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Koi Chatter



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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK LSKC

Hello LSKC a-fish-a-nados!

I imagine all of you are enjoying our early springlike weather, which begs the question of how best to transition our ponds and koi for warmer water. Let's use our March meeting to highlight tips that Ray Jordan advised in the TKFGS newsletter this month for our discussion.

I have been in touch with Maureen at Purdin's who said that they have sold and shipped most all their tosai to the UK and USA dealers, and that we need to make our reservations soon if we plan a trip to view their Fall Harvest.

Seems our calendar is filling quickly with the Kodama April 6th Koi Sale, Nelson's April 13 Water Garden party, and the May 4-5 Pond Tour.

My thanks to all of you who have volunteered to host a monthly meeting. We are covered for all of 2013!

At Nelson's our members will be greeting potential koi kichees. Representing us will be the Cooks, Yuens, Bushes, Freasiers, Joiners and Sartoriuses. Thanks. Let's all try to get out there Saturday, April 13 and cheerlead for our club.

We had several guests at our February meeting including the Davises and Andrea Achuett. You made everyone feel really welcome.

See you soon,

Melanie Nau

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING
March 17, 2013
3rd Sunday 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Home of Melanie Nau and Karen Green
6006 Del Lange Ln.
Houston, Texas 77092
(713) 686-4608

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN HOUSTON

1. Take US-290 West toward Austin.
2. Exit at W43rd St.
3. Turn right (east) on W. 43rd St.
4. Once on W. 43rd, take your first available left on Alabonson Rd.
5. Follow Alabonson for a few blocks and turn left (west) on De Lange Ln.

Address:

6006 De Lange Ln. (House is on the right)

KODAMA KOI SALE

Taro Kodama of Kodama Koi will be in the Houston area on April 6, 2013.
Kodama Koi in Houston, TX
April 6, 2013 - Saturday
9am - 3pm
4050 Bailey Rd
Manvel, TX

Taro Kodama will be bringing many Tosai (one-year-old) of mixed varieties including some higher quality koi from famous breeders like Isa and Dainichi.

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2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Host	Speaker/Topic
January	20th	Bush	January 1st
February	17 th	Sartorius	Gadgets and tools used to manage your pond.
March	17 th	Nau/Green	Pond transition from Winter to Spring.
April	21 st	Wall	To be announced.
May	4 th & 5 th	Pond Tour	POND TOUR – NO MEETING
June	16 th	Bush	To be announced.
July	21 st	Joiner	To be announced.
August	18 th	Cook	To be announced.
September	15 th	?	Nomination of Officers.
October	20 th	?	To be announced.
November			Combined with early December meeting.
December	14 th	Bush	Christmas Party & Auction

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 Randy Martin, xtremeflyr@yahoo.com or Paul Moss, paulbkm@gmail.com.

Thanks to our rescue partners.

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

HOUSTON POND SOCIETY

Dear Members and Pond Enthusiasts:

If you have not already joined the Houston Pond Society and paid your 2013 dues, now is the time. Dues for the entire year 2013 are only \$50.00. Come join in the fun and friendship of fellow pond enthusiasts.

MARCH 2, 2013

Dear Pond Enthusiasts:

MARCH 2, 2013

This month's meeting will be a field trip for brunch to [Brenardo's at the Galvez Hotel](#) in Galveston. We will meet at Bernardo's at 11:00 AM to enjoy their fabulous brunch courtesy of the Houston Pond Society. Please let me know if you will be going so I can make reservations.

For those interested, Tom's Thumb is the nursery on Galveston that is so cool to visit. Something like Buchanan's, but on a smaller scale.

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

MARCH 1, 2013

This is the deadline to sign up your pond to be on the 2013 Water Garden and Pond Tour.

APRIL 6, 2013

Bill and Shirley Kielman will host this month's meeting at their home at 2222 West Lonesome Dove in Deer Park. There will be a speaker, Linda Gaye the former director of Mercer Arboretum. The meeting will start at 12:00 noon. More information later.

