

# Atlanta Koi Club

## Koi Auction and Plant Sale

April 18, 2009

Auction starts at 11am; Volunteer arrival at 8am  
Overflow Sale after auction complete

### Who can sell?

The auction is open to active members who wish to cull their ponds: either individual members or household memberships. There is a limit of one seller per household. Active members are classified as those who attend 5 or more meetings in a year or have volunteered for 3 or more Club events within the past year. Members who meet combinations of these requirements will also be classified as active per the Membership and Auction Chairs' discretion. Membership must be current and the Membership Chair will determine eligibility of members who wish to participate. Members who do not meet the above requirements will be considered non-active. Non-active members will be able to auction fish at a reduced percentage. Non-members will not be able to have fish auctioned or sold.

### Percentage of Sales

All sales are divided into the following classifications. Active members will receive 75% of any sale with 25% of any sale going to the club. Non-active members will receive 50% of any sale with 50% of any sale going to the club. Active members who need assistance from the club catching and transporting fish will be required to use the 50/50 split classification. Non-active members who need assistance from the club catching and transporting fish will be required to use a 25/75 classification. 25% of any sale will go to the member and 75% will go to the club. All sales are final, no refunds are available.

### Fish Health

Owners must certify that the fish they are selling have not been exposed to the Koi Herpes Virus and are not knowingly carriers of KHV. Fish should be healthy and not actively showing signs of illness or disease. Any fish brought to the auction in less than healthy condition may be rejected and owners will be required to take the fish home at the auction chairperson's discretion.

Quarantine is the responsibility of the purchaser and is HIGHLY recommended. Atlanta Koi Club is not responsible for the health of fish sold. Atlanta Koi Club will not forward complaints about fish to former owners nor will the club give out information on former owners of auction fish. All sales are final, no refunds are available.

### Auction Caution

Two words about quarantine: **DO IT!**

The Atlanta Koi Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting anyone with an interest in keeping koi. As an annual fundraiser, the club holds a koi auction. This outlet provides two functions:

1. Members can offer their personal koi for sale
2. Any interested party can purchase these koi and plants.

This is an open event, the public is invited to attend and bid on koi, purchase plants, equipment and supplies.

Due to the nature of raising koi, the Atlanta Koi Club can not be held responsible for any actions or events that may take place after this auction. We strive to provide healthy koi, but provide no guarantee as such. As a safety measure, the club highly recommends quarantining any koi purchased not only from this auction, but also from any dealer, retail establishment or other source. Quarantining and treating plants before they are entered into any pond system is also highly recommended.

The club will gladly provide assistance and knowledge in proper quarantining.

Once again, two words about quarantine: **DO IT!**

#### Registration

Pre-registration is required. There will be no standard registration on the day of the auction. To accommodate members who still wish to sell fish but have not pre-registered, those members will be able to sell their fish in the Overflow Sale only. Forms will be made available to those who wish to auction fish. Registrants will be required to identify how many fish you wish to auction (please have an accurate fish count), the numbers of tanks requested, if you are selling Goldfish and need goldfish tanks, certify the health of your fish, reserves on fish, when you will bring you fish to the auction (Friday or Saturday), whether or not you need club assistance in catching and transporting fish and whether or not you will be selling plants (water plants that need small tanks) or equipment. Space will be made available on the form to designate if a seller is only bringing small fish. Should this be the case the seller will authorize the auctioneer to sell 2 or more fish every round. Forms will be available online or at club meetings and should be emailed to [auction@atlantakoiclub.org](mailto:auction@atlantakoiclub.org) or mailed to Stephen Castel/Auction Chair, 206 Valley View Court, Woodstock, GA 30188.

Members will be able to bring fish to Coastal Pond Supply Saturday morning April 18<sup>th</sup>. All fish must be at Coastal Pond by 9:00 AM. With prior arrangement members will be able to bring fish Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>. Members wishing to add fish to the auction who have not registered will be permitted to sell fish in the Overflow Sale only. The same percentage of sale classifications will apply. Registrants will be required to identify any fish that have reserve prices (minimum amount required to allow sale). During an auction, there comes a time where the auctioneer will start selling more than one fish at a time. Until that time, fish will be sold one at a time. Auctioneer will start selling fish in pairs or more at the beginning of a set number of rounds. The seller must be aware of this occurrence and if they object, may sell fish in the Overflow sale, but will not be able to auction fish. It is the Auctioneer's prerogative and is not in anyway indicating poorer

quality fish. This practice is needed in order for the auction to finish in a timely manner. (In the case of a seller who only brought small fish to auction and has previously given authorization, more than one fish can be sold at a time from the beginning of the auction.)

