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Koi Chatter

The December 2013 publication of the Lone Star Koi Club – Houston Texas

Newsletter Editor's Message:

Wonderful 2013, and the new year looks to continue the growth of the club and various opportunities to add to our enjoyment of the hobby. Buried within this month's newsletter, there are three notices regarding special one time koi purchase notices from friends within our circle. If interested or just have any questions, please contact the related person for details.

Articles! Photos! We need these for the website and newsletter. Some of the photos on the website are over ten years old and this year, we intend to revamp the site. My desperate pleas for either continue to be ignored. My email box is empty! I feel so unloved and you all know just how sensitive I am!

Colder weather is upon us, so watch your water temperatures and feeding regimen. Frankly, I've had enough of the cold and am already looking forward to Summer. Of course, when Summer is here and the temperatures are through the roof, I'll be whining for winter's return. I have a succinct feeling that I am not the only one of us who possesses this trait.

A very happy, healthy and prosperous new year to you all.

Best

Paul Moss

Message From The President: Melanie Nau

Dear A-fish-a-nados,

Let me begin by expressing my sincere appreciation for the Black's gracious hospitality at the annual LSKC Christmas Party. The food, the setting, the wonderful congeniality and conversation were all quite impressive. The auction (which is a primary source for the club's resources) was very successful. I'm sure everyone was able to find something that they just 'couldn't live without' and came away with smiles over their new treasures. As an extra special bonus, we were able to assist Richard (Black) in blowing out the candles on his birthday cake. We look forward to seeing Richard and Artis again in March when they are hosting our monthly meeting.

Karen and I have posted pictures of the Christmas party on Snapfish and sent them out to the club members. If you did not receive them, perhaps they ended up in your Spam box since they were delivered through Snapfish, not directly from me. We have been using Snapfish to share pictures for years and have found it to be very convenient and easy to use. If you check the LSKC website after Christmas, you will see a couple of the photos from the party.

The next meeting for our club is Saturday at 1:00pm on January 11th. All members are invited, but it is not a regular monthly meeting; instead it will be focused on the May 2014 Houston Pond Tour. If you are considering showing your pond, or just have some interest in adding some insight, please feel free to attend. This meeting will be at our home at 6006 De Lange Lane, Houston, TX 77092.

The New Year brings three superb opportunities to purchase koi from Japan. All the details are in this newsletter. The first is coordinated by Don Bayer and offers jumbo tosai shipped from Shigeru in March. The second is The Heart of Texas Growout sponsored by the Dallas and San Antonio clubs whereby \$100 gosanke tosai are selected at Water Garden Gems on April 11 and then judged in Dallas in September. Contact Ray Jordan by January 14 with your commitment.

The third method of snagging koi is the annual TKFGS Spring Sale, also at Water Garden Gems venue, held April 11-13. Andrew Moo brings some of the best he has selected from a variety of Japanese breeders with prices starting at \$25 for the little guys on up to the hundreds for real beauties. I hope our club will spend a day or two there. More on that at our February 16 meeting at Scott and Linda Satorius' home.

My thoughts are with you during this holiday season. May the coming year be filled with peace and joy for you and your families.

**Sincerely,
Melanie**

Growout Competition In Association With The San Antonio and Dallas Koi Clubs

Dear TKFGS Members and friends,

We are planning to have a special baby koi growing contest to provide a educational and fun activity in 2014 in partnership with our sister koi club in Dallas. However anyone can participate and the more participants the better. Andy Moo will be traveling to Japan and shopping for a special group of baby koi the last week in January. In order for Andy about how many special koi to purchase we need to provide him with the number of koi we believe will be needed for the growing contest. The koi will all be gosanke tosai and will be sold at the Spring fish sale on **Friday April 11, 2014** for \$100 each. Rather than limit to a single variety, it was determined that with multiple varieties, participants can select the type of koi they prefer and Andy can focus on selecting quality. Andy will be making 3 buying trips to Japan between late January and early March in advance of the Spring Fish sale at Water Garden Gems. I need to submit the number of koi we expect to be purchased for the growing contest by **January 14**.

Here are the basic plans for the contest.

Part I: Anyone wishing to participate can select from the special group of \$100 koi at the Spring fish sale on **Friday, April 11, 2014** at Water Garden Gems in San Antonio, Texas. We will draw numbers to determine the order of selection by participants. We already know that some participants will want more than one koi so we will reverse the order for a second round of selections. In the unlikely situation where a participant doesn't want to select any of the koi available they will be free to drop out. Payment will be made at the time of the selection. The koi selected will be measured and photographed at the time of sale.

Part II: The growing contest koi will be judged for special awards at the Dallas koi show in **September 2014**. In order to be judged for the special awards these koi will need to be entered in the Dallas show at Bass Pro Shop the weekend of **September 19-21, 2014**. Andy Moo will be one of the judges so he will uniquely be able to judge this group of koi.

Please email me and let me know how many koi you anticipate purchasing for the growing contest. There may be additional growing contest koi available for walk ups but I cannot guarantee this and we would like to honor Andy's efforts by having as accurate a commitment as we can. If you cannot make it to the sale on **April 11th**, you can still participate! Set up in advance with one of us what type of koi you like and provide a phone number and when it is your turn to select we can send you a photo to your phone or computer so you can select from a photo.

