

NM ZNA NEWSLETTER



KOI SHOW EDITION

Summer 2012

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11th Annual Koi Show: A Great Event

To what did you do on Father's Day weekend? Many club members and friends gathered in Carmel, Indiana for the 11th Annual Koi Show. Friday was filled with excitement with seeing friends and getting last minute details in setting up for the show and the visitors to come. The weather was a bit warm with just a hint of a breeze but no one had to hold on to metal poles during a major thunderstorm this year. After all the arrivals and benching most of the koi, dinner with the judges at Sonata's was enjoyed by approximately 30 fun-loving but hungry folks. After dinner it was time to sleep so all could greet Saturday morning all refreshed and ready to go.

Saturday did arrive and while the judges were having breakfast vendors and others were doing final touches and preparations for all the events of the day. Around 10:30 a.m. Dick Thomas introduced the judges, Ray Jordan, ZNA Certified Head Judge, and Henry Culpepper, ZNA Candidate Judge to the crowds that had already come to see all this excitement going on at the City Center and Japanese Gardens. With the unusual layout of the tanks under the gazebo, spectators were allowed to walk around the tanks while judging was in progress and could listen to the judges. Many visitors commented how interesting it was to learn about the koi. That is what a live koi show is really all about. There were many purchases going on in the vendor tent as well. Also while judging was in progress, raffle items were being won and an origami demonstration in which several children and a couple of adults participated in making paper cranes and flowers. By 3:00 p.m. Ray and Henry closely examined 71 koi and made their rankings. Excitement now filled the air for the major winners had banners placed on the tanks to celebrate

their accomplishment and this gave the visitors a chance to see the winning koi. By 5:00 p.m. it was time to close down for the day and get ready to really celebrate the accomplishments of the owners and the koi. Cocktails were served from 6:30 p.m. until it was time to eat dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dinner consisted of a crisp, fresh salad, roasted potatoes, vegetable mix of cauliflower and broccoli, moist and delicious chicken breast, and tender roast beef. To satisfy the sweet tooth there was cheesecake with strawberry topping. By the time dinner was finishing up, Dick welcomed all and gave a round of thanks to the many who had worked so hard to put this show together. He then turned over the microphone to Ray Jordan who gave an enlightening talk on Koi Appreciation. He stayed on target with his time limit too! Next we had some auction items and Bryan started off as the auctioneer and he did a great job and had us laughing and buying some needed items. Then Charles stepped up to play the part of auctioneer and not sure what was in the tea or water but we all laughed and laughed and decided this was the most fun we ever had at an auction. It was then time to present the awards. The laughter and fun spilled over through the award presentations as well. By 9:45 p.m. the fun then continued to the hotel bar where the Grand Champion owner bought a round of drinks. It was finally time for bed.

Sunday morning arrived with a hint of some rain rolling in but at least it was not too hot and the occasional cloud cover was truly welcomed. The judges were ready to walk around the tanks and give their reasoning for the rankings and answer any questions about judging and/or koi. This is always a great time to learn and the judges captivated a crowd.

Grand Champion

Bay & Bryan Bateman



June 16, 2012



Raymond Jordan
Head Judge

Henry Culpepper
Judge



Richard Thomas
Show Chair

Then the time came to pack up the fish and take them back home and for some to catch a plane to head home as well. As tanks became vacant, tear down started. By 3:00 p.m. we were well on our way to a complete breakdown of the show site. Tanks were washed, dried and folded and then placed in boxes and totes. Tables and chairs were folded and stacked and other club equipment boxed up for storage until next year. Our club duties were complete and we assisted a couple of vendors in finishing up their packing. With one last walk through the tent and the gazebo, we said our "see you at another live koi event soon" and all parted ways by 6:30 p.m. The 11th Annual Koi Show was officially over and all dads at the show still had some time to spend with their families.



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BEST IN SIZE WINNERS



SIZE 7
Dave DeWalls



SIZE 6
Dave DeWalls



SIZE 5
John Lentzis



SIZE 4
John Lentzis



SIZE 3
Phil Gray



SIZE 2
Sara Bertolino



SIZE 1
Mike Pfeffer

BEST IN VARIETY

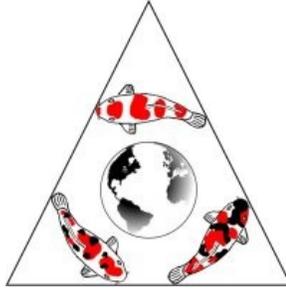


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Grand Champion "A"
Tategoi



Grand Champion "B"