APRIL 13, 2013

Nelson's Water Garden party. Tickets from the Pond Tour will be available at this event.

MAY 4 and 5, 2013

The annual pond tour hosted jointly with the Lone Star Koi Club. More info to follow.

See you Saturday,

Dan Cook

Texas Koi & Fancy Goldfish Society

(TKFGS)

March 17, 2013: Sunday at 1:30pm - March monthly meeting at Water Garden Gems, 3136 Bolton Rd., Marion, Texas. Topic to be determined. Refreshments will be served.

April 13-14, 2013: 19th annual Fish Sale and Spring Seminars. At Water Garden Gems, 3136 Bolton Rd., Marion, Texas

October 12-13, 2013: 21st annual Koi and Goldfish Show. At Water Garden Gems, 3136 Bolton Rd., Marion, Texas

For a list of future TKFGS events go to
www.texaskoi.com

Dear TKFGS-ZNA members and friends,

Please plan to attend our March meeting on Sunday, March 17th at 1:30 pm at Water Garden Gems. We will have a short interactive program on Tips when Buying the Best Baby Koi to assist anyone planning to buy some fish at our 20th annual spring fish sale and seminar next month, April 12-14, 2013. Many more details in this month's newsletter.

Also it is time to collect 2013 annual "ZNA" dues from our members who wish to also be ZNA members. 100% of ZNA dues are sent to Japan to support the ZNA organization and pay for our individual Nichirin magazine (twelve issue) subscriptions. This year the currency exchange rate vs the yen has improved dramatically and ZNA dues will be \$95 vs last year's exchange rate of \$110. Please find more details about ZNA dues and payment particulars inside the newsletter. Anyone wanting to know more about joining ZNA please contact me.

Finally, there is a article in this month's newsletter about Spring Pond and Fish tips. It looks like Spring has arrived in Central Texas so this should be a timely article. Hope to see you at this month's club meeting and also next month's Fish Sale.

Best Regards,

Ray Jordan

Articles

Potassium Permanganate

By Dr. Erik Johnson

Potassium permanganate is perhaps my favorite in the treatment of Koi. This is a big change from four years ago when I suggested folks leave this one alone. It's a very powerful medicant which can **kill** fish if not respected.

Potassium is a granular powder which turns the water purple during its effect. It oxidizes organic material, **including the surfaces of bacterial sores (ulcers)** and the parasites that cause them. Once it's spent its energy on the pond and parasites, the potassium turns amber or brown and can be removed with a water change or with hydrogen peroxide (3% USP) - See peroxide information below.

Potassium permanganate is applied at the rate of one gram per one hundred gallons or one level teaspoonful per six hundred gallons. I use 8 level teaspoonfuls in my 4800 gallon pond.

Once the potassium has turned Amber or brown, I can remove it with a water change or with Hydrogen Peroxide (3% USP)

In case of over dosage or untoward reaction to the potassium, you should be aware that it is INSTANTLY de-activated by De-Chlor (Sodium thiosulfate) or also by Hydrogen peroxide. The neutralizing effects may last three to four DAYS afterwards, inhibiting subsequent treatments.

For best results with Flukes, (parasites of trematode class) you would be well advised to treat for several days, but being sure to apply a final treatment on day four or five. This intercepts any emerging trematodes that may have hidden on the bottom.

Ciliates would require daily treatments without water changes in between, to cover about a week period. Please read the other Potassium permanganate articles in this web site or use the information (whole section) in the book. "Koi Health & Disease 2006 Reload"

Potassium Permanganate Part II

By Dr. Erik Johnson

Ingredients:

One pound of granular or crystalline potassium permanganate (KmnO4)

One pond freshly cleaned of debris, bottom-detritus, dead fish or uneaten food.

One group of fish with flashing, red spots, spider web skin lesions, fin rot, sliminess, Ulcers, fungal lesions.

Precautions:

The presence of large amounts of organic debris, uneaten food, dead fish, leaves, dead plants will cause the potassium to spend its energy on oxidizing the organics, not on the parasites or ulcers.

