



Charleston Showa Koi Club

Last meeting... Linda Lewis



Happy Valentine's Day

Our Jan. meeting was very organized. We had a slide show and discussion about Chagoi. These fish are back to the basics, and the information was great. We also voted two new members into our prestigious alumni of "Life Time Members". For all of your hard work and great leadership, I welcome Mary and Jim Leard into the alumni. We can't

thank you both enough for sticking with it through the years and never giving up on the club. Thank you both. We had a lot of sweets at the meeting, chocolate cake, coconut bars, brownies, and of course salads, vegetables and sandwiches. Thanks to everyone that attended and I encourage everyone to be at the Feb. meeting at the Charleston Animal Society. We need a large open area so that everyone can get hands on experience. This meeting should be a fun meeting. Don't forget to bring your cameras and of course your food.



Minutes from 1/8/2012 Susan Markham

Robert called the meeting to order. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved with no adjustments. Sign in not done (sorry). There were approximately 25 people present. Ralph said there was no new treasury report but said the Koi USA magazine subscription will be paid

for by the end of March. He also said there will be two \$150 vouchers next month. Kathy then gave a pond tour report and said the committee finished collecting advertizing money for this year's Pond Tour book. They also collected the signs to be used this year. There will be 26 ponds on tour this year which include some new ones and some that have not been on in the last couple of years. Since the tour is on Mother's Day the club is going to have a special Mother's Day raffle. Since there was no NEW AKCA REPORT or old business to discuss, Robert moved on to the new business. He suggested that the By-Laws needed to be reviewed and updated. Jim Leard volunteered to chair a committee to look into that and they hope to have it done within 90 days. If anyone is interested in volunteering to sit on this committee, please contact Jim. No meeting has been scheduled yet. The club discussed having Mr. Kodama return to teach the second part of the Koi Academy Class on August 11th and 12th. The cost would be the same as last year: \$150 per person or \$250 per couple. We need to have between 15 and 30 participants. There were 10 people at the meeting that were interested and it was agreed that members of other clubs would be invited to attend also. At that time, it was proposed to make Jim and Mary Leard, who have been club members from the beginning, Life Time members; this was unanimously approved by the club. Then Robert proposed starting a Koi workshop which would most likely be held on Saturday s and would teach different Koi health issues. If anyone is interested in attending, please email Robert.

After the business meeting, a lecture was presented by Robert on Chagoi; we learned what to look for in picking out the right one. Robert than finished the presentation with a health tip. We learned about using salt in our ponds. We learned how much to use and when and when not to use it. At this point the meeting was adjourned



From the desk of the President:

2/2012

Ok well I feel we have gotten off to a good start, the first meeting of the year is behind us all now so it should be smooth sailing from here. I want to thank all of you for your help and interaction during my talk on Chagoi, you made my job more fun as well as much easier to do.

Now next month is photography, Rudy and I are going to do our best to show you how to get the best picture you can of your fish. This will deal with lighting, shading and maybe just the angles you need to get that shot. You will need to bring whatever camera you have, your laptop if you have one (I'll have some there if you don't). We'll take some pictures and then look at them and take some more. Lots of fun come out and join us!

Members Request:

Trish is collecting women's personal accessories for an upcoming fundraiser to benefit the Pattison Academy for Comprehensive Education (PACE.) PACE is a charter school in West Ashley for multiply disabled children ages 3 – 21. The Council of Garden Clubs of Greater Charleston is sponsoring the fundraiser in order to raise funds to build an experiential garden and outdoor horticulture classroom on the grounds of the school. The project will cost approximately \$20,000 so any and all donations are welcome and are tax deductible.

Items accepted include: purses, scarves, costume jewelry, belts, chic shopping bags, etc. (No shoes please.)

Please bring items to the February meeting or contact Trish at 843-276-1618 for details.

February: 12th (The Charleston Animal Society)

March: 9th-11th (Central Florida Koi Show Orlando Florida)

April:

May: 12th (9th annual pond tour)

June: 10th (Trish Bender and Kathy Over)

July:

August: 11th-12th (Kodama class)

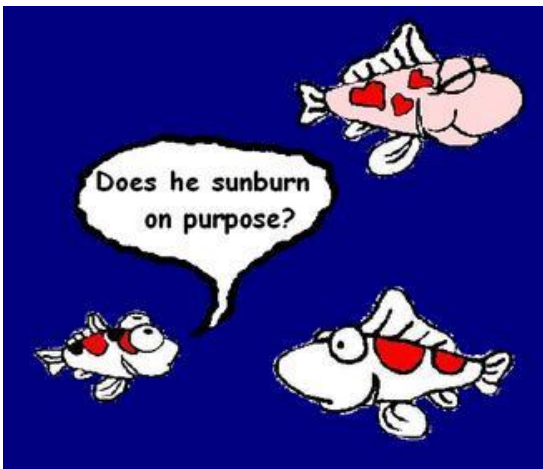
September: 9th (Susan Markham)

October: 5th-7th (Greenville Water Garden Show)

November:

December:

Meeting times and places may be subject to change.



Calendar of events...2012
Koi Club meetings start at 2:00