



# Charleston Showa Koi Club

## Last meeting... Linda Lewis

Sorry to say, I was unable to attend the koi show in Orlando. I was sick; but now am fine. I truly missed a great time. The March meeting was at the Central Florida Koi Show in Orlando. I think 8 club members attended the show. The gang went around to the tanks and picked out a fish for the recipient of our Friendship award. The friendship award went to Tim Nye for his 16"-20" Showa. Our club had a great showing, we took the top 2 awards and the top long fin award.

The April meeting will be at the home of Greg Nicholas and Barbara Borg. They have a really nice pond. I hope all of you will come and enjoy the pond and fellowship among the club.

Also, please remember to bring a picture of your favorite KOI. We will be voting for the best photo of the year and also the KOI Person of the year at this meeting. Remember to bring a dish and a raffle prize for the pond tour.



Spring has sprung so the weather should be great.

## Minutes from March 2013 Susan Markham

March's meeting was held at the Central Florida Koi Show in Orlando. There were 8 people present. The minutes from last meeting were not read and no treasury report was provided. An update of the pond tour was given. The party for the pond owners will be at Mary Ball's club house. Gwen has found a caterer for the event. Robert brought up the difficulties he has been having getting changes made to the website. It was decided that we will have to change web masters. Bob Lowe said his son creates web pages and he could get a quote from him. It was also discussed having a few club members take it over. After a brief meeting the club members judged the Showas entered in the show. We discussed

conformation, pattern and quality of sumi and beni. The club picked one that was felt to have good potential but one that wouldn't place in this show. The friendship award went to Tim Nye for his 16"-20" Showa.

**From the desk of the President:  
Robert Lewis**

We will be voting on the KOI PERSON of the YEAR and the KOI PHOTO of the YEAR at the April meeting. Please bring your photos and represent the club well this year. Think of the person who you think has been of great value this past year to represent our club.

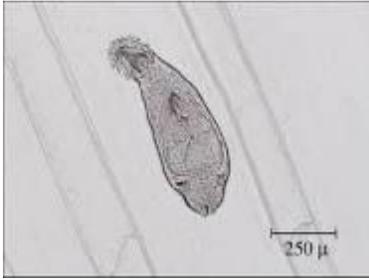
I just wanted to say congratulations to the winners of the Central Florida Koi Show. As most of you know, Grant and Penny Patton won Grand Champion last year and again took the top prizes (Grand Champion and Reserve Champion). This year Susan Markham also won two awards and this is her first koi show, we hope winning won't stop her from going to more, LOL!!!! This just goes to show you don't have to have a lot of money to win at a show.

**From the Pond Tour Chairman  
Susan Markham**

Everything is proceeding on schedule. Trish has been working on the book and has done a great job. She has added a lot of useful information in with the directions. She has also added an index that can be used with a GPS. These pond tours could never happen without the generosity of all the pond club members who open up their ponds to share their hobby with the community. The time and effort that goes into preparing for this is much appreciated. Since this is our tenth anniversary, I think it is only appropriate that we thank the pond owners for their efforts. Therefore this year we will have a thank you party for all of the owners, after the pond tour, at Mary Ball's club house. Since we are not having a finale as in previous years, I would like to ask everyone, especially if you are not having your pond on tour, to please try to donate some prizes we can raffle off at the owner's ponds. If you do not have a pond on tour, please bring them to the next meeting so they can be distributed, or if you are having your pond on tour, please just let me know. I would like for every pond to have at least one prize to raffle off. If we get more, then we can raffle more off. These don't have to be expensive, but whatever you can contribute would be greatly appreciated.



Did you know!



Flukes can hibernate in cold water for five to seven months.

Happy Easter

Did you find all of your fish eggs!!



OOPs, I think you missed a few! HA!

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### Calendar of events...2013 Koi Club meetings start at 2:00

April 5-7: **Middle Georgia Koi Show**  
14: Greg Nicholas and Barbara Borg  
**Voting for KOI Person of the year  
and the KOI Photo Contest**

May 11: **Pond Tour**  
12: Linda and Robert Lewis

24-26: **Louisville Koi Show**

June 9: Ralph Owens

July 14:

August 11:

Sept 8:  
21-23 **Raleigh Koi Show**

Oct 4-6: **Greenville Koi Show**  
13:

Nov 8-10: **Jacksonville Koi Show**  
10: Susan Markham

Dec 8: Mary Ball

Meeting times and places may be subject to change.