



Call Out to All PNKCA Clubs & Their Members

We need your HELP!

As you know the PNKCA Convention has been an annual event that our Association needs, to keep moving forward. Member clubs have stepped-up to host this yearly. However, this coming year we did not have a club step-up. Realizing the Conventions' importance to our Association, a number of your fellow Bronze Koi Award recipients got together and decided to be the host organizers. Yes, Linda Montgomery, Virginia Hokkanen, Pat Christensen, Norman Call and I decided to be the 2020 hosts.

With our experience we decided on a different type of venue. Why not go to the coast! We all like the water, sunsets, fun, relaxation and just getting away from life's everyday routine.

Where to go? We reached out to Dr. Tim Miller-Morgan at the Mark Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Oregon.

Dates – June 26th -28th, 2020

Speakers always a challenge! Speakers have always been a challenge due to costs and availability. Dr. Tim and his students are excited to work with us and will be our speakers. Linda Montgomery will be working with Tim's team to develop a great venue of topics. Talks will be short, but directed to topics we haven't heard. They will cover what is done there, how it aids our koi keeping skills, understanding pathology reports and much more. There will be behind the scenes tours of the Mark Hatfield Marine Science Center, Aquarium Science Center and Newport Coast Aquarium. We also will have a **DRY** Lab (new this year) and Glass

Blowing Classes available to experience making your own glass float. With more to come!

So why do we need your help?

Promoting - We need you to promote this in your clubs and get your members to attend.

Donations - Profits from our Conventions depend on how well we do at the Auction!

Dr. Tim has been a “go to source” for us koi keepers in the Northwest and has stepped up to help us numerous times with PNKCA Conventions, Wet Labs and talks in the past. He’s stepping up to help us again! Plus, helping to lower the fees OSU normally charges. As a “Thanks to him and his students”, your PNKCA Board will be donating half the net profits from this Convention back to “Dr. Tim’s program” at OSU (not to be confused with the OSU KHV Program which is another program).

Can we count on YOU? We hope so.

1. **Club Meetings** - Promote this Convention at your Club meetings, in your newsletters and on your clubs website!
2. **Donations/Club** - We’ve always asked for at least 2 items to be donated from each club. Please see if they will donate 3 or more...
3. **Donations/Your Contribution** - See what you can hustle up for the auction also! You buy koi supplies for your pond and help others all the time. Let people know your cause and what we’re doing. Ask the vendors you buy from for a donation of some kind!
4. Ask someone you’re helping for a gift certificate or a donation. You’d be surprised to see how willing people are to help you out. Remember “If you don’t ask people they don’t know”. All anyone can do is say “No” or “We’ve already made a donation”! Don’t be shy and help out a worthy event and cause....
5. If the above doesn’t work...can you contribute to the Auction?

Lindsey and I (as Co-Chairs) of the Bronze Koi Committee, Linda Montgomery, Virginia Hokkanen, Pat Christensen and Norman Call would like to thank everyone

for your years of support and contributions to the PNKCA and your clubs. Working together, we hope you can help us make this the best convention ever!

Hotel Rooms: At this time there is no specific hotel that we have a block of rooms reserved at. The majority of the events will be at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport including presentations, banquet and auction.

Due to the dates of the Convention (June 26-28, 2020) this is during the **“Peak Hotel Rate Time for the Coast”**. However, if you go on-line and **book now** you can find cheaper “early bird” rates at most hotels in Newport! So please do it right away. You can always cancel later if you can’t attend or let someone else know that might have decided to book at the last minute.

Pat and I will be staying at the LaQuinta Inn-Newport (pet friendly) which is very close to all the activities.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions...

Friends thru scales,

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