

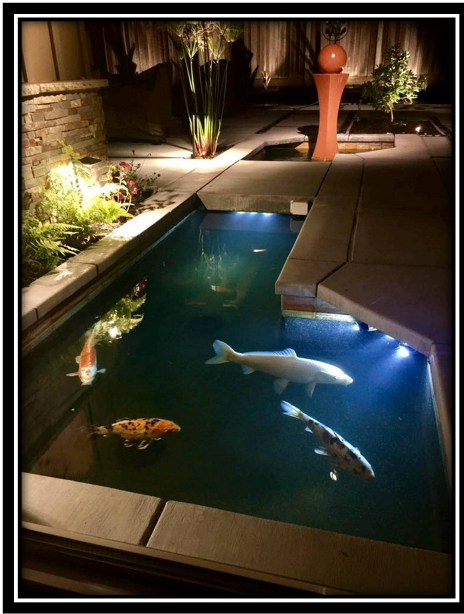


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March Newsletter

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 7:30PM via Zoom.



For our March General meeting we have a presentation by one of our club members, Mike Foley on the topic of Pond Lighting. Mike has a beautiful pond that has been showcased on past club pond tours.

Pond lights can be used submerged under the water, outside the pond pointing down at the pond (downlighting) and outside the pond pointing upward (uplighting). Each type of lighting creates a different look to the landscape. There are many types of pond lighting that make stunning landscapes and allow you to show off your pond at night. Be sure to join us for this informative talk.

If you have an interesting topic that we could highlight at a future meeting drop us a line at info@sckoi.com. We are looking for speakers that would be of interest to our membership.

Upcoming Events

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| Mar 16 | General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom – Topic: Pond Lighting |
| Mar 30 | MEMBERS ONLY EVENT – HAKONE “HANAMI” NIGHT VIEWING, 6 PM – RSVP |
| Apr 6 | Board Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom |
| Apr 20 | General Meeting, 7:30 PM via Zoom – Topic: Pond Care in Spring / Water plant demo |
| Apr 24 | Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival – Virtual Edition w/ Livestreaming 1 PM to 5 PM |

Visit us on the web at: www.sckoi.com

Club Meetings:

Due to COVID-19, club events and meetings have been moved online until further notice. The club typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month except December, and February and during the summer when we have socials in lieu of meetings. At our events we get acquainted with members and guests, address pond issues, and enjoy discussions on Koi and water garden related topics, occasionally we have outings to places of interest for our members. Our website lists the latest updates for meetings, socials, and events.

Presidents Corner



Hello members and friends,

We are looking forward to our general meeting March 16th at 7:30 via Zoom. We are looking forward to having our club member, Mike Foley, give a presentation on pond lighting. We hope you can attend.

SPECIAL MEMBERS ONLY EVENT:

“Hanami” Night Viewing of the Cherry Blossoms at Hakone Estate Gardens - 21000 Big Basin Way, Saratoga, CA, 95070. The club is hosting this event with complementary admission for members. Hanami season in March and April is, for many Japanese, the best time of year. This is when the cherry blossom trees all over Japan come in to bloom for between seven and 10 days and people hold outdoor parties to view them. The name says it all - hana means “flower” and mi is “to look. Bring refreshments to enjoy at “Hanami”. This event is made possible by Anne Waltonsmith of the Hakone Foundation. Thank you! *RSVP to info@sckoi.com by March 28th.*

Another spring event happening is the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival, Saturday, April 24th – they are planning live streaming events starting at 1 PM. Check out the flyer on page 4 for more information.

We did not have a general meeting in February as we have been enjoying our winter break. We return March 16th with regular monthly meetings moving forward into summer. We hope to offer more pond socials / events once the warmer weather permits. Stay tuned.

Next General Meeting: We have a general meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, April 20 on Spring Pond Care and a water planting demonstration.

As always, if you have any questions about Koi, ponds, or water gardening we are available to help. Email info@sckoi.com or attend one of our meetings.

Happy Koi Keeping

Mel



Zoom Meeting Information for General Meetings

The club’s Zoom Meeting Login information remains the same for all general club meetings:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83677004059?pwd=UzJhUnJmWnFEdmIxBVkl3aFpFSElqZz09>

Meeting ID: 836 7700 4059

Passcode: KoiLovers

Hanami Members Event – RSVP BY March 28th

March 30th 6 PM at Hakone Estate Gardens - 21000 Big Basin Way, Saratoga, CA, 95070.

RSVP BY MARCH 28TH – LIMITED SPACE – COMPLEMENTARY ADMISSION
RSVP to info@sckoi.com to reserve your space (2 per membership).



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Families and friends sit under the fully open cherry blossoms, usually on plastic tarps, and have a picnic celebration (*hanami* party!). The picnic fare consists of a wide variety of foods, snack foods, and sake or other drinks. The fleeting beauty of the cherry blossoms is symbolic to the Japanese. They liken the petals to the life of the samurai – a brief explosion of color, bright for the duration of their short life, before they wither and die. They represent the brevity of life and the frailty of existence.

