



# Splash

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## What Happened To Our Winter?

I must have blinked. This has to be the shortest winter on record. The water temperature in our pond dropped in very normal fashion to about 50 degrees. The fish slowed way down and we brought feeding to a near halt. A week later the temperature was back up to 55 degrees and the fish were begging. A one-week winter? I'm praying for rain. Lots of it.

After several meetings enjoying excellent presentations on pond technical issues by Ken Snarr and Sanjiv Kapoor, we're going to have something entirely different in February. During the pond tour last July, I spoke briefly with a woman who described herself as an artist with a very strong interest in Koi. I asked if she would be willing to speak to our group. We continued the discussion by email and I'm happy to say that Carole Moore will be our February speaker. She will display a number of her Koi paintings and talk about her art. In the mean time, you can check out her work at <http://www.carolermore.com/Gallery/Koi/index.htm>

I have and it's great stuff.

I'm happy to report that our Board of Directors is back up to full strength with the addition of Cal Hansen, Eduardo Massa and Ken Snarr. Each of these gentlemen brings a valuable and different perspective and experience to the Board. Cal and Eduardo joined us at the last meeting and it was one of the best Board discussions that I can remember. Ken, of course, is a long-time club participant and pond expert who knows the Club history and has a wealth of knowledge on what has worked over the years and what hasn't.

One thing is very clear. We need to launch a renewed effort to bring in new members. This means placing publicity material with all of the local Koi dealers, resuming our participation in local Home and Garden shows, and putting on a full-court press for Pond Tour publicity. We'll be asking for member participation and we are looking forward to working with both experienced and new volunteers. And, as always, new ideas and suggestions are welcomed. Let's have some fun with it!

My best to all, **Larry Templeton**

## Meetings & Events

### Monthly Club Meetings – 7:30pm

The third Friday of each month.  
Willow Glen American Legion Hall  
504 Minnesota Ave., San Jose

### January General Meeting

Friday, February 20, 7:30pm

**Speaker: Carole Moore** will display and discuss her gorgeous Koi paintings.

### Pond Q&A as usual

### Refreshments by Bill & Marifran

**\$80 attendance drawing prize -the January "winners" were Steve & Norma Sparks, but they weren't present to collect. The prize goes to \$95 in February.**

**Board of Directors Meeting: This month's board meeting will again be held immediately following the General meeting** on Friday, February 20. We are experimenting to see which approach results in the greatest attendance.

Our board meetings are informal and are intended to steer the club in the most positive way possible. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Club Activities

Our Club provides a wide variety of experiences, some to help people learn about designing, building and maintaining Koi and ponds, some to bring in new members, and some for just plain social enjoyment. For example:

- Monthly meetings with speakers, Q&A and refreshments
- Annual Pond Tour
- Pond Socials in the summer
- Holiday party
- A library of pond-related videos
- Representation with the Associated Koi Clubs of America
- Booths at events such as the Cherry Blossom Festival and several Home & Garden Shows.

Many of these activities are effective at bringing in new members, which is essential for the continuing existence of the club.

## February Speaker

**Carole Moore is a self-taught Bay Area painter** who was greatly inspired by a sojourn in Japan and also by her continuing love of nature. She currently shows with the Artists Guild of San Francisco, Art and Soul Gallery (Burlingame), and the annual Off The Point group show in Hayes Valley (San Francisco). She has also been a featured artist at City Art Gallery and is a member of the Hunters Point artist colony.

**Carole was enchanted by the beauty of the ponds and koi she saw on our club's pond tour last summer.** She is working with images from the tour for her next series of paintings, and would love to have members bring their own favorite images of their ponds and gardens, for her to keep and use. She'll also be asking for your stories of how you became passionate about koi and watergardens, which will be incorporated into her work.

