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## CLUB PURPOSE

Share ideas on building & maintaining ponds & filter systems

## CLUB LIBRARY

Pond related books & tapes available for loan to members

## PROGRAMS

Guest speakers; Raffle of pond related goods; Auction of pond related goods; Member sharing pond experience

## ACTIVITIES

Pond tour; Koi show; Photo contest; Hands on hobby related projects

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual.....\$15.00

Family.....\$21.00

## Greetings and Salutations Ponders,

I was impressed to see that the club is up to par with World affairs. By electing me as your first woman President, you are following the lead of such countries as Liberia, Germany, Chile, Ireland, Finland and the Philippines. They too have elected women to lead them. With that said, I would like to introduce myself to you; my name is Chris Wilkolaski and I am a fellow ponder.

I was very surprised that the club selected me as their President. After all, I am just another face in the crowd that shares a common passion with all of you: ponds!

First, I'd like to share a little about me so you know from where my passion for "ponding" hails. My love of fish started when I was a child. My father's business was a fishing camp, so I spent many a summer on the river and fly-fishing for Atlantic salmon. In the 80's I worked for the DEC Fish and Wildlife. I participated in various impingement studies for the area. I was also trained as an Aquatic Biologist at Buffalo State. However, my first love was always teaching. As a result, for the last 14 years, I have done just that - teach. Currently, I teach Physics and Advanced Biology at Cleveland Hill High School and Anatomy Labs at ECC.

Enough about me, lets talk about this great club. Many changes have surfaced this past year and I hope even more improvements will follow. The website looks great and the Newsletter -in color- is wonderful. This really shows the professionalism of this club and its members. My hat is off to all that made this possible.

The greatest accomplishment I believe that this club has made is attracting the AKCA Seminar here in June. I hope all our members come and enjoy this monumental event. The work that has gone into planning this event truly demonstrates the dedication that our club has. But there is still work to be done, so please consider volunteering a little of your time to help out. I thank you in advance!

If you have not been able to make the meetings please try as your New Year's Resolution to do so. So much knowledge is gained and shared at each meeting. I don't just mean just from the guest speakers, but from the table discussions I hear as well. We learn from each other and that is one of the objectives of our organization. Maybe it is an easier or cheaper way to do something but we all contribute.

Each month we have speakers on various topics. Is there a topic that we have not touched on in a while or ever that you would like to discuss? Do you have an idea for a presentation? Please share them with the Board or me so we can incorporate them into this year's meetings. I welcome your suggestions and contributions to continue the success and growth of our club.

As February approaches, a reminder to renew your membership- Individual \$15 and family \$21, it is a great investment. Either by mail to Greg Young or at the next meeting February 10th- see, I just gave you another reason to come.

I will try my best to continue to lead this Club to great new heights (and depths!).

*Chris*  
President



### Note from the editor:

In this month's publication is the club application. Please fill it out and you may turn it in at the February meeting or mail it to Greg Young, 8590 Phillips Rd, Holland, NY 14080.

A new club directory will be printed for distribution to the members after all applications are received.

As always I am in need of ponds for our feature "My Pond". Any size pond is of interest. If you feel that you do not want to write the article, provide me with the basic information for the article and I will do the write-up. I would need the following information: when it was built, approximate size, gallons, equipment, fish and plants.

You can bring your pictures to the next meeting or mail them to me at 23 Crystal Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14220.

My e-mail is mary.oconnor@verizon.net. My phone number is 823-8979 if you need me to pick up the pictures.

### REFRESHMENTS

Jan	Diane Young & Marlene Hyden
Feb	Mary O'Connor
March	_____
April	Nancy Wojnowski
May	Bonita Wulf & Helen Roberts
June	Pam Craig & Joan Gierlak
July	Tom & Felicia Kolaz
Aug	John & Lorri Porter
Sept	Elaine Sitarek & Carol Filipiski
Oct	Loren & Tracy Prucnal
Nov	Beverly Wojtaszczyk & Jody Ferris
Dec	Christmas Party

Refreshments are always a welcome part of our meetings giving us the opportunity to socialize with friends that we do not see often enough. If you would like to be the host or hostess for one of the available months, please contact Barb Weber at 688-7924.

## WORD FIND

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Longer Days

President's Day

Lincoln

Washington

Vacation

Groundhog Day

Shadow

Cupid



## Featured Pond of the Month

### MY POND

By Christine Wilkolaski

The question arose, what am I going to do with an above ground swimming pool -that I no longer use? Yet, I still open and close every year? Answer: give pool to Godchild and start digging. Well that was 4yrs ago and one bank loan later.



