

The Koi Whisperer

The newsletter for the Central California Koi Society

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Upcoming Meeting Times and Dates

To help you better plan, we are providing you with a calendar of our meeting dates for the rest of the year. Not every detail is worked out, but most of it is set. Please plan to attend our club meetings as it is a great time to meet with your fellow club members and koi enthusiasts. We always have a great time at the meetings and we are able to share our experiences and learn from others. We look forward to seeing you there!

- August 21st at 7:00 p.m. at MaryHelen DeLaTorre 6345 N. Marty Ave., Fresno 93711
- September 11th at 7:00 p.m. at Seng and Rosimeri Tran's 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, 93727
- October date TBD, Liz and John Shields, 1531 Adler Dr., Clovis, CA 93612
- November 3rd at 12:00 p.m. at Harry and Marjorie Imfeld's 3116 W. Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93711
- December date TBD, Dale and Sandy Winn's, 1276 W. Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93711



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Koi Grow Out

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- K04 5-1/2"
- K08 5-1/2" gin rin
- K09 4-1/2"
- K11 4-1/2" gin rin
- K14 gin rin
- K16 5" gin rin



Koi 4



Koi 8



Koi 9



Koi 11

Their pictures can also be viewed on our club's newsletter website at <http://seanstephens.wix.com/whisperer>, click on the Interest tab on top of page then click on Koi Grow Out tab on left of page, the pics of the koi are on right side and you just click on the appropriate number to see an expanded picture.



Koi 14



Koi 16



Cleaning out the mud pond at Bob Garrisons koi farm

A number of us went to Bob and Nina Garrisons on Sunday, August 5 to help clean out one of his mud ponds. Most of the work was done before the bulk of us arrived, but we all had a very nice time socializing and gawking at fish who were experiencing clear water for the first time ever. After the work was done, Nina treated us all to a lunch of chicken on the patio.



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July General Meeting Minutes

Rosimeri Tran

July 17, 2012

The July general meeting was held at the home of Dale and Sandy Winn and was very well attended. Members enjoyed viewing both their ponds: the small pond in the front foyer and a larger pond in the back yard. Guests attending were Richard Hughes, who became a member at the meeting, and another guest Daryl Humford.

The treasurer reported we have \$4,284.31 in bank account.

Dale gave us a pond history on his pond, the back pond is 5,000 gallons and the filtration includes a skimmer, originally the filter contained lava rocks but he replaced it with Japanese mats and added a UV light. Most of his koi come from Champion Koi, Kodama Koi. His front pond was originally a goldfish pond and Sandy's son expanded the pond and they replaced the goldfish with koi.

Greg discussed the AKCA Wet lab that happened in June, this was a very successful wet lab and largest group that has attended. One KHA couple came as far as Canada to attend along with another koi club member from Louisiana, and there were 27 students in all attending, Dr. Nick St. Erne was very impressed in the attendance and interaction from members. Greg thanked all the volunteers that came out to help set up, Seng brought some koi for specimens and set up the show tank at the hotel, Gloria helped with the booth sign in, Sean and Amanda for filming the wet lab, Harry for donating the koi food, and Mary Helen donated a koi shirt and gift certificate. Greg and Gloria donated a Cody Turtle shirt for the raffle, and I pitched in where needed answering questions and helping with the lab portion and interaction with the students and Dr. St. Erne. The 50/50 raffle was a success with some items being auctioned at the banquet to generate more funds, the bonsai plants that Seng made were sold for a good profit, which in all our club gained \$480.00 from this raffle, thanks to the AKCA for suggesting this idea, which will boost our funds up for the upcoming September koi show.

Grow-out – There are still a few koi available in Bob Garrison's mud pond if you are interested let Rosimeri Tran know she has the list and pictures of available koi. Greg presented Bob Garrison with a thank you gift for hosting this year's mud pond, he received a \$50.00 Marie Callendar's gift card, thanks Bob we are all eager to see the development in September and good luck to all participating.

Seng demonstrated the show tank covers that he designed and with the help of Mrs. Vo, who is an excellent seamstress put them together quickly. These covers are custom designed to fit the show tanks with a pull string so no more fussing with those torn, ripped up bird netting. Greg and the club thank Seng Tran and Mrs. Vo for all their hard work.