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# Koi Tattoo Art

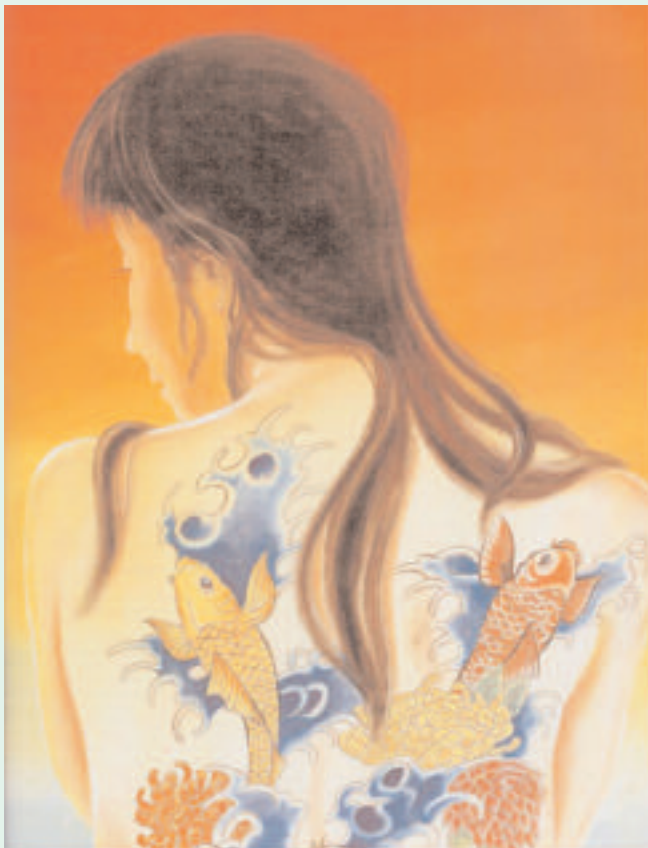
- Paraphrased from an article by **Mary O'Connor** in the Niagara Frontier Koi Pond Club Newsletter

An article titled **Ink Inspirations** by Lori Luechtefeld was published in the **Koi World and Water Gardens magazine**. The author describes the beauty and symbolism of the koi and how it has become a popular theme of tattoos both large and small.

Tattooing is deeply rooted in Japanese Culture and dates back hundreds of years. The Japanese word **irezumi** refers to the traditional art in which **large portions of the body are covered** with intricate designs, sometimes including koi. For a time tattoos were used as a means of marking criminals and later the Japanese government banned tattooing altogether in order to appear more civilized to visitors. Tattooing was legalized by occupation forces in 1945 but it has retained its air of criminality in Japan and **commonly is associated with the underworld of the Japanese Mafia**.

In her article, Lori also reported talking with the presidents of several Koi Clubs. Bill Thompson, president of the Koi Club of San Diego, says his koi club's meetings regularly feature a show-and-tell portion, during which members can show off some of their koi inspired trinkets. **One thing that he has yet to see on display at a meeting, however, is a koi tattoo on a club member.**

However, Larry Hursh, president of the Genesee Valley Pond and Koi Club in Rochester, NY says he knows of several hobbyists in a neighboring koi club in Niagara who sport koi tattoos. Hursh said, "A couple of the ladies have small koi tattoos on their ankles or their calves."



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## Board of Directors January Meeting

The main topics of discussion had to do with stimulating new membership, increasing volunteer participation and increasing meeting attendance.

We looked at many possibilities including reducing the number of meetings during wintertime, expanding the speaker topics to include more watergarden and artistic speakers, going upscale with meeting refreshments, combining board and general meetings, and increasing the emphasis on social events.

The discussion was excellent and wide-ranging and we want to take our time and be as inclusive as possible to make sure we understand all of the issues and the desires of the membership.

Please let us know what you think by email, by direct personal contact, by expressing your views in the monthly general meetings or in a Board meeting.

## Future Speakers

In May, we will have two most distinguished speakers. **Mamoru Kodama is the President of Kodama Koi Farm, Inc. and a Director of Miyoshiike Co., Ltd, the parent company.** The Kodama Koi company is one of the most respected and prestigious Koi dealers in the world and operates Koi grow-out farms in Menifee, California and Mililani, Hawaii. He will be accompanied by his son **Taro Kodama who is Manager of the International Service Department.**

Mamoru-san is renowned in the industry for his abilities and accomplishments in selecting and growing champion Koi. He authored two books on selecting champion Koi that are considered bibles in the field.


The Hawaii farm is one of the largest in the world. It has **fifty 5,000 gallon quarantine tanks and seventy 37,500 gallon grow-out tanks.**

The Kodamas will speak at our regular May Friday evening general meeting and on Saturday will be hosted by the Club on a private tour of 5 local ponds. Following the tour, Larry & Cynthia Templeton will host the Kodamas at the Club's May Pond Social. **All members are encouraged to come and enjoy a very special afternoon with the Kodamas.**

The Kodama Hawaii farm:




If you have ideas for future speakers and/or topics, please email Larry Templeton at [lwt@templesun.net](mailto:lwt@templesun.net)



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# Clean Your Pump!!

