

Outgoing Presidents Message



As you begin your new year with a new president, I would like to thank the entire club and officers for allowing me to lead

the club this past year.

Although we had not accomplished all of the goals we set we still had a great year and met a large number of Koi Kichie folks with some of the same love of this hobby as us. Let us begin the New Year and new president and offer her the same support that you have shown me over the years. I cannot state who has offered the greatest support as all the members have stepped forward in their own little way to "lend a hand" when needed.

Our incoming and outgoing officers are the best bunch of hobbyists that I have met. I hope that in this next coming year we can enjoy the same camaraderie that we did in 2008. Lets us all support the new officers and again as in times past please accept my heart filled thanks to all of the GKC.

Don

New Presidents Message



Wow, you voted me President!

I was really surprised and

honored and I'll tell you right now, I have no idea what I'm doing. When it comes to running the club that is, taking care of fish is another story, there I'm really clueless. --- You're supposed to laugh with me here.

But isn't that what the club is all about, clueless people helping each other learn how to live with their fascinating wet pets and having lots of fun while they do it. At least that is what I got to do all last year with this group of people called the **GAINESVILLE KOI CLUB.**

This club has taught me so much about Koi, Koi Shows, and Koi People. In return, I've taken on a few things (like the website) and volunteered for a few things (like the newsletter and shows) and now I am being rewarded by you to serve as President. Just know that I will take all those lessons learned and put them to good use this year. I hope to serve you well and make this coming year informative, rewarding and of course **FUN!**

JOYCE

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

The end of November, David & I went to the ZNASKA Koi Show in Naples.

The weather was beautiful. We heard the weather up here was a bit chilly. Our girl "Sumi" won Young Champion. Shirley Stones Kohaku won Best in Size 4 and another Kohaku won Best in Size 2, and Best in Variety Asagi/Shusui. Joe & Sherri White won the AKCA Award with their Ochiba and Best in Variety Kinginrin All. For more information about what went on at the show and the winners report, please visit their website www.znaska.org.

plentiful for all to taste and tantalize our taste buds.



We all got to see Joyce's pond at night. She has a lighted waterfall that is way cool. Got some pictures of her wet pets and some look like they are in the stars. Of course they are all stars.

December 6th was our Holiday party held at the Nichols home. The holiday decorations were just too cute. There was Tigger, a holiday bear, the entrance was adorned with lights and decorations all over the place.



Of course, the SEC game was on and yes, CONGRATULATIONS goes out to the Gators on their win. BCS Bowl bound now.



Don brought three bottles of spiked eggnog to really get into the holiday spirit of things. Shirley Ann's chocolate fountain is always a huge treat especially for my granddaughters. What a sugar rush...then we just take them home to mommy and daddy. Oh how David & I enjoy our grandkids. The food was



And then what is a holiday party without our Chinese Gift exchange. You know the usual shenanigans that take place at any holiday party. This is the most fun ever. Gifts can be techno challenging, toy like, some fish related items and then some sweet smelly candle things and such.



I will admit it was a tad bit more sedate this year than is some years past...but it was still fun. No matter what anyone tries to tell you, especially Dori, I did not get Chesliegh to steal a gift. That's my story and I am sticking to it. Things just got so confusing I almost walked out of the house with Dori's gifts. Oh my! Hey I gave them back even if she did have to chase us down the road. All in all we had fun and enjoyed each others company.

Then a couple of us pondhoppers went to Rainbow Rivers Koi Club holiday party on Sunday December 7th at Bob & Cathy Youngs home in Beverly Hills, Florida. Dave, Dori, David & I attended their meeting. The Youngs have a lovely place.



Bob was voted in as their Koi Person of the Year. Way to go Bob. Their holiday gift exchange was done by raffle ticket. Everyone who brought a gift got a raffle ticket and when your number was drawn you got to go to the table and pick out your gift. I got a very nice koi picture

signed by Richard Chessler. And yes David has even put it up on our living room wall.

Then on Friday December 19th Chris & I delivered the blankets donated from our club and Shores Animal Hospital to the St. Francis House and the Salvation Army. The lady at the Salvation Army couldn't believe that we were donating these blankets and not wanting any money for them. Almost a hard give away but with Chris's persistence she was most appreciative for these blankets. Then we were off to the St. Francis House and the Director of Operations, Lee Smith, gladly accepted the blankets. All in all there were 22 blankets distributed between these two organizations. Maybe next year we can do better. Here's a thought, what about donating as well to the Ronald McDonald House?

Our next meeting will be at Kanapaha Gardens on Sunday January 4th at 2:00pm. We will be welcoming our new President Joyce Nichols and taking a looksee at the new children's center where the new pond was put in.