Seng and Greg show the new tank

KHA's call:

Rosimeri and Seng were called to an emergency pond call, Bill and Joyce Kurth's pond pump stopped working on a Friday so they were concerned on what to do as they did not have a back up pump. So Seng and I traveled to their house and Seng let them borrow his air pump until they were able to acquire a new pump. Luckily their pond repairman brought a new pump the next day and all was well with their pond and koi. This only goes to show you that having a spare pump in case of emergencies is well worth the money you invested in your koi.

Koi show update:

Fig Garden location has been secured with the certificate of insurance and the PLA contract has been signed. Vendors are beginning to sign up along with interested parties who want to show koi. Raffle items have been bought. They are: 1st prize – IPAD 3, 2nd prize – 32" LCD TV, 3rd prize – Kindle Fire, tickets will be ordered soon and should be available at the August 21st meeting at Mary Helen's house. The koi show pins are on order too. I will have volunteer signup sheets and koi show registration packets available for those who are interested in showing at the August meeting. This koi show cannot happen without volunteers so please save the dates 9/28 (set-up), 9/29 koi show judging, 9/30 tear down, we always can use a spare hand, it helps things run smoothly. Our koi show banquet will be held on Saturday, 9/29 at 7pm at Marie Callenders at 3602 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno (Shaw and Marty) I will have signup sheets available for that as well with the cost of \$30.00 each for the banquet. Choice of meal is double pasta shrimp, Pot Roast, and Salmon. You don't have to show koi to attend. This is a wonderful time to get together and see the award presentation and hear the Judges talk about their selections.

Greg presented Rosimeri with the AKCA Koi Person of the year, thanks to everyone who voted for me.

We held our monthly raffle and congrats to our winners: Nina Garrison, Greg Mariano, Lou Weaver, Rosimeri Tran and Jessie.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone socialized and enjoyed Sandy's refreshments and hospitality.

Our August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21st at 7pm at the home of Mary Helen DelaTorre, location 6345 N. Marty Ave., Fresno 93711, I hope to see all your smiling faces there.



Rosimeri receives her Koi Person of The Year award

July AKCA summary:

Submitted by Rosimeri Tran – AKCA Director

Congratulations to Deep South K & PS and Central California Koi Society for winning the speaker grant lottery, this means that each of these clubs will get a speaker grant of \$250.00 each, after submitting receipts for speaker expenses the club will be reimbursed the \$250.00, the grant is good thru June 2013; this is another great benefit of being an AKCA club.

2010-2011 AKCA Koi of the year winner is Dr. Jason Guevara of North Carolina

2011-2012 AKCA Koi of the year winner is Ron and Malise Unruh of Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden Society.

KHA –

Jerry Kyle was impressed with the attendance at the Fresno KHA wet lab, he is looking to regroup and come up with a stronger simpler program as he feels the material is outdated and needs to be revised, he is looking at his options for future KHA classes. Dr. Nick St. Erne received a lot of positive input from the KHA wet lab and will utilize these thoughts and suggestions in future classes.

Project KHV –

Ray Jordan has resigned as the Chairman of the project and Jack Chapman from the San Diego Koi Club was appointed by Kristine to take over his position. ***Jack Chapman's bio:*** Jack is a retired Navy Captain Medical Service Corp Officer with 42 years of service. Jack has been involved with fish since he was a small child – starting with fancy guppies and eventually moving up to koi. Jack's interest with koi while stationed and living in Japan sparked his interest and desire to learn about koi and joined the Koi Club of San Diego. Jack has been active in KCSD activities and served two and a half years as an elected club officer (1st VP for Program) and currently is in his 6th year as Koi Health Advisor (KHA). Jack was the program chairman for the 2009 AKCA Seminar and Koi Show. Jack is active as a KHA performing pond visits and provides weekly assistance with maintenance of the pond and koi at the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park. Jack has a good working relationship with two local veterinarians who treat koi as part of their practice. Jack has a never ending desire to learn all things "koi" and is never at a loss for words or opinions in trying to share that information in various forms with fellow koi hobbyists. Jack's koi pond is just over 12,000 gallons with several high quality koi. He has been a certified KHA for 6 years.

