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### By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

Kudos to the Atlanta Koi Club this month, it has turned out to be a very good month for the Club. We had a great meeting, there were a couple radio shows that we were part of, and we had a great turnout of koi for the Carter Center. Also the long awaited survey has been completed. Finally, I want to show some of the interesting things going on in our yard.

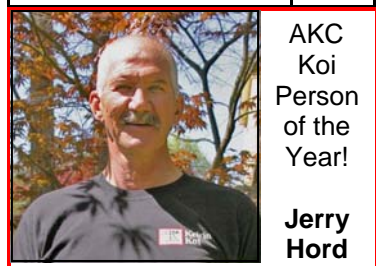
The Club would like to thank Mike and Sheryl for hosting the April meeting. Everyone there had a great time and we got to have Mike talk about his pond. It is always interesting to learn the different things that a member does to build their pond. In January, the budget for this year's koi had not been included in the total budget... due to the uncertainty of if we were going to have a Show Chairperson. The membership approved the show budget at the April meeting. There was also a plant swap at the meeting, at which many people went home with new plants for their yards.

At the Flower Show in February, David Pugh and I were approached by Bernard Kearse a local radio host of "Following your Passions. He asked if we would be willing to appear on his show. We invited Michael and Toni Anderson to appear with us. They helped to round out the knowledge we shared to make the show a success. This past week, I was invited to be on the air with Walter Reeves, a noted radio and television personality who specializes in dispensing horticultural advice. In appreciation for Mr. Reeves support, we made him an "Honorary Member."

We also managed to collect 20 different Koi for the Carter Center. I want to thank everyone that donated fish for this worthwhile endeavor. The Carter Center will be receiving a wonderful sampling of the different sizes and varieties available to the koi world. A special thanks to Erik Johnson and his associate Thomas Hill for coordinating the transportation and health aspects for both the Koi Club and Carter Center.

The koi will be introduced to in mid May to the Carter Center pond. Please watch your emails for following updates.

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AKC Koi Person of the Year!  
**Jerry Hord**

Congratulations, Jerry!

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The AKC Membership Survey you've been hearing about for months is ready and waiting for you! You will be receiving a special email shortly that will contain a link to the Survey web site where it can be completed and submitted online.

For those who normally receive the Newsletter via U.S. Mail, the Club will be mailing you a hard copy of the Survey instead. Just complete it and turn it in at the next Club meeting or mail/fax it back to the address listed in the document.

This is your golden opportunity to let the Club Officers know what you think about the AKC and offer suggestions for improving our club. PLEASE take this opportunity to voice your opinions to help make the AKC the best it can be.

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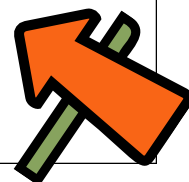
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## Following Your Passions ... a show like no other !

While staffing the booth at the Southeastern Flower Show, David Boyd and I were approached by a gentleman asking about the possibility of a carp attaining the weight of 60 pounds. We assured him this was entirely possible and he then introduced himself as Bernard Kearsse, an author who writes about the adventures of Bethany during the time the New Testament. We went on to tell him a few anecdotal stories about koi and our club and this resulted in his invitation to join him on his weekly radio show, Following Your Passions, on Radio Sandy Springs. We accepted thinking it was a nice gesture and we would not have to go through with it. We gave him our contact information and continued with our task at hand.

A few weeks later, I received an email from an address I did not recognize but which had as its subject line something about Mr. Kearsse's radio show. To my surprise when I opened the email, it was a request to set up a date for us to join Mr. Kearsse. Panic now set in, so I quickly thought of who I could invite from the club to join us. I knew it would have to be two modest, quiet, and shy personalities to match those of David and me. Only two members who fit description and had the depth of knowledge I hoped would complement David and me - who else but the Andersons.

After setting the date for April 11<sup>th</sup>, we arranged to meet Mr. Kearsse prior to the show and he gave us the details of how things operated. The show aired at 8pm on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We had a great chance to promote the Atlanta Koi Club, the auction and the show. We even got to take call-in questions.

By far our most unique question centered on the supposed rumor that koi were used by the Japanese during WWII as spies. Toni and I have discussed this and figured out if they had metallic varieties those fish could have used the reflection of the sunlight much as we use mirrors to send coded messages. This happened only after the show though. At the time the question was asked we were all a bit stuck for words.

