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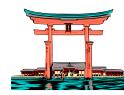
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David Boyd, President AKC

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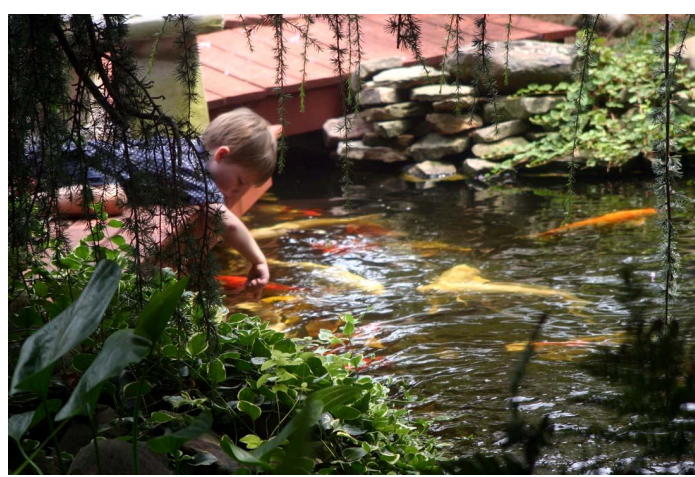
Thanks to Jan and Wally Speed for hosting our August meeting. I was lucky to see the Speed's pond when it was first built, and to see it after it has matured in four years was a great pleasure. Special thanks to Harold Biggio for being our guest speaker.

It is that time when we have to turn our attention to electing new officers and finding replacements for current chairpersons. The post of nomination Chairperson was filled by Hal Brown and he is currently getting his nominating committee together for finding candidates for the elected officers. I have spoken to a couple of people interested in filling certain Chair positions. As of this newsletter, I have not found anyone interested in being Show Chairperson. I am hoping someone will get in touch with me about this crucial position before the end of our current year.

Robert Lewis (President of the Charleston Koi Club) is going to be using the same poly urea technology that was recently applied on the pond just constructed by Koi by Keirin in Arnoldsville GA. Advanced Polycoat will be doing the indoor pond, and will be available to fix any leaky ponds or shoot new construction at that time. Rob is probably looking at early fall to complete the project. Vicki Vaughan is coordinating the poly coat people so if anyone is interested give her a call. 706-247-6274



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Why do we love koi? Because they are fascinating creatures. Even the youngest of us can appreciate their beauty.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

September 14th-16th, is OUR Koi Show.

Back by popular demand is the Friday night, Sept. 14th, "Vendor Appreciation" Night when you have first crack at all the vendors and can do it while enjoying wine and good food.

This year's show will again be at Coastal Pond Supply, 2101 Tucker Industrial Road, Tucker, GA 30083. The host hotel is the Northlake Holiday Inn located at 2158 Ranchwood Drive, Atlanta, GA 30345

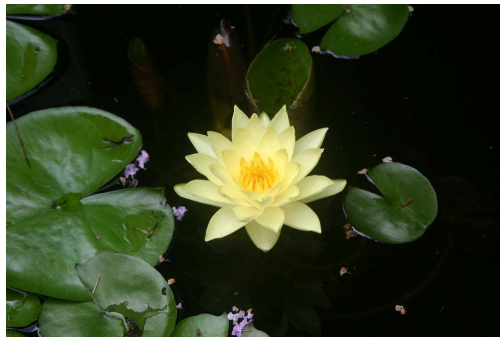
The following is the show schedule:

	<u>Vendor Setup &amp; Benching</u>
9/13/2007	Thursday - Noon to 7:00 PM
9/14/2007	Friday - 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
9/14/2007	Friday - Noon to 6:00 PM Benching
	<u>"Vendor Appreciation"</u>
9/14/2007	Friday - 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM (No fish will be benched during this time)
	<u>Show Hours</u>
9/15/2007	Saturday - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
9/16/2007	Sunday - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
9/16/2007	Sunday - 10 A.M.– noon Judges discuss winning fish
	<u>Awards Banquet</u>
9/15/2007	Saturday - 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM - Cocktails (cash bar)
9/15/2007	Saturday - 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM Banquet (\$35.00 per person)
	<u>Tear Down</u>
9/16/2007	Sunday - 2:00 PM until finished

We are having an artisan's booth. This will be a great chance to see and buy crafts produced by your fellow club members.

