



Charleston Showa Koi Club

Last meeting... Linda Lewis



We had a very good meeting at Carlos and Terri's home last month. Thank you so much for the hospitality, good food and great speaker. Bill and his wife from Purdin Koi Farm talked to us about their work at the farm and gave us lots of insight into their koi raising techniques. We have all been invited to visit them in Louisiana to check out the farm. Have fun with that.

Hope to see all at the next meeting in October at the home of Gary Culbertson in Sumter, S.C. My understanding is our own Ralph Owens will be the speaker. We always do a pot luck luncheon so, please bring your favorite dish.



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Cindy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Terri and Carlos for having us at their house. The minutes from the newsletter was accepted and Ralph said we have \$100 more in the account. Next Kathy gave a report on the pond tour. She said she is now signing up pond owners for the pond tour and Linda is selling ads for the booklets. Gwen then talked about the different name tags for the club members. Butch then mentioned that the Greenville Koi show is at the end of the month. Cindy asked about the friendship award and it was decided that Carlos will paint a picture of a showa for the Friendship Award. Cindy mentioned that Purdin Farms donated several items and they will be auctioned off at the next several club meetings. At this time Cindy adjourned the meeting and Bill and Marie McGurk from Purdin Farm talked about the koi they have at their koi farm.

Greenville Koi Show

Linda Lewis



There were a number of club members that attended the show in Greenville this past weekend. This is a fairly new show that has taken the koi world in this region by the nose and stated we are here to stay. The people are friendly, the food is great and they have quickly taken our hearts to a higher level watch of appreciation. We have become family. I encourage everyone to keep a watchful eye for the date of the next Greenville Koi Show titled Regional South Carolina Koi and Goldfish Show sponsored by the South Carolina Koi and Water Garden Society. Please make plans to attend. You will have fun.

Our club presents an award to the most promising upcoming Showa that is not receiving a major award. Carlos Gould painted a very nice showa and gifted it to the club. We had a difficult time because there were a number of shows entered into the show and they were all great ones. We voted on the showa we thought deserved it and awarded it at the show on Saturday night.(pictured below)



Every one wanted that award.

Jim Leard made a trophy piece that was donated to the Greenville club to be used as an auction item. Everyone had the opportunity to bid and the donated item brought in \$150.00 for the club. That was the highest amount brought in by a single item. Great job Jim. (pictured below as a center piece) It's a 600 year old piece of wood that was unearthed off the coast of Charleston. Jim will have to tell you the details.



I'm not going to try to mention everyone who attended because I may miss someone but I will mention those who entered fish into the show and some of the awards our club members won. I am so very proud of those who took the time to enter fish and represent our club so well. You put us on the map again in the koi arena.

Jim and Mary Leard took first place in size 2 Longfin B division.

Ralph Owens took first place in size 3 Doitsu division. He also took best in class in the Hikari Utsuri division. His Showa took third in size 3 and his Sanke took first in size 4.

Arena and Bernard Nesmith took Best in Size 2 with a Showa and Size 5 with a Kohaku. The Atlanta Koi Show voted on and presented an award for their Hikari Moyo. The Judges of the show got together and resented another award to them for their Showa. The next award won by the Arena and Bernard Nesmith was the Reserve Grand Champion award for their Kohaku 20-24 inches.



I hope I have not failed to mention anyone or fish that won an award. This show also has a place for goldfish. So if anyone likes those little cuties you can also enter them into the show.

Calendar of events...2011

Oct. 9 Gary Culbertson

Nov. 13 Kathy Over and Trish Bender

Dec. 11 Bob and Gwen Lowe

Jan.

Feb.

Meeting times and places may be subject to change.