The end result was a fantastic experience for us all, to share with Mr. Kearsse's listeners our passion for koi. You can listen to the show on Tuesdays at 8pm on 1120 AM or by live feed at [www.radiosandysprings.com](http://www.radiosandysprings.com)

**David Pugh**

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At the April officers meeting, the draft for the club survey was discussed for approval. After a long discussion about some changes that needed to be made, the schedule for the final product was made. In mid May, the survey will be available to the membership and be online until mid June. A note will be sent to everyone before the survey goes live to remind them, as well as one before the survey is taken down.



Please take the time to take the survey, so we can determine what needs to be done to meet the needs of our membership.

Also, on Easter, I saw a couple wonderful sights in our yard. The snapping turtle that lives in the creek behind our house had come on to the bank to sun himself, and I had also startled the mother duck that was nesting in the brush along the creek. I ran into the house to get my camera for a couple quick shots.



L-R Toni & Michael Anderson;  
2nd row: David Boyd, Bernard Kearsse, David Pugh.

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	<b>Beginning balance:</b>		<b>\$5,550.03</b>
<b>Income Categories:</b>			
2500	Misc.		<b>\$1,390.58</b>
	Raffles - Monthly Meetings Only	\$59.00	
	Interest on Club Checking Account (Only)	\$0.58	
	Misc.- Returned check to UGA	\$1,331.00	
2700	Membership		<b>\$776.00</b>
	Member Badges	\$45.00	
	Membership Dues	\$640.00	
	KoiUSA Subscription	\$91.00	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$2,166.58</b>
<b>Expense Categories:</b>			
300	Flower Show		<b>\$596.83</b>
700	Misc.		<b>\$150.00</b>
	Food Club Meeting	\$150.00	
1300	Membership		<b>\$85.00</b>
	KoiUSA Subscription	\$85.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$831.83</b>
<b>NET</b>			<b>\$1,334.75</b>
	Checkbook Ending Balance		<b>\$6,884.78</b>
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## Sakura and Koi Nobori

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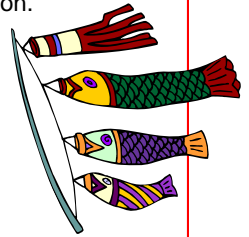
The cherry blossom is probably the favorite flower of the Japanese. When most of us think of Japan, there's an almost immediate picture of the Cherry blossoms in Washington, D.C.

When cherry blossoms make their showy entrance they herald the arrival of Spring. They symbolize a bright future. In Japan

the business fiscal year and the academic school year both begin with the blooming of the cherry blossoms in April.

Carp represent strength and determination.

They are known to be able to swim upstream and even up waterfalls! For many years the Japanese celebrated May 5 as Boy's Day. Koi Nobori flags flew over every home that had a boy child. The Carp had the qualities the Japanese wanted their sons to have.



In March everyone celebrated Girl's Day. At this time a collection of dolls kept and passed down were displayed. The dolls were dressed in special dress to show the best of Japanese life. Now, the two celebrations occur on May 5th — Children's Day.

Since ancient times the Japanese have bathed with flag plant leaves on this day. They believe the flag plant has medicinal properties. In addition to ritual bathing, they make offerings of Japanese sweets: rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves and rice cakes wrapped in oak leaves.



The May meeting will be the last chance club members will have to buy Sodium Thiosulfate at bargain prices. Buy enough ST to make 5 gallons of dechlorinator for \$10. See Michael Anderson at the meeting.



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# Carter Center Donations Arrive at Pike's

Sixteen members of AKC met on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at Pike's Nursery #16 to collect fish that members of the club were donating to The Carter Center Koi Pond.

At the January meeting we were asked to help increase the diversity of the Center's koi pond. Several families generously shared some of their decorative koi for this purpose. Ten fish had previously been taken to KoiLab by Dr. Erik Johnson on Wednesday, and eleven more were taken there after Saturday's collection. All of the fish will be scraped and scoped for parasites, and all will be quarantined for several weeks before they can be released. The fish need a health certificate before release.



On Saturday, Walter Reeves, a gardening expert and star of several TV shows on PBS and DIYNetwork held his weekly radio show at Pikes #16!



