

INFORMATION PACKET
WASHINGTON KOI & WATER GARDEN SOCIETY
17th ANNUAL KOI SHOW

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Show Takes Place At Country Village in Bothell, WA at 23718 Bothell/Everett Highway. Viewing is free to the public.

Friday, September 5th, 2008

3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Check-In and Registration

Saturday, September 6th, 2008

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Late Check-In and Registration **(By arrangement only)**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sales Tables, Vendors, Raffle, Information Table & Fish Sales

9:30 AM Opening Ceremonies & Judging of Koi

11:00 AM -12:00 PM Koi College Session #1

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Koi College Session #2

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Silent Auction

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Fish Viewing (Immediately After Judging)

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Banquet – Northshore Health & Wellness Center, Bothell

6:00 PM No Host Cocktails

7:00 PM-9:30 PM Dinner and Awards Presentation

Sunday, September 7th, 2008

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Winning Fish Photos Taken

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Fish Viewing

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Sales Tables, Vendors, Information Table & Fish Sales

10:00 AM -11:00 AM Koi College Session #3: ***The Judges' Seminar***

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Live Auction

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Koi Check Out for Out-of-State and Early Entrants –
Prior Approval Required

3:00 PM Koi Check Out

4:00 PM Tear Down & Dinner for Tear Down Volunteers

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General Information and Rules

Participation and Qualification:

The Washington Koi & Water Garden Society's Seventeenth Annual Koi Show is open to all Koi owners. However, to qualify for an award the Koi Owner(s) must check-in with the Check-In Committee or one of the Show Chairs between 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Friday, September 5th or between 7 AM and 4:30 PM on Saturday, September 6th.

Dealers: Dealers are limited to a maximum of 6 personal fish entered into the show. Please email showchair@washingtonkoi.org if you are uncertain of your status.

Entering Fish:

Show Style: We will be using an English style of showing fish. Each Koi owner will have at least one tank designated for his/her fish. Two owners may use the same tank with the consent of the owners and the Show Chairs. However, each owner must pay stated entry fees. Efforts will be made to assure that cross contamination of water between tanks will not occur.

Identification: Digital identification photos will be taken of fish upon entry and will remain the property of the Washington Koi & Water Garden Society.

Entry Fees: Registration fees are based on the size of each tank you have requested. The size of the tank will be based on the number and size of fish you are entering using the worksheet provided in this information packet.

Registration fees are as follows:

WK&WGS Members

- 6 foot tank - **\$40.00**
- 8 foot tank - **\$60.00**
- Shared 6 foot tank - **\$30.00** each owner
- Shared 8 foot tank - **\$40.00** each owner

Non-Members

- 6 foot tank - **\$50.00**
- 8 foot tank - **\$70.00**
- Shared 6 foot tank - **\$35.00** each owner
- Shared 8 foot tank - **\$50.00** each owner

Tank Reservations – *Pre-registration for tank space is required.* Tanks must be reserved no later than August 30th. Tanks reserved after August 30th will be charged a \$10 fee. We cannot insure that tanks will be available at check-in time.

Please use the web form at www.washingtonkoi.org and e-mail, or mail your tank reservations to:

Robert or Maurene Rutkin, 11328 23rd Ave NE, Seattle WA, 98125 or rmrutkin@comcast.net

Send your payment to Robert Rutkin at the above address or give the check to Robert or Maurene at the WK&WGS monthly meetings.

It is important to check the fish load of your tank. **The show committee reserves the right to have owners remove fish from the tank/show if the tank loads are excessive.** This is for the safety of your fish. Please let us know if you need a 6' tank or an 8' tank or if you need more than one tank. Use the enclosed Entrant Worksheets to calculate tank size and to determine whether you need more than one tank.

Registration and Check-in:

Check-In Times: Fish Registration and Check-In will be from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM Friday, September 5th. Check-In may be arranged for Saturday, September 7th and between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM. No entries will be allowed at any other times. Entrants may wish to contact local dealers regarding boarding, entry, and/or pick-up services.