I began digging only to find shale. I have a wonderful neighbor that saw my problem and came to the rescue with his backhoe. With my oddly heart shaped pond dug, I installed the Bio falls and skimmer box. It took about 12hrs to fill and I could not wait. 5,0000 gallons of water later and chemicals in place I was off to buy my lilies white, pink and yellow (2of each) and three imported koi. I managed to construct my pond and put in place in about 10 August days. Of course, I built it and then learned



that they have a club for this and you can get discounts for belonging.

I hate to say; I lost the three koi to jumping out of the tank come that winter. But a friend gave me two goldfish that helped populate my pond the following summer. They are still around, as the big boys in the Fair's Pond.

I did have to install a 5ft UV light to control my "green water". I am able to hide it well under my Hosta collection. I alternated 70 plants of daylilies and Hosta around the perimeter of my Pond Island in the back yard. A miniature weeping cherry tree



stands in the point of the pond's heart shape. This past fall I planted over 300 bulbs. Crocus, tulips, hyacinth, allium, daffodils, and anything else I could find. I really look forward to this spring. Other bushes, a large yucca, a weeping fig tree and a lattice arbor finish of my oasis.

Today, I have 7 Koi children that I hear, as I type this - splashing in my basement. My pond is 3 1/2 ft deep but I still bring my babies in for the winter. I have a 150 and 300-gallon set-ups in the basement for them. For those that know it can sound like Niagara falls in your house. That is one thing I miss during the winter, the sound of the waterfalls. Although it is about 1/2 an acre away from the house, from the deck and bedroom, I can hear the water. How peaceful it is.

Any way, my pond for me is an old passion revived. So if you're in the neighborhood stop by and sit a spell at my little pond island oasis.

Happy ponding.



### Club Library

Remember a wealth of information is available to you. The club library has a great amount of information in books and some tapes on watergardening and koi. All that is required of members is a \$5.00 deposit that will be returned to you when you return the borrowed item. Please see Loren at the meetings. Remember that spring will be here soon.

### Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be at the home of our new President, Christine Wilkolaski. Her home is located at 6147 Webster Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm on February 23. All members are welcome, please RSVP Chris at 662-9429.

### Sunshine Club

Please help us to remember our members and bring a little sunshine into their lives when they may need it most.

If you are aware of a member experiencing a "Life Event" in their family such as weddings, birth announcements, illness, surgery or death, please contact our Sunshine Chairperson Lorri Porter at 694-9999 with the details.

Please remember Diane Young recovering from surgery and Ed McKee whose sister passed away.



### Photo Contest

The annual photo contest sponsored by the club will be in March. Please start looking at all those pictures that you took last year and pick your best for the contest. The categories are fish, pond, plants, and landscape.

Please do not write on the reverse, but instead put a return address label on the back so that the pictures can be returned to you.

### International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society

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### You are Invited to the Annual IWGS Water Garden Party

The International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS) will enjoy their 21st annual Symposium on July 19-25, 2006 in the perfect State for aquatics, Florida. This educational and networking event will have a Main and a Post-Symposium, starting in Fort Lauderdale, then going to Vero Beach, and ending in Orlando. The numerous activities will include seminars, forums, and tours. International experts will present the sessions, covering topics as diverse as techniques for propagating aquatics, the artistic aspects of water gardens, tissue culture of aquatics, and predator control in plant ponds. Tours will visit wholesale aquatic growers, a retail water garden center, subtropical private water gardens, a koi farm, a large tissue culture grower, botanical gardens, and more. (Flexible registration options allow attendance for only a day or two.)

This Symposium is the only water gardening conference designed to educate and network all segments of the industry and hobby. A recent evaluation comment sums it up perfectly, "The best part of the IWGS is the networking – sharing techniques, news, and advice from others around the world – many of whom are now friends. Symposia have played a vital part in this."

The Society's annual symposia continue to provide education on aquatic plants and water gardening, while also serving as the glue that binds together a very diverse and international membership. Recent locations were Toronto (2004) and Pennsylvania (2005). Many attendees use the symposia as the base upon which to build their vacation. Of course, Florida will be perfect for that, too.

Some of the Symposium highlights promise to include an airboat ride in the Everglades, an in-pond comparison of blue waterlilies, playing on the beach, the informal forums, announcing the winners of our first Aquatic Art Competition, as well as the famous and entertaining fundraising auction.

Members, potential members, or those wishing to learn more about aquatic plants and water gardening (and have fun doing it) are encouraged to attend. Bring a bathing suit and come visit. More information is available at [www.iwgs.org](http://www.iwgs.org) or call 941-756-0880 for a registration brochure.

The International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society is a non-profit organization of multinational membership dedicated to the furtherance of all aspects of water gardens and their associated plants.

Since 1984 the IWGS has supported and promoted education, research, and conservation in these areas.



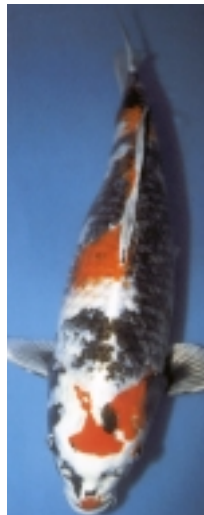
## From How to Keep Koi An Essential Guide

By David Twigg

### Hikari Utsuri-mono

This class contains the metallic Showa and Utsuri varieties, such as Kin Showa and Kin Ki Utsuri.

Kin Showa is a metallic version of the Showa and a good quality example is stunning when young. However, the red may develop into orange-brown with age. A fine Kin Showa should have a good Showa pattern and lustrous metallic skin.



Kin Ki Utsuri is the metallic version of the Ki Utsuri. The intense Sumi set against the brilliant golden-yellow makes a quality Kin Ki Utsuri a wonderful sight. This is a sought after koi variety, but rarely seen these days.



**KinGinRin**

All koi varieties that may exhibit distinctly shiny or sparkling scales, if they are in the Kohaku, Sanke and Showa classes, these koi fall into the KinGinRin class.

KinGinRin scales come in many forms and the Japanese have a name for each one. Two examples are Pearl GinRin, where the scales seem to stand out from the body almost three-dimensionally, like small pearls. The best of the flat type is known as BetaGinRin.

This GinRin Ogon is judged against its peers in the Hikari Muji-mono class and must therefore comply with skin quality, body shape and other criteria. Quality GinRin scalation is an additional Merit for the fish and a



head clear of blemishes is extremely important.

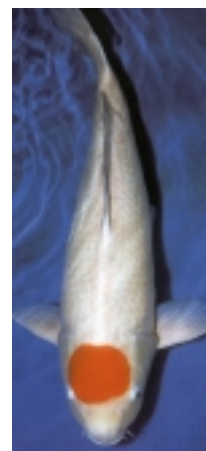
The body volume on this GinRin Kohaku is impressive. The GinRin is quality over the body of the fish is outstanding. The good three-step Kohaku pattern is set off by the large elegant pectoral fins. The head shape is ideal.



### Tancho

The name of this class is taken from the Tancho crane that has a single red spot on the top of its head. This is the last class of the 13 classes and contains varieties of the kohaku, Sanke, and Showa classes, where the only red on these fish is a well placed circular spot on the head.

This Tancho Kohaku has a near perfect round Hi spot, well placed between the eyes and set on a white skin. With its well-proportioned fins, this Tancho would stand out in any pond.



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## Seminar 2006

On Thursday, January 19, there was a meeting of the committee for the 2006 AKCA Seminar.

Gordon Ballard of Ad Stuff Promotional Products was present to show examples of collectible pins, tote bags, and lanyards for the Seminar attendees. He also had examples of commemorative tee shirts for sale and shirts for the chairman.

Dr. Roberts brought us up to date on the speakers and the schedule for the speakers for the seminar. Both are now posted on the club website although she is still waiting for more Bio's from the speakers. The website will be updated when the information is received. Bonita Wulf and Dr. Roberts have also taken care of the gifts for the speakers.

Ed Shelp, Jr. had a lot of information on the contracts with the convention center in regards to the meals that will be provided and they all seemed mouth watering. There will be a pond built in the lobby of the convention center that will feature an ice sculpture the evening of the final banquet. Bring your camera, it promises to be special.

Donations for the raffle and auction were also discussed. The raffle will be done at the trade show but most of the large items will be reserved for the auction to be held at the banquet.

Lorri Porter gave her report on the Pond Tour and the Sightseeing Tours.

John Hyden discussed how the seminar booklets will be assembled at a club meeting and the rental of a copier to print all the material.

Larry Nau was present to discuss the publicity for the event. He and Don Butterworth have been busy with some of the special requirements for the koi judging workshop that will be done off site.

Marlene is very busy with coordinating all of this and reporting to the AKCA with the progress. We are progressing nicely and are right on schedule. I'm sure that Marlene would agree that it couldn't be done without all the work that her committee has already accomplished.