Remember that space is limited and tanks will be assigned according to date of registration entry. Registration starts on March 01, 2008 and ends on April 1, 2009

### Seller Check-in

While there is no registration on the day of the auction, sellers will be required to check-in to get their tank assignments and report a final fish count. Sellers will also have to approve and initial their percentage of sale. Sellers who do not accept the percentage of sale will not be able to sell fish. If the seller wishes to discuss the percentage of sale, they may do so with the auction chairman. The auction chairman has final say over percentage of sale. Sellers will also be directed to areas designated for sale of any plants and/or equipment. Sellers must show that all plants and equipment have clear labels and must have a descriptive list of all plants or equipment for sale to be turned into the check-out. An area for Membership will be attached to the Check-in area. If sellers have not yet become members, they will pay dues and do so there. Membership chair can retrieve all their information. (At least a name, address and CURRENT email address)

### Bidder Check-in

People who wish to bid on fish in the auction or buy fish at the Overflow Sale will be required to check-in for their bidder number. An area for Membership will be attached to the Check-in area. When people arrive and register either for selling or buying koi, the Membership chair can catch any future members there. (At least a name, address and CURRENT email address)

### Auction

Members auctioning fish will be assigned tanks based on need. This year the Auctioneer with assistant will travel from tank to tank auctioning off fish pre determined by a team of bowlers. Sellers may indicate to the Bowling teams, which fish they would like bowled next as long as the Seller is at their tank at the time the bowling team is ready to bowl. The Seller **must** be present at the time of the request. Auctioneer will proceed to tank A. A indicates the owner letter. If the owner requires more than one tank, they would be designated by another letter in the alphabet. Tanks will be set-up in order of reservation date and time. If an owner has more then one tank, it will be located at the end of the tank row. A picture of the koi in the bag will be taken after the auction has ended for that fish. The bag will be marked with the tank letter, bidder number and sale price. The second round will then begin and start with tank A.

### Overflow Sale

Any members who wish to participate in the Overflow Sale will be required to auction their first 30 fish. To control profitability of the auction, members will be limited to a maximum of 30 fish. Those members who have more than 30 fish to sell are welcome to sell those fish after the auction at an Overflow Sale. Individual Tanks involved in the

Overflow Sale will be covered until the end of the main auction. The auction will be closed before any fish from the Overflow Sale will be sold. Any member who attempts to sell fish in the Overflow Sale before the close of the auction will be asked to stop. If the member persists, they will be asked to leave. At the close of the auction, members will be able to sell Overflow fish for the same percentage of sale.

Bagging and numbering of fish at the overflow sale becomes the responsibility of each owner. Once bagged with the buyer's number, tank designation and sale price, fish will be transported to the check-out area. All auction personnel will be able to assist in Overflow sales. Receipts of sales will be given to each customer from the seller and then taken to Check-out to pay for the fish. No money should exchange hands between buyer and seller.

#### Plants for sale

Members may register to sell plants in an area outside of the main auction. The prices are determined by the seller. (Not auctioned) The same percentage of sale rates apply. (75/25, 50/50, 25/75)

If members sell plants, that member or a representative designated by that member must stay with the plants in order to deal with customers or the member has the option of CLEARLY tagging all plants individually with prices and providing a price list with a description of plants for sale to the volunteer working the table. The club and especially those working the table cannot be responsible for nor answer questions about any one member's plants for sale. If you are selling water plants and require tanks to keep plants alive, it can be provided. Registration forms will allow for this option.

When members sell plants they will be required to fill out a Plant Sale receipt. The Plant Sale receipt will contain information on the seller, the plant price and the percent that goes to the club. The Plant Sale receipt will be taken to the cash register and the buyer will pay for the plant(s) there. Members will mark the plant as "Sold" to make the plant unavailable.

#### Equipment for Sale

Members may register to sell equipment in an area outside of the main auction. The prices are determined by the seller. (Not auctioned) The same percentage of sale rates apply. (75/25, 50/50, 25/75)

If members sell equipment, that member or a representative designated by that member must stay with the equipment in order to deal with customers. Or the member has the option of CLEARLY tagging all equipment to be sold individually with prices and providing a price list with a description of each piece of equipment for sale to the volunteer working the table. The club and especially those working the table cannot be responsible for nor answer questions about any one member's equipment for sale.

When members sell equipment they will be required to fill out an Equipment Sale receipt. The Equipment Sale receipt will contain information on the seller, the equipment

price and the percent that goes to the club. The Equipment Sale receipt will be taken to the cash register and the buyer will pay for the equipment there. Members will mark the equipment as “Sold” to make the equipment unavailable.

Please note: Members will not be able to sell non-equipment items commonly found in retail pond stores. This is a club auction/sale designed to allow members to cull their ponds, plants and extra equipment they no longer need. It is NOT to be used for store owners to sell merchandise. Because Coastal Pond Supply has been generous in providing the location and the tanks, representatives from Coastal Pond Supply may, if they choose, sell items from their store.

#### Coastal Pond Supply

Coastal Pond Supply is located at:

2101 Tucker Industrial Road, Tucker, GA 30084

And can be found on the web at:

<http://www.coastalpond.com/>

Or call:

Toll Free: 800-782-6179 Atlanta: 770-496-5740

#### Food for Sale

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets will be sold at the register for combo meals. Purchaser will present ticket at table for food items. All volunteers will receive one ticket for a combo meal. Combos include hot dogs, drinks and chips. Condiments include ketchup, mustard, relish and onions.