Vicki Vaughan has agreed to teach a class on "Basic Koi Care and Health". The cost of this class will be \$10.00 per person and it will cover "basic" things you can do for your Koi. This class is for folk, like myself, that don't want to do the things taught in the "Wet Lab" classes we and other clubs have held in the past. I don't want to give my fish shots, but when I look in the pond what should I be aware of that "something" might be wrong.

Ok, now you know the times and dates; now signup to show your fish, sponsor a trophy, reserve a space for Vicki's class, or buy a ticket to the banquet. Contact Peggy Fricke, David Pugh, or Ron Scott.



## Upcoming Koi Shows

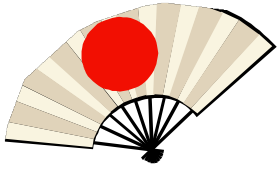
Here's the skinny on upcoming koi shows. Be sure to mark your calendar.

**September 28-30, 2007 Koi America 2007**  
Carroll County Shirley Arena  
Westminster, MD.

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

## News Flash!

**As of September 1, 2007, all tanks for the koi show are rented. Hope you have your tank.**



# August Meeting Minutes

Peggy Fricke

Atlanta Koi Club Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wally and Jan Speed  
1353 Orleans Court  
Grayson GA

## August 12<sup>h</sup> Meeting Minutes

Executive members present were: David Boyd, David Marier, Ron Scott, Herve Rijnveld and Peggy Fricke.

Club President David Boyd called the meeting to order and gave us an update on the Koi Show. The clubs new hard shell tanks have been ordered and will be ready for the Koi show. The club will keep four old eight foot tanks and 2 six foot tanks for club use. The board will make sure all old tanks are in working order.

David also advised that the executive board has approved selling the old tank nets to club members. The proceeds will be used to defray the costs of the new tank nets.

The executive board would like to remind the club that for liability reasons all club equipment is for the personal use of the members only and at this time can not be lent to other clubs. If any member receives a request for the use of the clubs equipment that request should be forwarded to the executive board.

All requests for personal use of club equipment should go only through Herve Rijnveld, property manager.

Ron Scott and David Pugh discussed the progress of our upcoming Koi Show. The show will held of September 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> at Coastal Pond Supply. The vendor appreciation night will be held Friday night. Five fish vendors will be selling fish at the show. New this year will be a local artisan booth. This booth will showcase local talents.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL THAT HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE SHOW!!

It is time again for board nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. Nomination Chairman, Hal Brown asked the club for candidates.

The club enjoyed an informative presentation from Harold Biggio our resident Koi Health Advisor. THANKS HAROLD!

The Meeting concluded and the club enjoyed a wonderful buffet and the spectacular water gardens at the home of Wally and Jan Speed.

## Fun at Flat Rock



For information on advertising or to become a Sponsor of the Atlanta Koi Club please contact **Kathy Scales** at [kscases77@bellsouth.net](mailto:kscases77@bellsouth.net) or call 770-605-0689



More pictures throughout the newsletter.





Hope this finds you relaxing by your pond, enjoying a cool drink and finding pleasure in just watching your finned friends playing tag, foraging for food or simply hanging out. You need to do this for you and for your fish.

Why? Your fish are your pond guy/gal. They will tell you when something is just not right with your pond. And guess what? They are never wrong.

Today I'd like to draw on James P. Reilly's column in the last KOI USA and help you learn **Koispeak**. If you learn to speak fluently, you can get back to just sittn' and enjoying a cool drink by the pond.

So, in this article we're going to look at what your fish are telling you through their **Behavior**.

It's Koispeak you need to become familiar with.

**Flashing or breaching:** Just like us, koi itch; and, just like us koi scratch. A koi here, a koi there scratch- ing infrequently or seeing this at din-din time is pretty normal. It's when a Koi does this several times a day or if a number of fish in your pond are flashing.

**What you'll see:** One or more koi will be swimming along and will lie over sideways “flashing” its under- side. Breaching is a bit more worrisome when seen. Here the Koi starts thrashing its head, goes at top speed and shoot through the surface of the pond and then does a belly flop on its way back down.

**What to do:** Salt your pond to 0.3 % @ 0.1 % a day and maintain that level until you know what you're dealing with. Increase aeration. As always the first thing you want to do is to check your water chemistry (ammonia, nitrites, nitrates, pH and O2). Then do a skin and gill scrape, or get a KHA to do one for you.

