



Charleston Showa Koi Club

Last meeting... Linda Lewis

Thanks to Mary and Jim Leard for agreeing to host the February meeting. They have a very unique back yard. If you have not visited their pond you have truly missed 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.



We will be meeting at the Central Florida Koi Show in Orlando for our March meeting.

I am excited about seeing all of my koi friends from all over the world.



Matt Mccan visiting at the show.

We will be going around to the tanks and picking out a fish for the recipient of our Friendship award. Thanks to Mary Ball for getting our award ready to present at the show banquet. Hope all who attend will join us. It is a learning experience as well as a lot of fun. Hope to see all of you there. Please have a safe trip.

Minutes from Jan. 13 Susan Markham

Robert opened the meeting and minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. There were 19 people present. Mary gave the treasury report

and said the balance is still the same. Dues need to be paid if not done so already. Robert talked about the Orlando show which is the biggest show on the east coast. It will be held on March 8th and 9th. All of the officers are going and everyone is encouraged to attend. We will meet at the Carolina Koi Farm booth at noon on Saturday. We will be giving away a Fellowship award.



Linda let everyone know that the cost of KOI USA magazine will be going up \$5 the end of March so you might want to renew your subscription now.

From the Pond Tour Chairman Susan Markham

Pond tour update: The pond tour will be here before you know it. We now have 22 ponds on the tour. Trish is currently working on the book. Since this is our 10th anniversary and the club's only fund raiser we would like this to be successful. We are going to have a raffle at each pond. The more ponds you see the higher your chance to win a prize. We are asking everyone, that can, to donate raffle prizes for this purpose. If you can donate, please bring any prizes to the April meeting so they can be distributed or if you have a pond on tour; just let me know if you will be able to provide a prize. I will be making a list to make sure

every pond will have a prize to give out. Garden items are popular or even gift certificates would be nice. We plan have a thank you party for pond owners after the tour. Details to be announced.

Did you know!

When testing ammonia in the winter, make sure you warm the water in your hands to room temperature. The reagents can give a false low reading in cold water.



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

March 8-10: **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:

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.