

VALLEY OF THE SUN



KOI CLUB



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Meeting Notice: Oct 18th

Margaret T Hance Park

67 W Culver St Phoenix, AZ

Lunch @ 12:30

VSKC Meeting afterwards Please RSVP by Oct 15th

Phone 480-441-2404 – e-mail: David.Yee@gdc4s.com

After VSKC Meeting – Visit the Japanese Friendship Gardens -Free

President's Message

By Bryan McCleney

What a wonderful experience we were treated to in Sedona last month. The ponds, scenery, weather, lunch, and friendship at the Troutman's home were awesome. The visit to the 75,000 gallon pond was the icing on that day's events: pond, plants, structures, fish, landscape, and a 40 foot waterfall with stream!

This month you want to be sure to attend the annual picnic and visit of the Japanese Friendship Gardens. Please join us as we celebrate fall from 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Bring a desert or side dish for 6 to the West Culver Street Ramada. Please RSVP to David Yee at the phone number or e-mail above with the number in your party and what desert or side dish you will bring. If you have an ice chest, we will need a few to keep some items cool, please bring it. David Yee will have free tickets for the Japanese Friendship Gardens for all vskc members.

I also would like as many members as possible to participate in showing their koi in Tucson at the SAKA show November 13-15th. It will be SAKA's 30th Annual Koi Show. If you can't bring your koi, you can always rent a tank and buy a few baby koi there and try to win baby grand champion and then bring them home. The SAKA show is a great weekend getaway and I hope all of you can attend. The November meeting will be at Tom Ayer's home on the 15th @ 10:00 am breakfast.

Business Note:

If you want an item placed on the meeting or board agenda please contact Bryan McCleney at 602-989-3966 or president@vskc.net a week prior to the meeting.

Directions to Mararet T Hance Park

67 W Culver St Phoenix, AZ

**Lunch @ 12:30 Meeting after lunch. A Japanese Friendship Gardens
RSVP by Oct 15th: Phone 480-441-2404 David.Yee@gdc4s.com**

Instructions for those without World Wide Web access.

I-10 to deck park tunnel. From the West – take exit 144A or B to N 3rd Ave. Take N 3rd Ave North to W Culver St. Take W Culver St East to the parking lot and the West Ramada. From the East – take exit 145B South on N 3rd St. to Roosevelt. Take Roosevelt West to N 3rd Ave. Take N 3rd Ave North to W. Culver St. Take W Culver St East to the parking lot and the West Ramada.

Sick Fish or Ill Pond?

Contact our VSKC Koi Health advisors:

Megan Yee: kha1@vskc.net or **Nikki Pritchard:** kha2@vskc.net

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“Test your knowledge of Koi terms” – Link is on the left side of the Koi page!



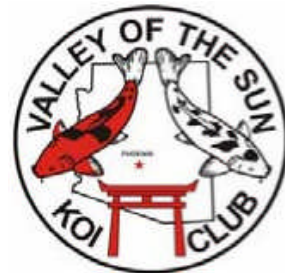
There are twenty questions so far.

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Membership dues are calendar year basis.

Future Events!

November's meeting at Tom Ayers in Tucson at 10:00 am for breakfast.

SAKA's 30th Annual Koi Show is in November 2009! Watch for details.

December is the holiday party at the McCleney's.

Mazuri Ink Pen Refill

Have you had a Mazuri ink pen run out of ink? There is a refill made by **uni-ball, Gel RT**, 0.7mm that fits. There are two refills per package. Each refill holds more ink than the original. Best price was at Walmart.

ASK BRYAN

Question: Do I need to do anything for my pond now that the weather is changing in the Valley of the Sun?

Answer: The other night while watching a baseball playoff game, everybody was bundled up and freezing, did I realize how wonderful our weather is right now in Arizona. This is the best time of the year for your koi. This is the season for you to increase your feeding and prepare you koi for the winter. I recommend that you slowly increase the number of times you feed you koi over a few weeks. I am trying to feed mine at about 3% which in my pond is about 2.5 to 3 lbs of koi food daily. Because of the increase in feeding I watch the koi and the water to make sure both are still healthy. If you get fecal material floating in your pond or lots of foamy white water you may need to back off a little or clean you filter more. I usually do a once a week water exchange of 20% and backwash my filters. During the next two months I will more than likely backwash my filters every few days in addition to the weekly 20% water exchange. What you want to do is build your pond and koi health up as we move into our cold month which will help your koi when it becomes spring, the time when we more than likely will have koi health issues.

Sedona Pictures!

Don and Stasha Troutman's home,

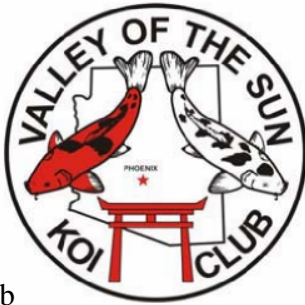
ponds, stream, and views.





Three pictures of house and 75,000 gallon pond are on the next page.





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