2012 Seminar –

2012 Seminar: Carole thanked Jerry Kyle, Greg Mariano, Rosimeri Tran and the Central California Koi Society for helping her put on a GREAT wet lab/business meeting. We received super responses from the attendees regarding the hotel, food, wet lab, and guided pond tour that was held on Sunday after the Wet Lab (3 ponds). We also want to thank the dealers who donated products for the very successful raffle (about 90 prizes). Everyone went home with at least 2 raffle items; we made \$974 from the auction and raffle with \$480 being given to the Central California Koi Society. Carole projected the profit (including the banquet) to be at \$368.61. We also had \$547.60 plus tax in Bookstore sales and 1 KOI USA subscription sold. Voting for 2010-2011 AKCA Koi of the Year and 2011-2012 AKCA Koi of the Year was held. 1st Place for **AKCA 2010-2011 Koi of the Year** went to Dr. Jason Guevara of North Carolina K&WGS. 2nd place went to Greg Mariano, of Central California KS, 3rd place went to Dick Thomas of Northern Midwest ZNA Chapter. **AKCA Koi of the Year for 2011-2012** went to Ron & Malise Unruh of Bakersfield. 2nd place went to Joe Cook of Indiana K&WGC; 3rd place to Tom Tran of Texas K&GFS-ZNA. Congratulations! Club Koi Persons of the Year in attendance were: Bob & Joan Finnegan (SoCal), Rosimeri Tran (Central Cal), John Svelan (San Diego) and Ginger Hernandez' husband Louie, who accepted on her behalf as she was unable to attend herself (Nishiki).



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July Board Meeting Minutes

Rosimeri Tran

July 24 2012

The board and officers met on July 24th all Officers and Board were in attendance. By-laws are being reviewed and revised and shall be available to general members soon. Rosimeri gave an update on koi show preps as follows:

1. Fig Garden Village has received the certificate of insurance from the AKCA and the PLA needs to be signed by either Greg or Dale, Rosimeri will contact and set up time for signature we also need to pay them \$5.00 fee.
2. After comparing the IPAD 2 vs. IPAD 3 the board voted on purchasing the IPAD 3 for the raffle, so it has been ordered.
3. Koi show flyer has been updated with street address to make location easier to find for those visiting from out of town. The flyers will be available for distribution to members at the August meeting. It is also available on our website.
4. Koi pin has been designed by Amanda and has been submitted to the pin company for production, the cost for the 2012 koi pin will be \$6.00 each and all other years will be \$4.00 each.
5. Banquet location will be Marie Callenders at Shaw ave and Marty, with a cost of \$30.00 each with choice of Double Shrimp pasta, Pot Roast, or Salmon. A beverage and slice of pie are included.
6. Amanda submitted a trophy proposal. These would be glass vases with our koi show pin etched on each award i.e. Grand Champion, these would be more personalized, more info to follow.
7. Vendor booth prices will be \$150.00 for wet booth and \$100.00 dry booth, show tank registration will be the same fee for all participating: \$40.00 first 3 koi then \$4.00 each additional koi.
8. RT to order plaques from 1st String Sports and awaiting quote on trophies.
9. Judges reservations and the photographers, the Flowers, hotel reservations need to made at Ramada University Inn RT to handle
10. Raffle tickets are being designed and will be ordered we will order 2000 tickets.
11. RT to send vendor packets out, Barstow Koi has confirmed to be a wet booth vendor, along with Lou Weaver, and DM Koi Gardens is interested in attending along with Mike from Sumner Water Gardens.

More updates to come as the show gets closer, Tony and Rosimeri will be working together to make this a smooth show, so if you have any suggestions please feel free to send them our way.