L-R: David, Theresa Schrum, Walter Reeves

Our President, David Boyd, was asked to be part of the show to answer water gardening questions.



Walter Reeves

Steven Castel brought in the first three fish on Saturday. David Boyd & David Pugh helped him unload them.



After the show, we met with Walter. We gave him an honorary club membership and badge.

## Seen in Our Website Guest Book

Apr 17, 2006 at 21:01:55

I really enjoyed this site.



The pond photos were very well arranged and clear and the health site with the operation on the koi with the tumor was well put together. Thank you for the tour.

*Larry Leverett, AKCA Chairman  
Inlandkoi.org*



Jerry Hord helps his large ogon get settled into the holding tank.



Vicki Knill releases one of her large butterfly koi into the holding tank.



Michael & Kathy Adkins, David Pugh and Michael Anderson discuss the quarantined fish.

## Put Your Pond on the Web!

The Wizards of the Web are searching for photos of members' ponds to go on the web-site. If you have a digital camera, then, there's no problem. If you have a film camera, make a bunch of pictures and have them put on a disc when you have them developed. You can let us use the disc to download the pond pictures and put them up.

Check out the ponds already at [www.atlantakoiclub.org](http://www.atlantakoiclub.org).

Make your pond the next one posted!



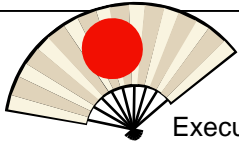
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Executive Meeting

The Executives devoted the meeting to discussing any changes to be made with the membership survey. The survey is expected to be available to the members in May



### Club Raffle

"April showers bring May flowers." At the May meeting the raffle will have plenty of planters of various styles. Decorate your patio, yard or pond. Don't forget to bring your **cash** to buy some tickets because we don't take American Express.

Stanley here is looking for a new home, he likes the sun and only asks for a drink of water now and then. His new "do" is expected to grow out long and wild.

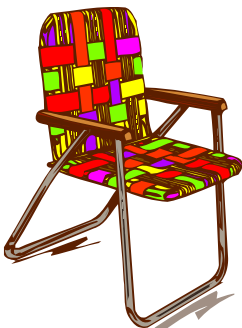
## Morris & Robin Smith's Koi Journey

We became interested in koi ponds when we decided we wanted to create a garden in our backyard. At that time it was grass with a couple of trees. We visited the Southeastern Flower show that year and met Susan Wise at the AKC booth. We talked with Susan for 20 to 30 minutes. She explained what was involved. After talking with her we were hooked. We started buying books and searching the web for information. Shortly after we were pumping water. We joined the club after that. Looking back it would have been wiser to join the club, ask for advice from the experienced ponders, and then build our pond.



### May Meeting Program and Special Event!

Vicki Vaughan will be the speaker. She will talk about Israeli koi, and explain the difference between various KHV studies. She will also bring about 200 small koi for sale. Now's the time to stock up.



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# A Pond Screening

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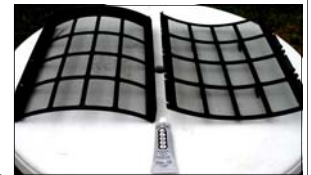
No this is not about a photo shoot for a magazine or a HGTV show. This is about a use of screen cloth. On our pond we have a Savio skimmer. The skimmer has a removable cage in the back chamber containing a matting pad. The matting pad will catch finer particles than the leaf basket in the front chamber. While the matting might be a media for some bacteria growth, it is not large enough to be considered as part of the overall bio conversion of ammonia to nitrite to nitrate. OK, so what's the problem? Matting, any matting, is a pain to clean. Granted it is not nearly as bad as sheets of foam, but it's still matting.

I made a modification to the skimmer's removable cage making it much easier to clean. I replaced the matting pad with two sheets of fiberglass screen cloth. Yes, that's screen cloth you purchased at your local DIY store to repair the screen door the dog ran through, again. I purchased the smallest roll of screen cloth I could find also purchased a 3.7 ounce tube of E6000 adhesive at a local craft store.