Club members are invited to attend “Hanami” Tuesday, March 30th at 6 PM for viewing of the gardens and pond at twilight. Admission is complementary for club members (2 per membership). RSVP to info@sckoi.com to reserve your space.



Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club and Hakone Friendship

SCVKWG committed to support Hakone Estate and Gardens in 2018. Since then, Barb Drummer has visited the pond almost weekly to care for the koi health and water quality. We encourage club members to support Hakone through...Hakone memberships and regular visits, donations to fund pond equipment and koi treatments, and share their experiences with others in our community who would enjoy visiting as well.

We thank our host and fellow club member, Anne Waltonsmith, for invitation to experience this special time in the garden. Hanami visits can be scheduled during its duration by visiting Hakone’s website for more details. The garden is recognized as one of the oldest Japanese-style residential garden in the Western Hemisphere, and an enduring American treasure.

Visit www.hakone.com for more information about Hakone Gardens and Estate.

Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival

Virtual Event – Livestream April 24th at 1 PM

We are very excited to announce that this year, we are bringing the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival to you virtually.

Please save the date, April 24, 2021, and stay tuned as we share more details. The live-stream link will be posted as soon as we have it.

Website:

<https://www.cupertinocherryblossomfestival.org/>

Experience audience favorites such as:

- ❖ Tea Ceremony
- ❖ Calligraphy Demonstrations
- ❖ Taiko
- ❖ Choral and Dance Performances
- ❖ Japanese Instrumentals

Next year, in 2022, the Cherry Blossom Festival is planned to be in-person April 23 – 24, 2022.



The poster for the 38th Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival features a pink border and a background of cherry blossoms. It includes several award logos: 'BayAreaParent Family Favorite 2020' and 'BEST of 2020'. The main text reads '38th Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival' in a large, elegant script, followed by 'April 24, 2021' in bold green. Below that, it says 'Livestream at 1:00pm' and 'Performances of audience favorites!'. A list of activities includes 'Tea Ceremony', 'Calligraphy Demonstration', 'Taiko (Japanese Ceremonial Drums)', 'Choral and Dance Performances', and 'Japanese Instrumentals (Koto, Shamisen, Shakuhachi)'. It also provides the website 'www.CupertinoCBF.org' and mentions that the event benefits the Cupertino-Toyokawa Student Exchange Program.

A Short Collection of Interesting Koi and Pond Facts

On average, koi can grow to 24 inches, although in large ponds with adequate food and time, they can grow to 36 inches or more. Warmer water temperatures increase growth rates. Water temperatures consistently above 70 degrees can encourage growth of 1 inch per month. Quality feed will provide the nutrition they need to be healthy and reach their growth potential. Size of koi is linked to their genetics, some varieties grow larger than others.

When fish reach 12 inches or longer, it's easier to tell if the koi is male or female. Females will be more rounded in their midsection, as they will be carrying tens of thousands of eggs. Flip a fish over and look underneath. The vent areas look slightly different. If you are buying fish over 12 inches, most fish sellers can give you a fairly accurate prediction of male or female koi.



When late-spring light levels increase and the pond temperature approaches a consistent 70 degrees, the fish will be looking to lay eggs. Koi lay thousands and thousands of eggs, all in hopes of just a few surviving. With many eggs hatching, these baby fish require a lot of food. Typically only a few will survive in a hobby pond. You can breed koi, but it requires a special setup and preparation.



Just as koi are carp, longfin or butterfly koi have been selectively bred for these traits, with their origins going back to Japanese koi breeders. Butterfly koi were bred and grown initially in the United States, the traits of the butterfly koi were not highly appreciated by Japanese koi breeders.

Koi have no stomach – notoriously know for an insatiable appetite, Koi have an intestine around 3 times its body length which loops back around the body cavity. In warm water, Koi will digest their food in four hours – to maximize growth potential, feed in four hour intervals.

Koi and goldfish are naturally very strong fish. Keeping them healthy is as easy as providing a good environment and adequate food.

Koi are associated with bravery and success in Japanese legends.

Koi, as a schooling-type fish, need to be with other Koi to be happy. They are gentle and are able to live with other fish like goldfish, the golden Orfe, or Golden Tench.

What is a good way to use the water that is changed out from your pond when doing maintenance ... use the backwash water from your pond filter to fertilize your vegetable and herb gardens. Fish waste, dead bugs and plant matter produce nutrients in the pond as they decompose. When you backwash your filter, you can use this “waste” water as an organic fertilizer for your plants. They will love it!

2021 Club Business

The last board meeting was held March 2, 2021 via Zoom. We discussed activities, events, and plans for the spring season. There was no general meeting in February as we took a winter’s break. We plan to have a presentation on pond lighting at our next general meeting March 16th, and have a presentation on spring pond care including a water planting demonstration April 20th.

Have a Story for Our Newsletter?

SCVKWGC invites you to share content for a future edition of our newsletter!

If you would like to submit an article or see an article or news item you think we should feature?

Contact us at info@sckoi.com.

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