



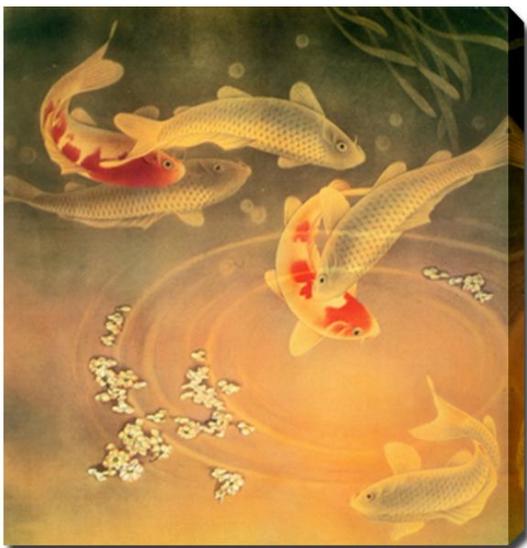
Charleston Showa Koi Club

Last meeting... Linda Lewis

The April meeting was at the home of Greg Nicholas and Barbara Borg. They have a really nice pond. We had great food and fellowship among our koi friends. Thanks for having us at your home.

The May meeting was cancelled due to the pond tour that again was a successful event. Still getting the numbers together but we all had a great time.

The June meeting will be at the home of Rod MacNeil. Hope to see all of you there. Don't forget to bring a dish with your favorite food.



Minutes from April 2013 Susan Markham

There were 17 people in attendance with two guests, John and Betty McCandless, who are new pond owners and will be on this year's pond tour.

Robert asked that we keep in our thoughts and prayers, Rod who couldn't make it to the meeting due to a back injury, Van who just had knee surgery, Wynema who has just got out of the hospital, Brenda and Charlie Atwell who were in a bad car accident and Robert, who has been fighting cancer, who said he is doing well.

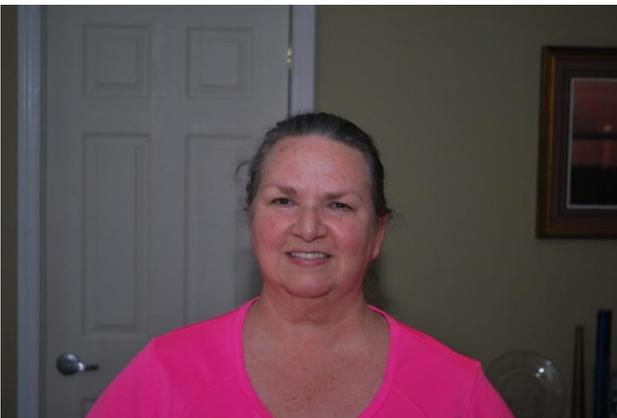
Minutes from last meeting were read. It was discussed again about the web page, we are not happy with our current provider and we would like the club to take control of it again. Rob Lowe's son will teach several of us how to make changes to it and there would be three or four of us who would be in charge of a section.

The pond tour was discussed.



The club voted on koi of the year, Susan Markham's Sanke won. She thanked the breeder, Carolina Koi Farm.

Next we voted on Koi person of the year.



Mary Ball, who is our treasurer and works tirelessly behind the scenes including on the pond tour committee every year, deservedly won. Congratulations Mary. The rest of

the meeting was spent getting ready for the pond tour.

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

Grant and Penny won grand champion at the Louisville show.



They won Orlando and Louisville in the same year. Both shows won with fish from Ray. This means Ray lives on through his fish and I'm sure he will for years to come. Congratulations to Grant and Penny.



Thank you Ray!

Thanks to all of you for your help making the pond tour a great event again this year.

Although the numbers were low it was still a fun filled event.

Did you know!

Knowing the volume of your pond

If you are going to treat your pond for parasites or use algaecide you need to know what the volume of your pond is. The best way is with a water meter from an empty pond until full including filters. This may be hard to do if you didn't do it when initially filling up your pond. Another way to do it is the salt calculator method. There is a calculator at <http://www.cnykoi.com/calculators/calcsalt.asp> that will allow you to measure the salt level in your pond, add a known amount of salt, re-measure the salt level and calculate the volume fairly closely. This does require the use of a salt meter, and is more accurate if multiple additions of salt are done, with readings and calculations between each. Because salt interferes with the use of some treatments, it is a good idea to do this beforehand. Over estimating the size of your pond can cause overdosing which can kill your fish.

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

June 9: Rod MacNeil

July 14:

August 11:

Sept 8:

21-23 **Carolina Classic Koi Show NC**

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.