

# *Pacific Northwest Koi Clubs Association*

## **2018 Convention, Trade Show, Wet Lab & Pond Tour**

### **"Opalescence - The Beauty of Koi"**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Clackamas, Oregon at The Monarch Hotel**

To All PNKCA Clubs and their Members:

Please come and join us for a fun-filled weekend on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual PNKCA Convention and Pond Tour, hosted by the Northwest Koi & Goldfish Club in beautiful Portland, Oregon. Our wonderful city has so much to offer that you will definitely want to come early and spend a few extra days enjoying the sites. You may wish to take in Portland's Classical Chinese Garden, the world famous Japanese Garden, or the beautiful Columbia River Gorge, which are all within just minutes of the convention site.

On Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will start off the convention with a wet lab instructed by Spike Cover and his K.O.I International group of koi gurus which will include internationally renowned Syd Mitchell from the U.K. This is a must attend for any koi enthusiast who would either like to attend their first wet lab or to extend their knowledge of koi husbandry. We also have scheduled on Friday a couple of workshops scheduled to get your creative juices flowing. Our own Patti Magee Kaufman and Claudia Nice will both be sharing their artistry with us. Patti will be instructing her wonderful "Painting Koi in Watercolors" workshop and Claudia will also be sharing her creativity with a leaf printing bonsai art class. Everyone will take home a unique piece of art in both of these classes. These workshops are extremely fun and anyone who attends is guaranteed a very creative, fun and most entertaining experience.

After the Wet Lab and Art Classes, on Friday evening there will be a reception welcoming everyone to the PNKCA Convention. This is a fun time to meet new fellow hobbyists and visit with old friends in our wonderful hobby.

On Saturday, the day of the convention, we have arranged for an amazing host of speakers who will educate you on a wide variety of topics ranging from pond filtration to animal trusts. Our key note speaker this year will be Syd Mitchell from the U.K. who will be sharing his vast knowledge with us on Anoxic Filtration and other topics. Spike Cover, Karen Pattist and the K.O.I gurus will also be doing a panel discussion including interesting pond cases. We are also fortunate to have many local vendors supporting our trade show this year and displaying many new products in the koi and water gardening industry.

On Sunday, we have a fantastic pond tour scheduled for you with some of the most beautiful ponds in the Pacific Northwest. There will be a lunch provided at one of the ponds on the tour.

So please mark your calendars for a weekend of education, good food, and lots of fun. Most of you know how much fun this annual convention is, but for those of you who have never attended a PNKCA Convention, you won't want to miss this one! We are continually dealing with changes in our ponds and fish and how we deal with them seems to be changing almost on a daily basis. So it is really important that we share our knowledge and experiences with each other and the PNKCA Convention is a wonderful opportunity to do just that. And most of all it brings us all together to make new friendships and enjoy old ones. Hope to see you all for a fun and educational weekend at the Monarch Hotel on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**\*\*\*Please remember that we really count on each club to donate a minimum of two items to the PNKCA Convention's auction/raffle table. The PNKCA and Larry (your auctioneer) wouldn't mind if you personally brought an item(s) to add to the evenings fund raising event!**

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