**Piping:** Just like we take a deep breath periodically, a koi will come to the surface and take a gulp of air. It's when a Koi does this for an extended period of time that the Koi is telling you “all is not right.”

**What you'll see:** One or more Koi will hang at the surface, generally in a head up posture, either appear- ing to cough or gasping for air for an extended period of time.

**Warning:**

If the gill plates are hanging open, the fish is in acute distress and needs immediate intervention to survive.

**What to do:** Stop feeding until you know the cause and use spray bars or air stones to maximize aera

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## AKC CALENDAR

**September 9**— Josh & Amanda Bare, Norcross Show prep meeting

**October 14**— Harvey Siskin, Atlanta Election of Officers

**November 11:** *Winter Social*, Hosts —Michael and Kathy Adkins in Cumming

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### Warning:

Be careful with salt and warm weather. In combination they can be a killer.

tion. Then, get out the water test kit (ammonia, nitrite, chlorine, pH). Do skin and especially a gill scrape.

**Too slow/too fast gill rate-** Koi open and close the gill plate at a slow and steady rate of 60 a minute.

**What you'll see:** Abnormally fast gill rate, with gill plates **not** opening as widely as normal. Long, labored irregular gill plate movement (sometimes they appear to have the hiccups).

**What to do:** Maximize aeration with spray bars or air stones. Test water (ammonia and nitrite). Do gill scrape.

**Head or tail 'standing'** - Koi normally maintain a parallel orientation with the pond surface or pond floor.

**What you'll see:** One or more koi are swimming either up or down at a 45 degree angle to the surface for extended periods of time.

**What to do:** Increase water circulation and maximize aeration with spray bars or air stones. See if resolves over a couple of hours. If not, stop feeding and check water quality (CO<sub>2</sub>, heavy metals, pesticide poisoning, over treatment with chemicals.) Do skin and gill scrape.

**Isolating:** Koi are social animals and enjoy schooling with their mates.

**What you'll see:** Generally, this behavior is limited to one or two Koi. If it continues for more than 24 hours the Koi is telling you something.

**What to do:** Do a thorough exam, including skin and gill scrapes.

**Lethargic:** Koi are active little guys and gals; and, except when sleeping, are always on the move exploring and foraging for food.



## Curious about Goldfish?

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**What you'll see:** Fins clamped to body and Koi lying listless on the bottom. In extreme cases can even be caught by hand. It swims like it is exhausted.

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**What to do:** Act deliberately. Pull the fish with a buddy to a treatment tank and maintain a pristine environment. Salt to 0.3 % at 0.1 % per day. Check water quality (especially for a pH crash) Complete and thorough examination; skin and gill scrape.

**Darting:** Koi get excited and will move about at break neck speed, but that's just exercise:

**What you'll see:** A Koi will zoom across the pond sometimes crashing into the pond wall. When it stops, it just swims in place trembling.

**What to do:** Check water chemistry (ammonia, nitrites, pH). Consider the possibility of toxins in the water or over medication.

**Convulsions-** Are never seen in healthy Koi.

**What you'll see:** A Koi that darts, sinks to the bottom and assumes a C-shape and contracts then relaxes its muscles.

**What to do:** This is not often treatable as it generally points to brain damage. Consider over medication, toxins and or infection.

**Sudden Death:** Most (all) of a single species of fish die within a few hours to a day. Check water quality, Heavy Metals (Cu, Zn), Phenols, Dietary disorders.

Next month we will extend this further and talk about changes you can see:

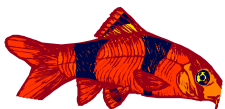
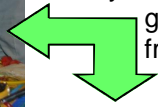
- Color changes
- Changes to body form
- Changes of body surface

See you at the show.