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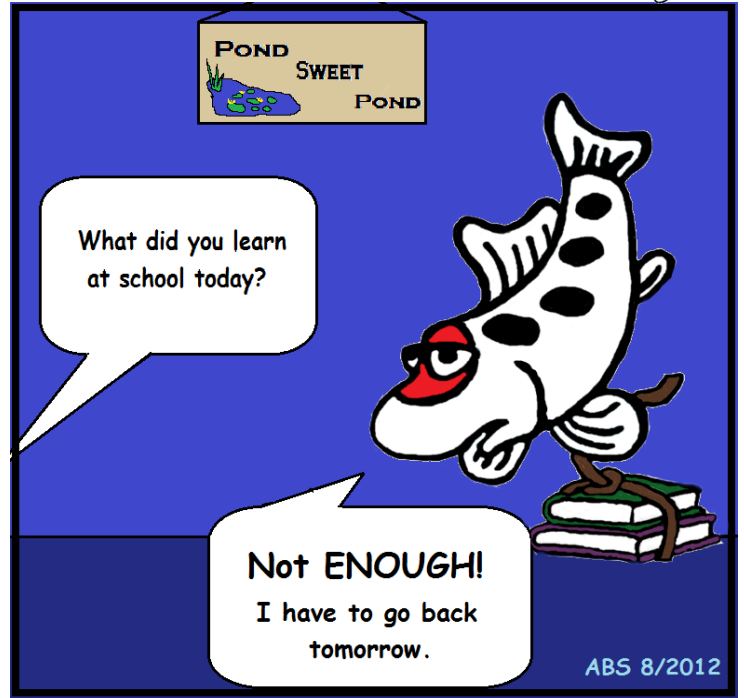


Welcome to The Pond!

The Koi Whisperer would like to welcome Richard Hughes to the club! We look forward to seeing him at our future meetings and events!