Below are details for the 2014 Heart of Texas Grow Out Contest:

Goals:

- 1> To study the development of a comparative set of koi based upon the differences in the variety of variables that influence growth and development (water, food, environment, genetic distribution, etc.)
- 2> To test koi selection skills and develop and eye for a koi's potential
- 3> To foster friendship and cooperation between the Texas koi keeping community
- 4> To allow the breeder/ dealer to promote and showcase their koi to Texas hobbyists

Equal Quality Gosanke Tosai provided by Andrew's Koi International for \$100 per koi will be selected based on the process below at the Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Society Spring Sale to be held beginning at **3:00 pm on Friday April 11, 2014** at Water Garden Gems in San Antonio, Texas. The grow out koi will be held in a separate tank from the other spring sale koi. Andy will be at the San Antonio spring sale but we will ask that he not provide feedback on the grow out koi as the selection process is part of this exercise and event. Members of the Dallas Koi Kichi Group may send a member as a proxy for their selection if they are unable to attend (selection assisted by modern convenience of photos and video, etc.). The koi will be "grown out" and returned/ entered in the Dallas Koi Kichi Group's 2014 Koi Show to be held **September 19th thru the 21st** at Bass Pro Shops Pavilion in Grapevine, Texas. Koi will be evaluated based upon the criteria below and eligible for special "grow out" awards.

Selection process:

Draw numbers for the participants in public at SA spring sale to determine order of selection. Each participant will get to choose one koi and then the order will reverse for those that are choosing more than one koi. Koi will be measured and photographed at the spring sale.

Evaluation:

Andy Moo will be the Head Judge for the 2014 DKKG Show. Andy, along with the other judges for the DKKG show will rank the "grow out" koi on a 10 point scale for the following 3 criteria 1) % of growth; 2) best development quality not including growth; 3) standard criteria for the variety included in the grow out. Grow out koi will be eligible for other DKKG show awards based on classification and size, but only grow out koi present will be eligible for grow out awards.

Commitment to purchase a grow out koi needs to be made by **January 14, 2014** so that the number of koi needing to be acquired can be determined. Payment for the koi must be made on the day of selection.

Best Regards,

Ray Jordan

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Please Contact Ray Jordan At The Above Link

Notice#2

Further Details Will Follow

-----We want to extend a special invitation to join us the weekend of April 11-13, 2014 at Water Garden Gems in San Antonio.

Andy Moo owner of Andrews Koi International will be bringing several hundred baby Japanese koi priced from \$25 to sell at this event. Vance Schultze who is a local long fin koi breeder will be bringing a nice selection of long fin koi to sell. We are also working to have a special selection of fancy goldfish available and will communicate those details when finalized. We will have free educational seminars on caring for fish and ponds plus other related topics

Notice #3

Dianichi Jumbo Tosai

Through one of our members, Shigeru Dianichi will be shipping jumbo tosai to Los Angeles (Eastern Koi) in March as he plans to attend the So. Cal Koi Show. He did this in March 2012 (Los Angeles) and April 2013 (Nor Cal - San Jose). He said we will have the opportunity to pre-purchase a jumbo tosai for \$500.00 plus shipping (\$75.00).

- 1. There is no limit on what the club members can order but it is better if we can have enough people to buy the tosai so that we can have enough to fit into one box. One box from Japan can hold 10-12 jumbo tosai.**
- 2. Once Shigeru gets the total number wanted by the club, he will select the koi and his staff will photo them and email the pics to us. The members in on this will be able to select from the pictures sent. You will have to find a way for them to select, ie lottery or**

whatever method is decided.

3. There are only a few cities that can accept live fish from other countries and Houston is NOT one of them. Since we are piggy backing with the koi shipment from Eastern they must come into LAX.

4. Eastern charges us for the shipment & customs fee from Japan & to Houston so look at \$75 for shipping for each tosai. This is what we paid last year for the jumbo tosai so it will probably be the same this year.

An email with full details and contact/ordering information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

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Month	Date	Host	Speaker/Topic
January	11 th	Nau/Green	Officer's Meeting but all are welcome
February	16 th	Sartorius	
March	.	Black	
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			Nomination of Officers.
October			
November			
December			

Please stop by the Welcome Table at each meeting, check in and pick up a nametag if you don't have one so new members can get to know you.

LKSC Membership News

If you have anyone contact you about koi needing homes or homes needing koi, please contact Paul Moss, paulbkm@gmail.com.

Thanks to our rescue partners.

Invitations & News from Other Koi and Pond Clubs, Associations or Societies

From our good friend Ray Jordan and the Texas Koi And Fancy Goldfish Society

<http://texaskoi.org/>

Rather than cut and paste snippets to intersperse in our newsletter, I have chosen to link their website as there is much useful information including details of their upcoming show in the fall.

Comments And Observations

Here is a wonderful tool from the Koi and Water Garden Society of New York that I mentioned at a recent meeting during my talk regarding the use of potassium permanganate. It is a calculator used to figure the exact amount of salt, sodium thiosulfate etc. plus weight based on length and other applications. The caveat is that you must know your exact pond volume in order not to overdose or underdose. Just click on the link as save to your favorites. It really is a useful 'thing' just to have around as you'll never know when you'll need it.

<http://www.cnykoi.com/calculators/calcpp.asp>

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- April: Kodama Koi Food Grow-Out Contest (NJ)
- May 4-5: Koi and Pond Party (Season-Opening Event) (NJ)
- July: Anniversary Event (NJ)
- August: Kodama Koi Academy (NJ)
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