Thank you for reading and have a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Karen, Secretary



JANUARY MEETING

Well can you believe it? It's another new year. Happy New Year to all and let's hope it will be more prosperous than last year. Peace, health and good wishes to all. There were six members who attended this past Sunday's meeting at Kanapaha Gardens. Truly this was a lovely day for January. Sure would have been a nice weekend for a koi show. Ah, but I digress.

Our past President Don handed over the gavel to our new President Joyce. And the crowd roars! Then Joyce takes over the meeting. First on the agenda, with attendance down it was voted on to have our meetings every other month. We will utilize the six spots already paid for at Kanapaha. The months will be as follows: February, April, June, August and October. Now this does not mean we will not have field trips, seminars, BBQ, and our annual Holiday party. So you see even though we have stated we will have 6 meetings for the year, we have options for other functions.

In March we will be attending the Central Florida Koi Show. And yes we are still in need of volunteers, please contact Don Hellard or Joe White for a list of days, times and positions available. Also in March is the Spring Festival at Kanapaha excellent fund raiser for our club with the koi sales. In April it was decided that we will help a fellow pondhopper (Shirley Stone) to rebuild her pond. Again we will need some volunteers to help us. David & I will be housing all of her koi (wet pets) in two of our ponds while this takes place. In May there is the Louisville Koi Show. For July we discussed the possibility of having another garage and koi sale like we did last year. For September there are three koi shows, MAKC, Potomac and Atlanta. For October there are two koi shows, First Coast and Nature's Coast and then Kanapaha's Fall Plant Sale. It was also discussed to just do this event on Saturday not both days. Don will discuss this with Mr. Goodman to see if this is okay with them. November of course will be our annual BBQ, and then December's Holiday party. The location for this fun event to be announced at a later date.

We had ideas for field trips, Blackwater Creek, nurseries, AES. Then possibly having a seminar/wet lab with someone from UF or maybe Mr. Joe White would like to demonstrate his parasite and microscope knowledge with us. If any of our members have access to a particular place that they would be able to arrange for us pondhoppers to go to please come forward and share with the group.

Brandy & I thought that maybe for next year when we donate blankets, we might want to consider giving to the Ronald McDonald House. (ie. Toiletries, etc). Patti suggested that when we do our raffles at the meetings make them a 50/50 Raffle. Which means we will charge either \$1.00 for 1 ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets and then half of the proceeds will go towards the December donations. Excellent idea! We will start this next month at the February meeting.

One more item up for discussion was our website. We are going to go to a lock down site for members only. So if your dues are not paid for by the end of February you will no longer be able to read the newsletter online. Don will still mail out a black and white copy of the newsletter to those members in good standing. Directions or instructions will be given at the next meeting.

Now it's time to go outside and see the new children's pond area. Very beautiful. When you visit the Gardens this will be a must see. Then we went over to where the koi and grass carp hang out. Of course we had to feed them. It's so way cool to watch them swim and look so happy in their natural habitat.

We covered a lot of ground at this meeting and hope to see more of you at the next one on Sunday February 8th at 2:00pm.

Thank you for reading.

Karen, Secretary

Upcoming Events

Jan 30 thru Feb 1 - Koi Health Seminar, same low price of \$500. For more information or registration, go to www.koihealthseminar.com
Lots of new information, full 3 days.

Koi Health Seminar



Welcome to the 8th Annual Koi Health Seminar!

Feb 12 thru Feb 15 - 28th Annual AKCA Seminar at San Diego. For more information or registration, go to <http://koiclubsandiego.org/shoz/2009/>



2009 AKCA Annual Seminar - San Diego CA

Mar 13 thru 15 - Central Florida Koi Show at Orlando. For more information or registration, go to <http://www.cfks.org/>



Mar 27 thru 29 – 8th Annual Tropical Koi Show at Morikami Gardens in DelRay Beach, FL. For more information or registration, go to <http://tropickoiclub.org/>

May 1st thru 3rd – Middle Georgia Koi Society Koi & Goldfish Show at Bryon,GA. For more information or registration, go to <http://www.middlegakoisociety.com/>



Sep 18 thru 20 - Annual Atlanta Koi & Goldfish Show at Tucker,GA. For more information or registration, go to <http://www.atlantakoiclub.org/>



Talking about Koi, **Koi-dangi** (Koi dan gee) Say what?



When you started getting Koi you were fascinated by the colors and patterns so you get a black and orange one, a red and white one, one with black spots, and some long fin ones. To you they are beautiful exotic wet pets that you have fallen in love with. Then you start talking about your Koi with other enthusiasts and find out those colors and patterns have names. Your pond is suddenly filled with fish called Showa, Hi Utusri, Kohaku, Sanke, Bekko, and Goshiki. Say What?