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<b>Beginning balance:</b>				<b>\$19,137.28</b>	
<b>Income Categories:</b>					
2100	Club Store			<b>\$1,366.00</b>	
2600	Pond Tour			<b>\$375.00</b>	
2700	Membership			<b>\$364.00</b>	
	Member Badges	\$30.00			
	Membership Dues	\$274.00			
	Koi USA Subscription	\$60.00			
				<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,105.00</b>
<b>Expense Categories:</b>					
200	Club Store			<b>\$34.00</b>	
400	Insurance			<b>\$901.00</b>	
500	Koi Show			<b>\$905.82</b>	
600	Koi Auction			<b>\$9,153.13</b>	
700	Misc.			<b>\$339.95</b>	
	Friendship Awards	\$339.95			
1300	Membership			<b>\$60.00</b>	
	Koi USA Subscription	\$60.00			
	Bank Charges (Transfer of funds to Savings)			<b>\$6,000.00</b>	
				<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,393.90</b>
<b>NET</b>				<b>(\$15,288.90)</b>	
Checkbook Ending Balance				<b>\$3,848.38</b>	
Uncleared Transactions				<b>\$0.00</b>	
Bank Statement				<b>\$3,848.38</b>	



A koi kichi crowd gathered at Flat Rock for a blessing of the first mud pond.

This mud pond is for the big girls like this goromo. She is joined by a sensational kohaku and five other beauties.



Carl gets ready to put the kohaku into her new home.

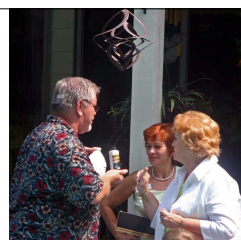
Vicki passed the sake.

We had a fun afternoon.



FLAT ROCK KOI CLUB

**A big bunch came to the meeting, heard a good program, cleaned out the food, and shared the joy of keeping koi. Thanks, Jan & Wally!**



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## INFO TANZA 2007.

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Being held October 25-27th at the Garden Hilton in Kennesaw, Georgia.

The primary point of interest to the **Koi and Water Garden** community is that the last day of this industry trade professional oriented event will be opening the doors to any fish, water garden or other pond and water garden oriented club members to be admitted **for free** (*just bring your club membership pin*). This is primarily being done so that **pond and fish enthusiasts** may **take advantage** of the **Fish health Seminar and Wet Lab** being hosted by IPPCA member **Vickie Vaughan**. This extracurricular lab is modestly priced at \$50.00 for non-IPPCA members to attend. IPPCA members are being extended free attendance to this seminar. The IPPCA is currently lining up additional educational speakers for Saturday afternoon that would be of interest to both hobbyist and professionals, keep an eye on INFOTANZA.com for updates.

This is a limited seating event and we already have several registrants to attend, from local koi club members as well as IPPCA members. Attendance will be accepted on a first-come first-reserved basis, and when all available seating is taken, registration for this popular class will be closed.

For more information contact: [info@ippca.com](mailto:info@ippca.com) or call 866-484-7722.

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## Treasurer's Report *Koi Auction Recap*

Ron Scott

<b>KOI AUCTION RECAP</b>			
Koi Auction	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,670.00</b>	
2405	Advertising	\$0.00	Income from any advertising done for Koi Auction
2410	Equipment	\$41.00	Club's Share of the Sale of Equipment
2420	Fish	\$12,036.25	Club's Share of the Sale of Fish
2430	Plants	\$266.50	Club's Share of the Sale of Plants
2440	Drinks/Food	\$51.50	Drinks & Food Sold at Koi Auction
2450	Gold Fish & Mic.	\$43.75	Club's Share of the Sale of Gold Fish & Misc.
2455	Club Store Seed Money - Koi Auction	\$200.00	Seed money to open club store @ Koi Auction
2460	Misc. Income From Koi Auction	\$31.00	Income received not coded elsewhere
Koi Auction	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9,736.50</b>	
605	Advertising	\$0.00	Advertising of Koi Auction
610	Equipment	\$19.50	Owner's Share From Sale of Their Equipment
620	Fish Owner	\$8,922.50	Owner's Share From Sale of Their Fish
625	Plant Owner	\$211.13	Owner's Share From Sale of Their Plants
630	Food	\$0.00	Food for Sale and for Volunteers
640	Misc.	\$73.76	Misc. Items for Putting on Koi Auction
650	Printing	\$309.61	Printing & Postage Cost for Koi Auction
655	Space Rental	\$0.00	Cost to Rent Space for Koi Auction
660	Club Store Seed Money - Koi Auction	\$200.00	Seed money to open club store at Koi Auction
	<b>Koi Auction Total Results:</b>	<b>\$2,933.50</b>	



Are we having fun yet?? You betcha! It was a blast!





**We do not publish the addresses and directions to our members homes. You will find directions to the meeting in the letter which you received announcing the newsletter was up on the web.**

**BE SURE TO BRING LAWN CHAIRS.**

