

## 2015 PNKCA Convention – Spokane, Washington

### *KOI – A Kaleidoscope of Color*

Hosted by Inland Empire Water Garden & Koi Society

#### AGENDA

##### Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>

- **10:00-5:00 Wet lab** / Koi Organisation International with Karen Pattist, Spike Cover, Syd Mitchell, Ken Austin plus other Certified Koi Keepers. This will be a very different wet lab. We will be covering some new ground in this lab, rather than the same-old stuff. We will be taking advantage of the exceptional talent we'll have in one place and put on something really unique!
- **1:30-4:30 Watercolor painting of Koi**/Patty McGee/(Pacific Northwest). Learn from a master water color artist how to capture the beauty and grace of your koi. Be creative and have fun!
- **7:00–9:00 Meet & Greet**/PNKCA. Come join us for a reception for all participants, no-host bar, hors d'oeuvres provided.

##### Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>

##### Track A

- **8:50-9:00 Welcome**/PNKCA Chairperson Chris Charbonneau
- **9:00-9:45 Koi Behavior**/Karen Pattist (Connecticut). Understanding what normal behavior is and what is not. The causes and treatment of abnormal behavior. Also includes koi psychological problems such as paranoia, split personalities, obsessive/compulsive disorders etc.
- **10:00-10:45 Green Fuel (Phosphate)**/Jackie Kabrell (Washington). What is Phosphate? Where does it come from? What does it do in my pond? Why should I care?
- **11:00-11:45 Filtration**/Ken Austin (Texas). Mechanical and biological filtration and how to achieve efficient systems, sizing a filter, principles and practicalities of circulation and flow rates, the biology behind bioconversion, filtration maintenance and advantages and dynamics of shower filters.
- **11:45-1:15 Lunch** (on your own). Enjoy the Park & many fine restaurants in downtown.
- **12:00-1:00 PNKCA Club Representatives' Meeting** (includes lunch).
- **1:15-2:00 Disease Prevention and Treatment**/Spike Cover (California). An overall view of the requirements for disease to occur. The effects and treatment of parasites, fungus, bacterial and virus diseases.
- **2:15-3:00 Fukarin & Scales**/Diana Lynn Rehn (Washington). A thorough explanation of Fukarin and scale structure, how they affect skin quality and the overall beauty of our koi.
- **3:15-4:00 Water Quality**/Syd Mitchell (United Kingdom). How water quality parameters affect koi physiology. Diagnosing health problems and diseases.
- **4:15-5:15 Round Table**/Karen Pattist, moderator. A panel composed of K.O.I. experts will answer your questions.
- **6:00-6:30 No-host bar**
- **6:30-7:30 Banquet**/entertainment provided by Syd Mitchell
- **7:30-9:30 Awards, Raffles & Auctions**

## **Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Track B**

- **1:15-2:00** **Garden Ponds (Comparing Ponds)/**Karen Pattist (Connecticut). Three kinds of ponds – water features, goldfish ponds and Koi ponds; their differences and requirements, advantages and disadvantages. Do's and Don'ts, overview of water quality and filtration types.
- **2:15-3:00** **Pond Improvements for Beauty and Health/** Ken Austin (Texas). What's right for you, considerations before starting, trade-off, ponds designed for Koi health, how to improve "commercial" pond designs and diagrams, pumps, filtration designs and diagrams, making a pond look beautiful – tips and tricks.
- **3:15- 4:00** **Common Problems I See in Ponds/Spike Cover** (California). Pond problems divided into 3 categories – water quality, construction and disease. Water quality includes water changes and testing. Construction includes circulation, water, filtration, pumps, bottom drains, plant shelves, work involved. Disease includes quarantine and chemicals.

## **Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Pond tour/**chartered buses, lunch provided pond-side; tour will take about 5 hours

- **8:30** 1<sup>st</sup> bus leaves hotel
- **9:00** 2<sup>nd</sup> bus leaves hotel