### Steps:

1. Take the skimmer's matting pad cage out of the skimmer. Separate the two halves. Set aside the matting pad. Thoroughly clean both halves of the cage so that the adhesive can adhere properly. Set the cage aside to dry.
2. Cut two rectangles of fiberglass screen cloth that are each 13.75"x18.75".
3. After the cage is dry, test fit a sheet of sheeting on the INSIDE of each half of the cage. Trim as needed.
4. On the inside of both halves of the cage, apply a small bead (around 1/8" wide) of E6000 on all the rails and stiles.
5. Carefully insert one piece of screening on the inside of each half of the cage. Gently press the screen into the bead of E600 and smooth out the bead. Let the E6000 cure overnight. The next day assemble the two halves of the cage and insert it into the skimmer.



To clean the screens, remove the cage (notice how much lighter it is!). Use a hose at 45 degree angle and spray off the front and back. Turn the cage upside down and spray both side again. It is ready for another duty cycle. Gee, wasn't that an easier cleaning cycle than messing with that matting pad? I thought so also.

Michael Anderson

# SALE!

## Annual Fish Auction & Plant Sale

Come one, come all to the Koi Auction and Plant/Equipment Sale Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006. Auction starts at 11am with an Overflow Sale after the Auction.



It will be at Coastal Pond Supply, 2101 Tucker Industrial Road, Tucker, GA 30084

Details and registration forms can be found online at [www.atlantakoiclub.org](http://www.atlantakoiclub.org) and will also be available at the May meeting. We are going to need several volunteers to make the auction run as smoothly as possible, so, be on the lookout for volunteer sign-up sheets at the next meeting. Questions? Email [auction@atlantakoiclub.org](mailto:auction@atlantakoiclub.org).

## Roaring Mouse in Cyber Space

[http://japanese-cool.co.uk/japanese\\_coolest\\_008.htm](http://japanese-cool.co.uk/japanese_coolest_008.htm)

This is the neatest web-site. It's in England. Their artwork is breathtaking. The URL in this article is the page with koi art. Remember that prices are in Pounds Sterling ... but if you use a currency conversion chart on <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>, you can figure out how much this costs. The credit cards all have no problems doing international transactions..... You might enjoy something this exciting... Grab that mouse and ROAR!



*This beautiful Koi Slate is approximately 24 inches tall and koi inlay is about 15 inches tall. Koi depicted is one of the most famous Grand Champion Koi ever grown. The Dianichi Showa is the only koi to ever win both the ZNA and the Combined All Japan Shows. Slate's estimated value is \$2,000.*

Peter Enfield has made another extremely generous donation of one of his custom made koi slates to the AKCA PROJECT KHV. Peter and his wife Silvia live in Oregon and are avid koi hobbyists. Peter is well known for his beautiful and unique pieces of koi art. Peter starts with a photograph of a Grand Champion Koi to create his glass patterns. He takes a beautiful piece of gray slate and carves out the powerful koi shape. Next he takes special fusible stained glass and cuts it into the koi's unique patterns. The pieces of cut glass are put together like a jigsaw puzzle and then fired in a special glass kiln to fuse it into a solid glass koi. Then the fused glass koi is fitted into the indentation in the prepared piece of slate to create an extraordinarily beautiful and unique piece of koi art.



Unlike our perishable pets, Peter's koi art is timeless. His koi colors will never fade. The vibrant reds, porcelain whites, and shiny ebony blacks are perfect. Peter creates the beautiful image of Grand Champion koi floating on the surface of a deep dark crystal clear pond.

Many koi hobbyists have been trying to obtain one of Peter's koi/slate art pieces for years, however; Peter does not sell his creations. One way to get Peter's koi slates are to win the Annual AKCA Bob Spindola, Champion of Champions, Award. This award and accompanying piece of Peter's koi art is given to the top Koi chosen from photos of all the Grand Champion Koi winners at Koi shows in the USA. Not an easy thing to accomplish. You might also get one of Peter's koi slates at a special auction at events like the annual AKCA National Seminar. For many of you this could be your best opportunity to own one of Peter's unique pieces of koi art and help the AKCA PROJECT KHV at the same time.

Once the auction is concluded a check payable in \$US to AKCA PROJECT KHV must be sent to AKCA PROJECT KHV, 15514 Elm Park, San Antonio, Texas 78247 and received within five business days. If it is not received on time, the 1st place bidder will default and the 2nd place bidder will be contacted and notified that they have won the auction.