What are these crazy fish people talking about and what does it all mean and just how do you say that? Since this Koi craze spread from Japan, that means we have to learn how to pronounce things the Japanese way. Here is your first word: The Japanese for enthusiasts "talking about Koi" is **Koi-dangi** (KOI DAN gee). Learn all the rest and soon you will be talking like a pro.

In trying to pronounce these Japanese terms, please remember that:

- The letter "R" is sometimes pronounced like the letter "L" in English.
- The Japanese pronunciation for the letter "I" is similar to the English pronunciation for the long "E", as in the word "see."
- In this guide the Japanese letter "G" is a hard sound similar to its sound in the English words, "get" or "give."
- Sometime Japanese vowels are not pronounced at all in the guide below.
- The **accented syllable** is in **ALL CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Gosanke – The big 3:

GOSANKE (GO sahn keh) These three varieties are collectively referred to as Gosanke; Kohaku, Taisho Sanshoku (Sanke) and Showa.



KOHAKU (koh-HAH-koo) White Koi with red pattern



HI (HE) Red markings



BENI (BEN-ee). Stronger red color. Red Base.



SHIRO (SHEER-oh) White



SHIROJI (she row' jee) White background, a color



KIWA. (KEE-wah) The definition or "sharpness" between a red (Hi) and a white pattern area



SASHI (SAA-shee) Refers to the blurry line between the leading edge of a Hi plate and the Shiro. Sashi refers to the kiwa towards the head not the tail. Ideal Sashi is about one scale wide. Nimai Zashi (ni my' zah' she) is 2 scales wide. Sanmai Zashi is 3 scales wide.



SUMI (SOO-mee). Black or a black pattern.



KOI

The patterns of a Kohaku are just like snowflakes, no two Koi are the same but some of the more recognized patterns are as follow:

- **DANMOYO** (**DAH**N moy oh) Stepped pattern of independent Hi plates that form steps that are counted as "first step", "second step", "third step", etc. The count starts from the head and proceeds towards the tail.
- **TANCHO** (**TAHN**-ch-oh) A term for a red spot in the center of the head where there is no other red on the body.
- **OMOYO**: (oh-moy-**OH**) One continuous pattern from the top of the head until just before the tail in any color.
- **IPPONHI** (ee-**POHN** hee) Means unbroken red, describes a kohaku with one large, continuous red pattern.
- **INAZUMA** (een-ah-**ZOO**-mah) Ipponhi in the shape of a lightning bolt.
- **NIDAN** (**KNEE**-dah-n) - having a pattern with two steps
- **SANDAN** (**SAHN**-dahn) - having a pattern with three steps
- **YONDAN** (**YOH**N-dahn) - having a pattern with four steps
- **GODAN** (**GO**-dahn) - having a pattern with five steps
- **KUTSUBERA** (kuht-soo-behr-ah) A shoehorn shaped red pattern on the head. The pattern consists of a round area of Hi on the mouth and a trapezoid of Hi on the forehead.
- **KUCHIBENI** (**KOO**-chee-**BEN**-ee). "Red lips" Literally "lipstick", indicates red (beni) on the mouth.



TAISHO SANKE (**TIE**-sho **SAHN**-kee). A white Koi with red and black markings. The black patterns stay above the lateral line and start from the shoulder and goes to the tail.



SUMI (**SOO**-mee). Black or a black pattern.



SANSHOKU (**SAHN**-kee san-**SHO**-koo) old style name



SANKE (**SAHN**-keh) short name for Taisho Sanshoku or Taisho Sanke



Whether the sumi pattern is bold and expressive or sparse and elegant, it must all be the same color, be thick with good kiwa, may have sashi, but must be a shiny, lacquered black. The "spots" are preferred on top of the white instead of on top of the red.

- **MAURTEN**: (ma **ROO** ten) multiple Hi plates including one round Hi plate on the head
- **AKA**: (**AH** ka) A general word meaning red
- **MENKABURI**: (**MEN** kah boo ree) A Hood on the head that travels from below and behind the head often extending to the mouth. Hi extending over the eyes on the head is undesirable especially on Kohaku.
- **SUBO SUMI**: (sue-boh **SOO**-mee) the black (sumi) pattern falls only on the white (shiro)




SHOWA (**SHO**-wah). A black Koi with red and white markings. Showa are born black and develop red and white markings on the black base.




BOKE (**BOH**-kee). A blurred or gray-black (sumi) area of a black (sumi) pattern.



SASHI ZUMI (**SAA** she **ZOO** me) A blurry bluish color line caused by the end of the Shiro scale overlapping the beginning of the Sumi scale.

 **KAGE** (KAH geh) Shade, shadow, shadow pattern that appear where Sumi is unexpected, often seen as a dark center on a white scale.

