches. The most popular variety of koi.



**SANKE** - (sawn-kay) White koi with red patches like a Kohaku and black spots on the upper half of the body. With occasional black stripes on pectoral fins or tail.



**SHOWA** - (sho-wah) Black, red and white Koi. Black appears as bands around the body. Black is often seen at the base of the pectoral fins (motoguro) and on the head.



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**TANCHO** - (tawn-choe) White koi with a red, circular spot on the head and no other red on the body. Other varieties can include: Tancho Showa, Sanke, Goshiki.



**BEKKO** - (beh-koh) White koi with black spots on top half of body, above lateral line. No black should be found on head but will be from shoulder to back of tail.



**KIN/GIN RIN** - Any koi variety can be Kin or Gin Rin. Kin is a metallic sheen on the skin and Gin Rin is glittering or diamond scales. As seen here in this Gin Rin Ochiba.

# KOI VARIETIES



**HIKARI MUJI** - Metallic single colored koi, including: Platinum Ogon, Yamabuki Ogon, Orengi Ogon and Kin Matsuba.



**HIKARI MOYO** - White koi with two or more metallic colors. Kojaku is shown here.



**HIKARI UTSURI** - Metallic black body, which carries a second color, which may be white, red or yellow. Varieties include: Gin Shiro Utsuri, Kin Showa, and Kin Ki Utsuri.



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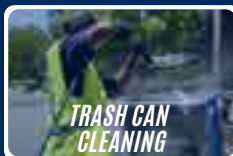
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