<http://www.akcaprojectkhv.org/index.htm>

## It's Almost Time for Koi Across Niagara Excitement in the Water!

Have you made your reservations for The 25th AKCA Seminar? Better hurry. The Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club has done so much work. AKC members have no problem understanding just exactly what that means. Well, they've done the work and now it's time to invite the world to enjoy the fruits of the labor. [www.nfkpc.com](http://www.nfkpc.com)

**Thursday Buffalo Architectural Tour:** This tour will focus on the city of Buffalo, including designs of [HH Richardson](#), [Louis Sullivan](#), and [Frank Lloyd Wright](#). One featured structure will be the [Darwin D. Martin house complex](#), the most extensive [Prairie house](#) designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Lunch will be at the [Pearl Street Grill & Brewery](#). Forest Lawn cemetery, designed by [Charles E. Clarke](#) will be featured, which will include the [Sky Mausoleum](#), the only Frank Lloyd Wright designed memorial open to the public.

**Thursday Niagara Falls Tour:** This tour will showcase the mighty Niagara, one of the "[7 wonders of the world](#)", from the American side. Participants will be afforded a view of the [Whirlpool rapids](#), the Niagara river, the marooned barge, etc. Additionally participants will "[get up front and personal](#)" with the falls, as they ride on the [Maid of the Mist boat](#). This will literally take participants to the foot of the falls, where they will be able to appreciate first hand, all of its might! (rainwear will be provided). **Passports are required for all US/Canadian border crossings**, so be sure to bring your passport, if you plan to visit Canada!



**Sunday Pond Tour:** Our pond tour will include 6 ponds, 3 located North of the city of Buffalo, and 3 located South of the city. For lunch, we will stop at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, one of only 2 of the large Lord and Burnham conservatories in the United States, and the only one located in an Olmstead park!

**Wet Lab:** Our wet lab will offer one half day of instruction in handling fish, anesthesia, skin scrapes/gill snips and other diagnostic procedures, injections, blood draws, etc. Experienced instructors will take the students through the entire process starting with anesthesia and ending with reintroduction into the pond or quarantine facility. You won't want to miss attending this lab!







## AKC & ZNA DUES ARE WAY PAST DUE!

I would like to welcome Bart and Kathy Atkinson to Atlanta Koi Club and ZNA. We are looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting or event. I would also like to welcome new members Ken and Marilyn Rose. Also we would like to welcome the following new sponsors to our Club Alita Industries, Inc. Aquaculture Systems Technologies, LLC, and Atlanta Koi Garden, Inc. Look for their advertisements in this newsletter and on our web site. Thank you all for your support.

The April meeting was held at Mike & Sheryl Hutson's lovely home and garden. Everyone had a wonderful time and went home with new and beautiful plants. 26 members and 4 guests were in attendance. We now have a total of 141 active members and 6 sponsors.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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Host Meeting \_\_\_\_, Pond Tour \_\_\_\_, Auction \_\_\_\_, Koi Show \_\_\_\_, Hold Office \_\_\_\_, Flower Show \_\_\_\_

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We try to publish a membership roster annually. It is given only to club members and AKCA, the Associated Koi Clubs of America. May we publish your address, phone number and email? Yes or No.

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**Susan G. Brown, 191 Kings Row, Marietta, GA 30067.**

\* Please consider buying **Name Badges**. For only \$5, you will get to know and be known by everyone and also receive a free raffle ticket every time you wear your badge to a Club Meeting.

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**May 21, 2006 Meeting @ Morris & Robin Smith's.**  
**Executive Meeting begins at 1 p.m. Members meet at 2 p.m.**

The driving directions to this meeting are in the letter you received announcing the newsletter was up on the web. We are trying to protect the privacy of our members.

## Events Calendar

**June 3, 2006** — Annual Koi and Pond Equipment Auction — Coastal Pond Supply, Tucker

**June 11, 2006** — Hal & Susan Brown, Marietta SUMMER SOCIAL — Special Display

**July 9, 2006** — Bill & Lynn Dowden, Tucker — Sean Williams — Atlanta Bonsai Society — bonsai sale/or raffle

**August 13, 2006** — Drew & Marier, Lawrenceville — Carl Forss — Keirin Koi — Fish sale



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