 **KAGE ZUMI** (kah' geh zoo' mee) Shadow Sumi. Kage Zumi is an area of Sumi that has started to emerge, but has not yet completely come to the surface of the skin, and is thus seen as a blue shadow. If the Sumi were still beneath the surface of the skin, it would be Shita Zumi.





KINDAI SHOWA (ken-dye SHO-wah) "Modern" Showa where the white is predominant over the black coloration.




Kage Showa (kah' geh show' wah) Shadowed Showa. Its primary feature is the Asagi like netting pattern that appears on the white skin.

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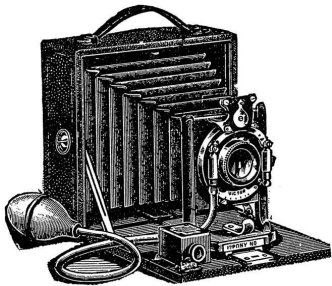
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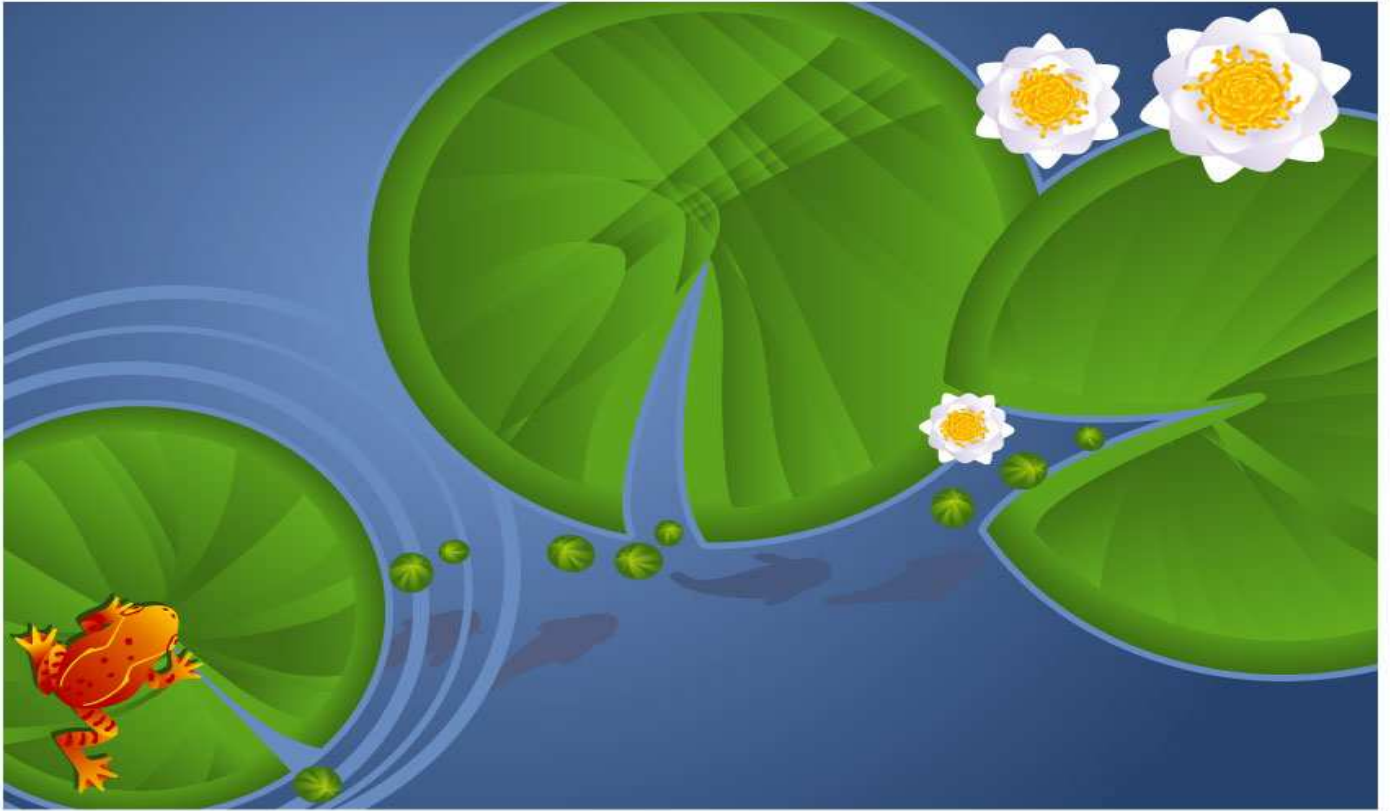
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Members Happenings



Hey Members share your day with us! Got something special going on, need help that only Koi people can provide, or just want to brag a little – Send in your clip for the “Members Happenings” for the newsletter or on the Pondhoppers website. E-mail your stuff to Joyce Nichols at koigirlfl@yahoo.com



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