The presence of dechlorinator in the water will inactivate the treatment. (Latency 2 days)

The presence of Hydrogen peroxide will inactivate treatment. (Latency 3 days)

Potassium can kill a lot of algae, increasing oxygen demand; especially in warm water over eighty degrees.

How to do this:

Day One

1. Bypass filter but increase circulation and aeration. Turn off UV.
2. Apply one level teaspoon of granular potassium permanganate per six hundred gallons of water. Do not stand down wind as the powder is added. Do not get in eyes. Do not get on skin. Do not breathe powder.
3. Wait until water changes from purple/pink into a brown or amber color.
4. Resume filtration and keep up all circulation. Can add a Bacteria Starter such as Microbe-lift PL.
5. Apply standard OTC Hydrogen Peroxide 3% USP at a rate of one quart per five thousand gallons of pond water. In one hour you'll have clear water with no residual evidence of Potassium staining.

Day Four

1. Bypass filter but increase circulation and aeration. Turn off UV.
2. Apply one level teaspoon of granular potassium permanganate per six hundred gallons of water.
3. Wait until water changes from purple/pink into a brown or amber color.
4. Resume filtration and keep up all circulation. Can add a Bacteria Starter such as Microbe-lift PL.
5. Apply standard OTC Hydrogen Peroxide 3% USP at a rate of one quart per five thousand gallons. In one hour you'll have clear water with no residual evidence of Potassium staining.

Days Eight & Twelve - Exact repeat of Days one and four.

What about flukes which hide in the filter?

If you did one treatment of PP and bypassed the filter, the flukes could hide out in the filter.

If you do the fluke regiment of potassium, which is based on a knowledge of the life cycle of the fluke and knowing that the emerging fluke REQUIRES a meal shortly after birth or hatching, ****serial**** PP treatments make continued infestation of the filter impossible.

Again, one treatment with filter bypass will spare adults and larvae in the filter; however these must feed, and so will move into the pond to do so. Three to four days later - before they can reproduce a complete egg-to-egg cycle - you treat again and kill 99% of the ones left. Still, in case one lives in the filter, the third and fourth treatments are final. Always, if your filter is matched to the pond, bypass it for these treatments. If you're over filtering, you can spare the bacteria and needn't bypass. (At your own risk.)

If you read this article, please see my note at the bottom of this Newsletter. Donnie Bayer

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- Feb 14-17: Japan Nishikigoi Expo & Aloha Koi Show (HI)
- 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)
- Oct 11-28: Niigata Tour
- Nov: Harvest Event (NJ)



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From the Editor

Thanks so much to Linda and Scott Sartorius for hosting the February meeting. As usual, it appears everyone had a good time. The weather could not have been better and the turnout was excellent. I think our new President, Melanie Nau, did a great job of trying to keep us on track. Sometimes, that can be a bit like herding cats. LSKC is off to a good start this year so please join in and support the Club.

You will notice the announcement above of a koi sale on April 6th. Taro Kodama is coming to Houston to sell Japanese bred koi. Taro was here last April and the sale was quite successful. So come down to Manvel (just about 20 minutes south of downtown) and take a look at what Taro has to offer.

Lastly, you will notice the article by Dr. Eric Johnson included in the Newsletter this month deals with treating your pond with Potassium Permanganate (PP). This article was written 2009, so it is a few years old. **I do not recommend using PP without first having a conversation with someone experienced in its use.** But, I included this article because I am a big believer in using PP to treat you pond and have treated my pond and other folk's ponds with PP at least 6 or 7 times over the years. Always successfully. Mostly I have used it to treat bacterial infections brought on by the introduction of a new fish. Such a treatment is limited to a PP exposure of two to four hours only, as opposed to the multiple day treatment outlined by Dr. Johnson. I know other LSKC members who have used PP successfully for this same purpose. Several LSKC members, including myself, have PP on hand, so if you ever need it just call.

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