

Piedmont Koi and Watergarden Society



January 2009

Winter Wonderland at McCorkleville

Tanya and Tracy's place was truly in the Christmas spirit. Decorations were hang by the chimney with care and everywhere else you could imagine.

The outside was magnificent with Santas and snowmen and lights galore. They whirled and blinked and truly ushered in the holiday feeling.

The food was outstanding, and if you didn't get enough to eat, it's because you didn't eat fast enough.

We held our election of officers and look forward to a new and exciting year.

Progress is slow but deliberate in plans for the venue of the November Koi Show and we look forward to coming back better than ever.

Our January meeting will be held at the Harbor Inn Fish Camp at 6:00 p.m. and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

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Congratulations to the new 2009 officers. We look forward to doing our part to making this

January Meeting

**January 10, 2008
at 6:00 p.m.**

Harbor Inn Fish Camp

**8805 University East
Drive**

704-494-8901

Tentative 2009 Calendar of Events

- ..January 10– Harbor Inn Fish Camp
- ..February 14 – open
- ..March 14 – Plant Division Swap
- ..April 11– Spring Cull Auction – Carol & Leo’s
- ..Spring Visit to Lotus Land Koi Farm to be announced
- ..May 9 – Terry & Mary Ellen McClain
- ..June 13– Don & Mary Ann Pennix
- ..July 11 – John & Vicki Goudy
- ..August 8 – open
- ..September 12 – open
- ..October 10 – Fall Festival - Ralph & Marcia Theroux
- ..November 13,14 & 15 – Charlotte Koi Show
- ..December 12 – Christmas Social –

SPEAKER WANTED

Geoffrey submitted this request for anyone who is interested in speaking to a garden club about watergardening, contact him (704-510-1594) and he’ll give you all the details. They want someone speak on the ins and outs of watergardening at their February meeting.

DIRECTIONS TO HARBOR INN FISH CAMP

If you’re coming from I-77 or I-85, get off on W.T. Harris and continue until you cross over Hwy 49 (Lowe’s will be on your right). Just past the apartment complex behind Lowes, start looking to your right, and you will see Harbor Inn up on a hill to your right. Turn right on University East Drive.

If you’re coming from the Plaza side of W.T. Harris, you will pass Rocky River and Old Concord Road, make a left onto University East Drive off W.T. Harris. Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2008. See you there!!!!

**PLACES TO GO
THINGS TO SEE**

**8th annual Koi Health Seminar
Jan. 30-Feb 1 2009
Athens GA**

Learn how to address issues with your fish before they become a serious problem. Attendees will learn how to diagnose microscopic parasites, injection techniques, wound management, bacterial identification, sampling techniques for KHV analysis, anatomy and necropsy techniques.

For more information and registration visit www.koihealthseminar.com.

**AKCA Annual Seminar
February 12-15, 2009
San Diego, CA**

**Central Florida Koi Show
March 13-15, 2009
Holiday Inn– International Blvd
Orlando, Fla**

Water Hawthorne



(Aponogeton distachyu)

Water Hawthorne is a great flowering plant that thrives from early fall until late spring when the water is cold. It grows and blooms in cool/cold water in late fall until summer and goes dormant in warm water. The white flowers have a vanilla-like fragrance and are present from September until April when nothing else in the pond is blooming. The flowers are held above the mottled foliage that is oblong green. The undersides of the leaves are red in color. The bulbs must be added during the warmer months (above 55 degrees) and can be planted in the same pot with a water lily. They require full sun and are hardy

How many fish can I keep in my pond?

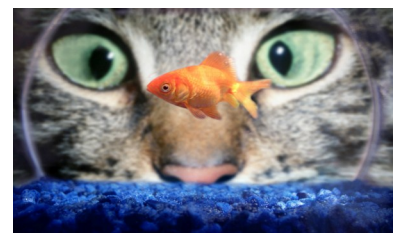
One of the first questions, we all ask, along with “what kind of filters do I need?” The answers are not so simple. Fish stocking affects all aspects of the Koi pond and water garden design decisions. The fish stocking of a pond can be measured in several ways. To the novice, it is simply the number of fish in the pond, but this doesn’t take into account the size

or the care required. A commonly cited stocking rule is to buy one inch of fish per gallon of water. But, this doesn’t take into account the potential size of the fish or the care required. Since the size of individual Koi and the nature of individual ponds vary so dramatically, a better measure is gallons of water per pound of fish.

Okay, don’t go trying to weigh each of your fish. There is no hard and fast rule. No matter if you plan on using mechanical filters or an ecosystem approach, most of our ponds are overstocked compared to natural lakes and therefore require more filtration and attention to maintain fish health.

If you are regularly gone for long weekends or long vacations, you need to keep the number of koi in your pond at a minimum.(or have an expert to look after them in case anything goes wrong while you’re away.)

You also need to factor in the growth of your Koi. Your initial fish is 6 inches long and weighs about 9 ounces. In a couple of years that same fish, if you have taken care of it, could be 14 inches or 114 ounces, and they’re not done growing. So plan for this growth when designing your pond and filters. There are no hard and fast rules for “how many fish can I have?”, but maybe this will get you close enough. Larry Lunsford of Rocky Mountain Koi Club suggests 1 pond of fish per 100 gallons of water, while adjusting density and filtration as the fish grow. Needless to say, the more fish you have the more gallons



Gallons per lb fish	Type of	Pond	
1 gal	High Density fish farm		
10 gal	Med density fish farm or a	Very high density Koipond or a	Very high density water garden
100 gal	Low density farm or a	Med density Koipond or a	Med density water garden
1000 gal	High density Koi raising mud pond or a	Low density Koipond or a	Low density water pond
10,000 gal	Low density Japanese Koi pond		
1,000,000 gal	Natural lake		

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Piedmont Koi and Watergarden Society (PKWS) is a not for profit organization. The membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Annual Membership Dues for a family for the first year are \$49.00 AND INCLUDES A NAME BADGE. For renewing members the dues are \$24.00 Additional nametags may be purchased at a cost of \$7.00 each. Please complete the following form and return it with your membership dues to:

**Terri Havey
2106 Wilson Avenue
Monroe, NC 28110**

Please print clearly (this information will only be used for club records). Please print your names) as you would like them to appear on your name tag (s).

Last Name: _____ First Name(s): _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership Dues(New member) \$49.00
Membership Dues(Renewing) \$24.00 (Circle One)
Additional Nametags (\$7.00) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____