Reserve Grand Champion



Mature Champion



Junior Champion
Baby Champion



Best Male Award



All Best in Size Awards



All Best in Variety Awards

Dannaer Landscaping
David & Leslie Dannaer

Silver Lake Studio
Joanna Lemler

Koi Pond Supply
of Japan
Shinichi Kawayoke

Nature's Choice
Landscaping
Chris Johnson

Southwest Koi & Goldfish
Mike & Ron Weyenschenk

Backyard Blessings
Mark Mills

VENDORS

Kentucky Koi
Eric Thomas

Kloubec Koi Farm
Myron & Ellen

Heinzman Light at Night
Mark Heinzman

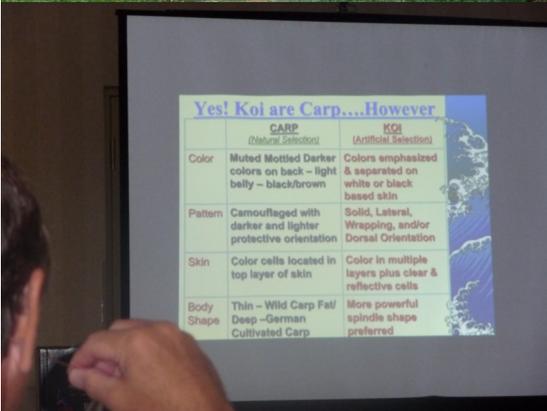
Koi Crazy
Nancy Kavathas

The Garden Gate
Jaymie Gatewood

True Travertine Stone
Falling Water Creation
Michael Akin

Creative Fools/The Henna Dude
Beverly Skinner

Novartis Animal Health
Ben Watrous





The 11th Annual NM ZNA Koi Show is in the books. Again thank you to all the members who volunteered and for those that kept us in their thoughts. It was a fantastic and successful show. Start planning now to attend next year.

THE END



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

To stage and pull off a successful koi show it takes the efforts of many good, hard working people. No matter what task one takes on, be large or small, all help is so greatly appreciated. Our 11th Annual Koi Show was no exception.

Dick Thomas, thank you for taking on the major task of Show Chair. This is a task that takes all year and knowing your ideas are already in motion for next year. Always tackling issues and continuing to smile even till the very end.

Chester Bailey took on the task of Show Co-Chair and Banquet Coordinator. He also assisted in Thursday set-up, was willing to assist in water quality, and stayed to the very end to help tear down.

Marc & Tamara Skaggs were the Vendor Chairs along with helping set up and tear down. Marc did the best behind the scenes work of all night security to make sure the fish were okay and the vendor tent was secure. This is not an easy task.

Bob & Linda Kirkwood were the force behind the most delicious lunch served Saturday at the show. They also assisted in set up on Thursday, helped with tear down and Linda hand made a beautiful quilt that was auctioned off at the banquet.

Joe & Faith Cook volunteered to do the water quality and a very fine job was done. Sunday morning the fish were all swimming and no clamping was seen.

Mike Pfeffer is the Energizer Bunny. He was constantly working from collecting money, emptying trash cans, assisting where assistance was needed and there till the last of tear down was completed. He even had a horse racing at Churchill

Downs and missed his horse placing third. Had to hear the news by phone.

Michelle Pfeffer was the friendly face that visitors first saw entering the show site. She has a smile that makes the sunshine happy.

Brian Kuhn assisted Michelle welcoming visitors to the show.



The First Couple of NM ZNA

Troy Head arrived at the show site and worked until it was time for him to leave. He was a huge help with benching and fish handling.

Chris & Cheryl Carter teamed up with Troy and had benching and handling fish covered.

Phil Gray along with **John Lentzis** traveled no less than 12 hours to participate in the show but also assisted in fish handling. That is having a passion for the hobby.

Brenda Thomas is the darling sweetheart that keeps Dick organized. She does so many things behind the scene that helps the show run smoothly.

Carolyn Phelps once again handled the computer registration and results for the show. She handled all the questions and changes thrown at her along with all the gnats flying around her face.

Charles Phelps assisted Steve in picking up Ray Jordan at the airport. He also helped carry all the equipment for Carolyn.

Linda Kinny came from Ohio to help with recording for the judges and then stayed to help clean tanks. Thank you for bringing towels.

Bryan Bateman was the fish whisperer. He assisted with the fish handling.

Bay Bateman coordinated the raffle booth with items that had many excited to win the items. I was honored and had a blast working with Bay.

Steve Childers did not once yell, "six feet" while photographing the winning fish. He teamed up with Charles Phelps to pick up Ray at the airport, did the powerpoint presentation for the banquet and helped with tear down.

Bill Doyle also helped in photographing the winning koi for the awards.

Jan Doyle greeted visitors to the show at the welcome table.

Rick & Pam Jokerst drove in from Missouri and also had welcoming smiles for visitors at the welcome table. They took Henry to the airport for his flight home.

John Sprinkle again put together the terrific awards. He also assisted Carolyn on Friday with registration.

Mike Akin was instrumental for publicity and storing of all the equipment. He did so much with attaining the venue as well.

Dave Thomas has done an excellent job keeping the club's website up-to-date and designed the show booklet.

A great big thank you to **Ray Jordan** and **Henry Culpepper** for judging the show and sharing their knowledge.