Over the past month, we noticed a marked reduction in our pond's water flow. Cleaning the leaf basket, skimmer and main filter yielded no improvement. So, we called Dr. Pond (Ken Snarr). The prescription: clean your pump. A very small amount of debris trapped in the pump can cause a major reduction in water flow.

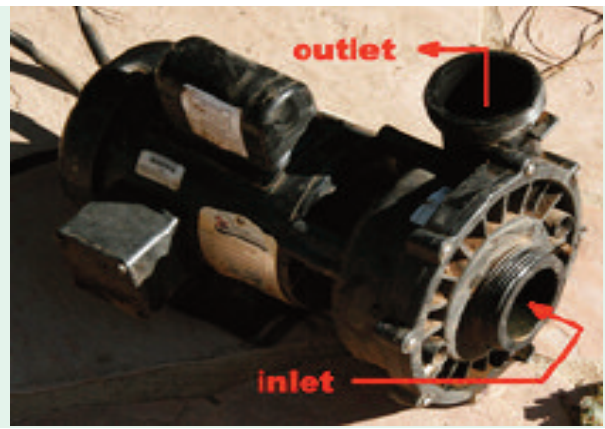
Our pond uses a Lim 1/8hp pump that was installed with threaded couplings at intake and outlet so that it's easy to remove.



My tool of choice for this task is a strap wrench. They're readily available, will fit nearly any size fitting, are inexpensive, and won't damage what you're trying to turn. Don't forget to set the inlet and outlet valves to "off" and unplug the pump before you begin.



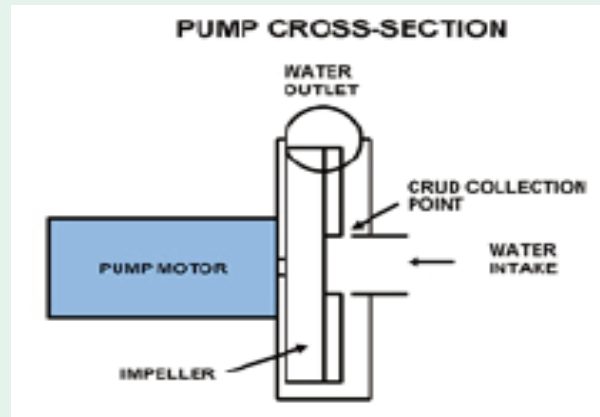
Once the couplings are loosened, the pump is very easy to lift/slide out.



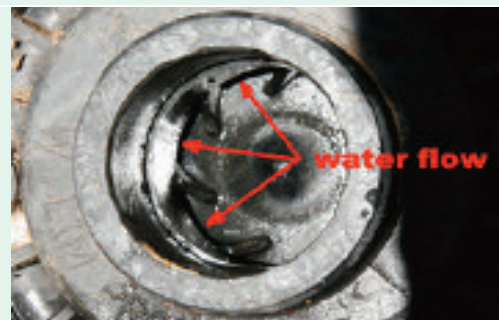
Look into the inlet. Odds are, you'll see a ring of algae/pine needles/whatever about 2 inches into the inlet. Remove this and you're nearly done.



Here's why so little crud can stop so much water.



Water is drawn into the pump through a very small gap between the intake pipe and the pump impeller. Even small amounts of debris can plug this gap.



So, with a half-hour of effort, the water flow is back to normal. Mystery solved!

## Treasurer's Report

The club remains in good shape financially. As usual, most of our income is from the pond tour and memberships. Both income streams are predominately in July. The rest of the year, it's mostly outgo, and that mostly for rent on the meeting hall and printing and mailing expenses for the newsletter.

January had extraordinary expenses for new software for the web site rehabilitation project. That marks the last capital expenditure necessary for efficient production of the newsletter and management of the web site.

Checking Acct 1/ 10/2009 through 2/9/2009

Opening balance	\$7,022.36
Deposits	00.00
Outstanding checks	-80.21
Expenses	<u>-48.91</u>
Closing balance	\$6,893.24

In addition, the Club owns a CD with a value of \$12,572.76 as of 2/5/2009. The CD was renewed on 2/5/09 for a period of 1 year at an interest rate of 2%.

As always, our appreciation goes to **Julaine Mullaney** for all the hard work she puts in as Club Treasurer.

## Deadline for Splash Inputs

The next issue of SPLASH will be published in March 2009. The deadline for inputs is Friday, March 6. Please email your inputs to Larry Templeton at [lwt@templesun.net](mailto:lwt@templesun.net). All Club and Koi pond/water garden topics are welcomed. **If you want to write a pond-related article for SPLASH, that's better yet.**

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