



# Charleston Showa Koi Club

## Last meeting plus... Linda Lewis

Thanks to Marty Berry and his wife for hosting the koi club meeting last month. We sat in his house and watched the fish in his pond on big screen TV. It would be great if we could all sit in the house when it was cold or rainy; watch and enjoy our fish.



Mary and Jim Leard have graciously agreed to host the February meeting. They have a very unique back yard. If you have not visited their pond you are in

for an experience, something to see in every nook and cranny. This is the first place I visited for a meeting and it just won me over. Hope to see all of you there. Don't forget to bring your favorite dishes full of good things to eat.

I am trying to get the correct dates for some of the Koi Shows and or pond tours of other clubs. They will be in red. If you know a correction to a date, please let me know so I can change the date in the newsletter. If I missed one that you hear about, let me know that also. I hope to keep you informed of these opportunities for your enjoyment.

Please check out the dates of the meetings at the end of the newsletter and let us know if you can host a meeting sometime during the year. Rod, our new Vice-President, will be scheduling where the meetings will be held each month.

Have a happy Valentine's Day with your fish.

## Minutes from Jan. 13 Susan Markham

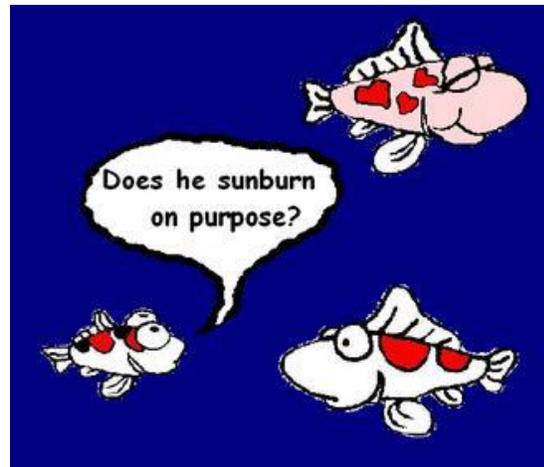
The meeting was held at Marty Berry's house and there were 16 people in attendance which included two new members to the club, Wendell and Jenny Ford. Robert called the

meeting to order. Minutes were read from last month's meeting. Mary gave a treasury report and said we now have \$4379.78 in the treasury. Mary said that the annual club dues are due now. The cost is still \$25 per person and \$35 per family. A pond tour update was given. A sign-up sheet went around for people to sign up to host a meeting. After the reports were given we discussed ideas and topics for upcoming meetings. Everyone's input was greatly appreciated. It was decided that the host of the meeting would have a presentation of their pond and filter system. We discussed the club going on a field trip to Lotus Land. We could caravan up. Another suggestion was a judging contest where we are shown pictures of two koi, at a time, and we have to pick which one would show the best. We also decided to do another plant swap. Other suggestions included how to use a microscope to look for parasites, a lesson on how to net a koi and having members give a book synopsis. At February's meeting we will talk about the show in Orlando and if there are enough members going, we will have our March meeting there. It was talked about giving a friendship award at the Orlando show. Lastly, Johnna asked for help with posting news in the Koi USA magazine and updating the club's Face book page. If anyone is willing to help, please contact Johnna. Robert asked for help keeping the club's webpage updated.

### **A note from the President:**

As per our discussion at the last club meeting, we have changed the format of the meetings. We will start our meetings at the home owner's pond, have a discussion about the home owner's pond and then proceed to the regular meeting. This will allow time for you to ask questions about the pond and how it is constructed and or maintained. Hope this will enhance our club meetings.

Thanks  
Robert Lewis



### **A note from the Pond Tour chairman Susan Markham**

#### **Pond tour Update**

We've been working hard preparing for our 10th anniversary pond tour. I want to thank everyone who has agreed to let us display their pond. This is a great way to share our pond to the community as well as raise money for the Animal Society who will get a portion of the proceeds. This year we decided not to have a finale so instead we will have a drawing at each pond to win a prize. The more ponds you go to, the better the chance of winning. We are in the process of getting the book together so if anyone knows of a business who may want to

either donate a prize or buy an ad please contact Linda. She can give you the pricing for the ads. We are also asking that everyone donate a prize to raffle off. It doesn't have to be pond related. We will be collecting them at the next few meetings. We will need them ahead of time so we can distribute them to all of the ponds. Since we will not be having the finale, this is one way you can help out. After the pond tour we will be having a thank you party for the pond owners. If anyone can help arrange this or is willing to serve food the day of, please see me.

21-23: Raleigh Koi Show

October 4-6: Greenville Koi Show

13:

November 8-10: Jacksonville Koi Show

10: Susan Markham

December 8: Mary Ball

Meeting times, places and topic may be subject to change.

### **Calendar of events...2012**

#### **Koi Club meetings start at 2:00**

Meeting locations are in black;

Other events are in red.

February 10: Jim and Mary Leard

March 8-11: Orlando Koi Show

April 5-7: Middle Georgia Koi Show

14: Greg Nicholas and Barbara

Borg

May 11: Pond Tour

12: Linda and Robert Lewis

24-26: Louisville Koi Show

June 9: Ralph Owens

July 14:

August 11:

September 8: