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It's that time again, hope you've saved some money for the mega auction this Friday June 10th. Attached to the email is the sellers auction form. Please fill it out before you come. Bring as much product as you wish, plants, ponds, pumps, filters, statuary, etc. Anything you sell will be a 50/50 split with the club. Make sure all items you bring are sealed or in non-leaking containers.

Our Koi show at Arbordale is quickly approaching, July 9 & 10th. See the attached poster for more details. Feel free to print it out and share it with friends, family coworkers, etc. See a message from Dawn, the event coordinator, later in this newsletter.

Our annual pond tour will be Saturday July 16th in the Southtowns. There are still a few spots open if you would like to show your pond. Stay tuned for starting time and cost for picnic.

Hope to see everyone at the upcoming events.

Regards, John

At a recent Board of Directors meeting it was decided that they would be offering an incentive for members to get more involved.

So any member that does one of the following will receive a ticket to the gift card drawings that occur during the meetings.

Members that volunteer:

- Spend 2 hrs. at a club activity
- Donate to the raffle table
- Attend a Board meeting (non officer)
- Organize a program; i.e. calling tree,
- Arrange a speaker for a meeting night
- Host a Board meeting (non officers)
- Chair a club event
- Sign up for the refreshment table
- Write an article for the newsletter

*****Please note:** We still must sell a minimum amount of \$50 in tickets to cover the gift cards prior to drawing.

Koi of the Month

Shusui (Shoe-suey)

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These koi are considered a scale-less form of the Asagi. They have larger mirror scaled that can be located following the lateral lines and on both sides of the dorsal line. The koi can have a red belly and appear to also have red cheeks. They can have pale blue or white skin. When looking at their head it appears to be “clean” no color. Some Shusui have been noted as having “lipstick” on them.

The Shusui has also been called the Doitsu variety of the Asagi.

Four styles that can be seen at Koi Shows would be:

Shusui	Hi Shusui	Hana Shusui	Ki Shusui
This koi has a neatly arranged line of dark-blue scales along the dorsal line, on a pale-blue skin. The head should be light-blue and it should have red on the cheeks	This koi has the hi or red spread from its abdomen to its back	Like the Hi but has another dark-blue mirror scales along the lateral lines	Rare koi is not red but yellow with scales on its back of blue tones.



Koi Mud Pond

Saving Al by Dawn Domagala

In March 2016 a request came through the Niagara Frontier Koi & Pond Club web site, from a local gentleman named Dominic. He was looking to rehome 3 koi fish that had outgrown his 300 gallon tank in the dining room of his house.

Dominic said that the fish were overwhelming his custom made filter system and wanted to sell them. The club doesn't purchase fish so, I offered to find them a good home with one of our club members and Dominic agreed. He was concerned for their health and knew they needed be moved into a large pond.



The acrylic tank that housed the fish was 24"L x 96"W x 36"H and had a custom filtration system that ran through floor and into the basement. There were three fish to be moved: Moe (24"), Batman (26"), and Al (36"). Al's health and stress level during the move was a big concern to all of us.

Dominic had purchased these koi 7 years ago from The Fish Place in North Tonawanda. They were 5 inches at the time and he fed them a high protein diet, twice a day. As every fish keeper will do many nights, instead of turning on the tv, he would sit in front of the tank with his dinner and watch the fish.

Club member, Tim Moller offered to pick up the fish and transport them to his 25,000 gallon, 5' deep pond in Elma. Gavin Warren and I offered to help with the move. Tim placed a 150 gallon tub in the bed of his pick up. He screwed a piece of plexi-glass to the top and covered the entire tub with a drop net. Dominic was kind enough to loan us his air pump for the journey.



Dominic and Pam, his wife, were very concerned about the move and their first question to Tim when he pulled up was, "Can we see where they are going? They

Saving Al Continued

have become loved pets for a retired couple". They also have a dachshund as a pet, but all their fish were bigger than their dog.

The smallest fish Moe was easily caught by me with a sock net, and Tim helped place him in the tub. The truck was just outside the front door, so the move went quickly. Batman was the next fish and put up a little more of a struggle. She had never been handled before, but she made it into the tub without any problems. The largest fish, Al barely fit in the net but struggled the least out of them all. Tim had guessed she weighed about 35 to 40 pounds.



We made the move quickly and got her in the tub. She was showing signs of stress, so we quickly began our 20 minute drive from North Buffalo to Elma.

Tim has a sprawling back yard and we were able to drive right up to his pond. All the fish seemed calm and not thrashing around in the tub. With Moe netted, Tim was able to put him directly into the pond, he began swimming around immediately. Batman struggled slightly while being netted, he was released into the pond and drifted towards the bottom. Al was netted without a struggle and when placed in the pond, sank to the bottom without moving.

At this point, we were more stressed than the fish, with only one of the three swimming around. We stood watching and waiting for the fish to move. Then out of nowhere, Moe swam towards Batman and started to rub himself against her side until she slowly started to move forward and began swimming around. Moe stayed at her side for a few laps around their new home.



Saving Al Continued

Al was still motionless at the bottom of the pond, then Moe began rubbing against her side, at last, she began to slowly move forward and swim around! We let out a huge sigh of relief, Dominic had tears of joy in his eyes. We did as fish people do; we watched Moe and his big girls swim freely around their new home as they discovered new things such as plants, lily pads, lots of smaller fish zipping around and frogs. There is no doubt that they will be very happy in their new home, it was a stressful move for us all, but in the end, it all worked out.

Message from Dawn Domagala

The club's biggest fund raising event the Koi Show & Auction is just about a month away. This year it will be at Arbordale Nurseries in Getzville NY. I am looking for volunteers to help set up Thursday the 7th, and tear down after the completion of the auction on Sunday.

I would like to hear members input on speakers for the two day event. Arbordale has provided two speakers, one on aeration and another on LED lighting. Is there someone you can recommend or that you would like to hear speak?

We want to see your fish! Would you be interested in showing your fish? I am showing two of mine. Nothing I enjoy more than showing off and talking about my fish.

Would you be willing to volunteer a few hours one day to sell pizza, or hand out voting ballots, promote the club or just hang out with us? We could use your help!

As you know, this is a non-for-profit club, so we are looking for donations items to be raffled or auctioned off. If you are able, or now of a business that would donate an item, please bring it to our June meeting. As always, your participation and help is greatly appreciated in promoting this event.



NIAGARA FRONTIER KOI & POND CLUB

KOI SHOW & AUCTION 2016

July 9th Saturday
9am-5pm

speakers - demonstrations - basket raffels - food

July 10th Sunday
9am-4pm

demonstrations - basket raffels - food

AUCTION @ 1 pm
hosted by cash only

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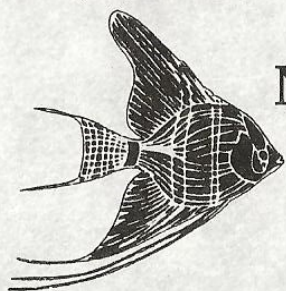
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Sunshine

Jan Evert broke her leg. She is recovering at Autumn View Health Care facility in Hamburg. 648-2450

Refreshments for 2016

If you would like to bring refreshments to a meeting, you will be reimbursed for expenses for up to \$25.00 (receipts must be turned into Nancy)

General info: 8-9 bottles of pop, some diet

Any refreshments or snacks of your choice: Cheese & Crackers, veggies, fruit, chips, dip, pepperoni, salad, jello, cookies, cake, brownies, etc.

We do not have use of any kitchen supplies, so you may need to bring serving utensils, trays, bowls, baskets, knives, or whatever is needed to serve your type of refreshments

The club will provide: Coffee, hot cups, creamer, sugar, small plates, paper cups, plastic silverware, napkins

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Bev Jarmuz 833-3889.

Feb.: Dawn Domogala

Mar.:

Apr.: Audry Belau

May: Chris Wilkolaski

June:

July: Ann Marshall & Rob Smith

Aug.:

Sep.: Nancy Wojnowski

Oct.:

Nov.:

Dec.: Christmas Party in the South towns

First Class Mail

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TO:

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NIAGARA FRONTIER KOI & POND CLUB UP-COMING EVENTS IN WESTERN NEW YORK

June 10 - Koi club mega auction

July 9 & 10 - Koi Show at Arbordale

July 16 - Pond tour south towns

Aug 10 -21 Erie county fair