The Tail End

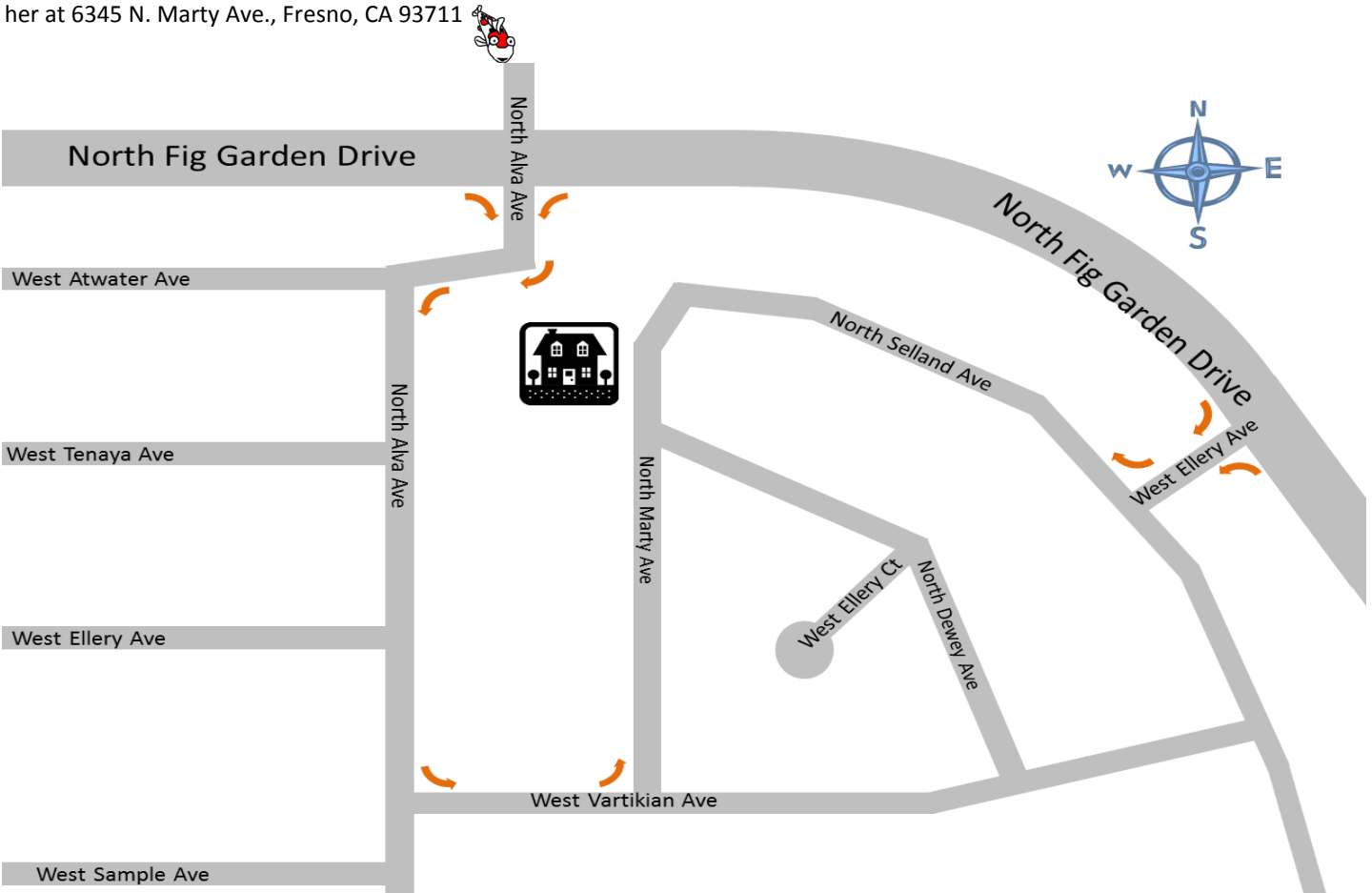


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August Meeting

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President's Corner



Hello friends. This will be a little short as I'm preparing to go on vacation. But I'd like to say thanks to all of you who attended the last meeting at Dale and Sandy Winn's. It was good to see so many happy people attend. We had a good turnout, plenty of participation and great hospitality and food from the Winn's. I bid welcome to our guests and a new member. If you missed the meeting, please see secretary Rosimeri's minutes of the meeting.

Before I forget, as I did last newsletter, after the AKCA business meeting and wet lab, we had a mini pond tour. Many of the AKCA meeting attendees attended and were impressed by the ponds and good will of the pond owners. Thank you Dick and Gloria Hoe, Don and Janet Vukovich and Dale and Sandy Winn.

Your Board of Director's spent a Tuesday evening reviewing By Laws and planning for the upcoming Koi Show. We've been busy all year with many events but the busiest time of the year is the Koi Show. Hope you all will attend the next general meeting as we will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the show and, hopefully, raffle tickets will be available for members to sell or buy. Like last year, these tickets will sell fast as we have fantastic prizes, iPad3, Kindle Fire and a 32 inch LCD TV. I wouldn't mind winning any of these prizes.

Before closing, I receive many calls and e-mails from individuals looking for a reliable person they can hire to do general pond care and maintenance. If you know of anyone, please let me know.

THIS JUST IN: *It's Wednesday night and my old pond pump that I bought used several years ago is starting to fail. I get hold of Mike Przewoznik, a fellow koi kichi and owner of Sumner Avenue Water Gardens and president of the High Desert Koi Fanciers. He is sending me a replacement pump which I should get by Saturday. How's that for service? And his prices are good. A couple of e-mails later, Mike agrees to advertise in our newsletter and possibly be a vendor and award sponsor at our koi show. Not only does Mike sell pond supplies, pond equipment and koi food, he performs pond consultations. Mike lives in Antelope Valley so it's a little far, but he can ship you anything he has.*

This was going to be a short message. Oh, well. See you at the next meeting.



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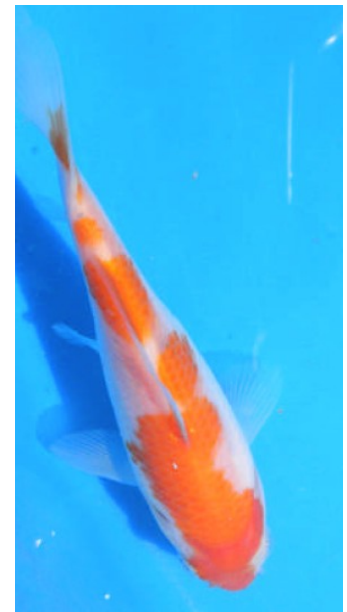