### Speaker

'Victoria Burnley Vaughan'  
Dr. Roddy Conrad  
Griff Thomasson  
Dr Helen E. Roberts  
Dr. Erik Johnson  
Dr. Sandy Yosha  
Dr. Tim Miller-Morgan  
Richard Carlson  
Carl Forss  
Kerry Snyder  
Mike Masterson  
Larry Nau  
Gary Jones

### Topic

Update on KHV  
Use of chemicals in ponds and watergardens and Trickle Tower Filtration  
DIY Trickle Tower  
Surgery in Koi/Goldfish  
Fish ER! What can You Do??  
Stress in Koi  
??  
Fungus and Molds  
Dream Ponds  
Spray on Liner Ponds  
Winter in Ponds  
Aquatic plants  
Water Quality



## January Meeting

If you missed the meeting in January then you missed a few rare treats. The first was the weather. How often can you say that you attended a club meeting in January without boots, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. The temperature that evening was 52 degrees.

The second item of note was the power point presentation by Loren Prucnal of the reconstruction of Phil Grefrath's pond from 2500 gallons to more than 8000 gallons. If you saw Phil's pond on the pond tour last year, you can appreciate all of the hard work that went into the construction. We were shown pictures of the filtration system also including the lovely way that was chosen to disguise it. Phil may have his pond to enjoy for many years, but Loren will have his memories of operating all the machinery to do the digging.



After refreshments it was time for nominations and the election of Officers and members of the Board of Directors.

There were many nominations on the floor and a lively discussion on the vice presidential position. In the end we retained Nancy Wojnowski as Secretary and Ed McKee on the Board. The other seven positions are held by new people to the position although several have served previously in some office.



Your new Officers for 2006 are Christine Wilkolaski – President, Lorri Porter – Vice President, Nancy Wojnowski – Secretary, and Patrick Martin – Treasurer.

The new Board of Directors consists of Ed McKee, Mary McKee, Carol Filipski, Bob Colling, and Mary O'Connor.

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Would you like your newsletter sent electronically? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have a pond? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no                      Are you planning on building one? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no  
Interests: Ponds \_\_\_ Koi \_\_\_ Goldfish \_\_\_ Aquatic Plants \_\_\_

Are you a member of the AKCA/do you subscribe to Koi USA? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

All memberships expire on February 28th.

Please check this box if you want to be in the directory

Send your completed application, along with your check to:

**Gregory Young, NFKPC Membership Chair, 8590 Phillips Road, Holland, NY, 14080**

Make all checks payable to the N.F.K.P.C.

### MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES:

- Having fun with other enthusiasts

### PROGRAMS: LIBRARY:

- Video tape/slide presentations
- Learning about the care of ponds, fish and plants
- Books and video tapes for members
- Local/regional/national speakers

### ACTIVITIES:

- Learning to build ponds and filter systems
- Pond shows and tours
- 10% discount on pond supplies at local nurseries
- Photo contest
- Raffles/auctions of hobby related items
- Koi show
- Talks cover beginning to advanced topics
- Erie County Fair Pond

Niagara Frontier Koi & Pond Club meets the 2nd Friday of every month at 7:00 pm at the VFW Post on Elgin in the City of Tonawanda. Take Delaware Ave. north from I-290 to York St. to Elgin. For more information call Greg Young, membership chair, at 716-537-2830

Visit us on the web at [www.nfkpc.org](http://www.nfkpc.org)



Please visit our NEW IMPROVED club website:

Don't miss this month's speaker who will be from Beaver Meadows and will talk on Butterfly Gardens.



To:

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## Niagara Frontier Koi & Pond Club

### Up-coming Events in Western NY

Feb	Rail Barons Train Show – Buffalo Historical Society
Feb 9-12	WNY Home & Garden Expo – Agricenter at the Hamburg Fairgrounds
Feb 18	ICE Festival – Mayville, NY
Feb 24	Cottage Gardening for the Home – Lana’s Little House 965-2798 – Forrestville, NY 9:30 am to noon
Feb 25-26	Orchid Show – Buffalo Botanical Gardens
Mar 4-12	Home Show – Buffalo Convention Center
Mar 23-26	Plantasia – Agricenter at the Hamburg Fairgrounds
April 1-23	Spring Flower Show – Buffalo Botanical Gardens
<b>June 22-25</b>	<b>AKCA Seminar – Koi Across Niagara – Buffalo Convention Center Hosted by Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club</b>
July 19-23	International Waterlily and Watergarden Society Seminar - Florida

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