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2011 Grand Champion



Friday, Sept. 28: 3-7 p.m. Registration & Benching
Saturday, Sept 29: 9 a.m. Judging
Sunday, Sept 30: 9am—3p.m

NEW LONG FIN CLASS

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| Variety | Size 1 8" - Under | Size 2 8" - 12" | Size 3 12" - 16" | Size 4 16" - 20" | Size 5 20" - 24" | Size 6 24"+ |
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| Long Fin "A" | | | | | N/A | N/A |
| Long Fin "B" | | | | | N/A | N/A |
| Long Fin "C" | | | | | N/A | N/A |
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Following is the rule of thumb for number of koi per tank or fish load. Fish load points should not add up over 100 pts per tank for the water quality to help support your fish safety.

The tail of the Long Fin will be included in the measurement. All Long Fin fish will be judged in the Long Fin Class, sizes 1 - 4.

Long Fin "A" = Kohaku, Sanke, Showa

Long Fin "B" = Utsuri, Bekko, Asagi/Shusui, Koromo/Goshiki

Long Fin "C" = Kwarigoi, All Hikari

AWARDS PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at the Saturday Night Banquet on Saturday September 29th at 7:00p.m. Judges will give a short discussion of the major winners. If you are interested in sponsoring an award please let Rosimeri or Tony know so we can add you to the list. All Major awards will be presented at the banquet as follows:

Grand Champion **(sponsored by Sumner Avenue Water Gardens – Mike Przewoznik)**

Reserve Grand Champion **(sponsored by Harry Imfeld, CCKS)**

Reserve Grand Champion "B"

Baby Champion

Best Mature 16"+

Best Young <16"

Best Long Fin

President's Choice

AKCA Award

Judges Award

Show Chair Award **(sponsored by Rosimeri Tran, CCKS)**

Best in Size 1 = <8"

Best in Size 2 = 8" – 12"

Best in Size 3 = 12" – 16"

Best in Size 4 = 16" – 20"

Best in Size 5 = 20" – 24"

Best in Size 6 – 24"+

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place (in every size and class)



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| BEST YOUNG | \$ 50.00 | _____ |
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| BEST IN SIZE 4 (16"-20") | \$ 35.00 | _____ |
| BEST IN SIZE 5 (20"-24") | \$ 35.00 | _____ |
| BEST IN SIZE 6 (24"+) | \$ 35.00 | _____ |



**Central California Koi Society
34th Annual Koi Show
September 28th, 29th, and 30th 2012**

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Tanks are limited to first come, first served. Entry fee is \$40.00 per tank (includes 3 fish), \$4.00 for each fish over the first three (3) not exceeding tank load.

Show Tank Reservation _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

Additional koi _____ x \$4.00 ea = \$ _____

Banquet ticket _____ x \$30.00 ea = \$ _____

Beef _____

Shrimp _____

Salmon _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

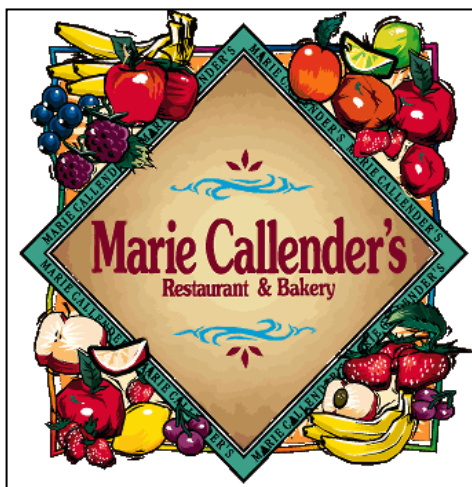
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Cost \$30.00 each with choice of Double Shrimp Pasta, Lemon Pepper Crusted Salmon, Slow Braised Pot Roast, all meals include salad, corn bread, soft drinks and a slice of pie.

Reservations must be made prior to September 5th as we need to have a head count. Please submit with koi show registration form and indicate meal choice and how many attending. Send check or money order made out to CCKS and mail to 5832 E. Erin Ave., Fresno, CA 93727.