Check-In Process: Check in at the show registration table to turn in your registration form and pay your registration fee, if you haven't already done so. You will be assigned a tank number where you will float your fish in **oxygenated** bags in your assigned tank only. **Failure to bring your fish properly bagged and oxygenated may result in disqualification from the show.** After your fish have been floating in the assigned tank a minimum of 20 minutes you will be called to have your fish measured, photographed and classified. You may classify your own fish or if you are unsure, have the benching team classify your fish. Please wait outside of the show area until that time, to help ensure the safety of the fish.

Health Check: All fish entered will be examined for sores and disease, measured, and entered in their proper size and classification. The Check-In Committee will then determine if a fish is eligible to be in the show. If a fish is disqualified for health reasons, the fish will be re-bagged and oxygenated and ask the owner to take the fish home.

Classification: Each fish will be identified by classification and size. The classifications used in judging are listed in this packet. Please note that it is the responsibility of the entrant to select the correct classification. If you need assistance, an authorized member of the benching team will be glad to suggest the correct one at check-in. Owners will be required to confirm proper entry.

Preparation: To ensure the health of your fish and to help maintain high water quality we require you to purge (do not feed) your fish for a **minimum of five days** prior to the show.

After Registration and Check-In:

Handling: Once fish have been checked in, no handling or examination will be allowed by anyone except authorized show personnel.

Withdrawal: After fish have been placed in their appropriate tank, they may only be withdrawn from the show with the authorization of the Show Chair.

Check-Out: The process will begin at 2:30 PM for out-of-state entrants followed by all others at 3:00 PM. Fish will be bagged by authorized show personnel. The show committee will strictly enforce this order. All entrants are responsible for providing their own bags, rubber bands and carrying containers. Oxygen will be provided by the fish handlers. Fish will only be returned to the entrants or their designees.

Water Quality: All efforts have been made to ensure on-going safe water quality for the health of your fish. Therefore, no one except authorized show personnel will be allowed to monitor or correct water quality. **You must bring your own appropriately sized net to the show with assigned tank number on the net for identification.** By using your own net, we can help to diminish the chance of cross contamination between tanks. You will be required to purchase a net at the show site if you arrive without one.

Judging:

Owners must be present to win. You must check-in with the Check-In Committee between 3 PM – 8 PM on Friday, September 7th and between 7:00 AM – 8 AM on Saturday, September 8th to be eligible for an award. If you are unable to check in your fish personally, appoint someone to check in your fish that has the knowledge of the classifications of your fish and has read and understands the requirements stated in the information packet.

Novice Class: The Novice Class is open to anyone who has never shown fish before. At the judges' option, fish entered into this category may be moved to their appropriate classification and size after completion of judging the Novice Class.

Judging will start at approximately 9:30 AM Saturday, September 6th, immediately following the Opening Ceremonies. At 8:45 AM, the show area will be cleared with the exception of the judges, fish handlers, announcer, Show Chairs, and the judges' assistants. Once judging has begun, there will be no communication with the judges except via the announcer and Show Chairs.

Announcement of Winners: As each class and category is judged, the winners will be announced. Once the winners' names have been announced, the class will not be re-judged under any circumstances. The decisions of the Koi judges are final. After the end of judging, all winners will be listed on the Awards information sheet, which will be passed out at the Awards Banquet, Saturday evening.

Class Closure: As long as there is at least one fish entered in a class, it will not be closed. However, where there are fewer than three fish in a class, the judges may award first, second, or third, or no winners at their discretion.

Criteria: The following is an example of the criteria used for judging Koi to help you understand what the judges are looking for. The percentages are given as examples, as they can be adjusted at the discretion of the judges: 30% Conformation (shape), 30% Color, 20% Pattern, 10% Quality and Elegance (subjective), and 10% Imposing Appearance.

Awards:

The following awards and certificates will be presented to the winners at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening:

Grand Champion	Lois Burman Kawarigoi Award
Reserve Grand Champion	AKCA Award
Junior Grand Champion (12" – 20")	PNKCA Award
Young Grand Champion (9"-12")	Show Chair Award
Baby Grand Champion (Under 9")	Jumbo Award
Novice Champion	Doitsu Award
Tategoi Award	Long Fin Award
Kin Gin Rin Award	Best in Size
People's Choice Award	1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd Places
President's Choice	Omosako Raffle Fish Award
	Sakai Raffle Fish Award

Raffle Fish: Special awards will be given to participants in the WK & WGS Raffle Fish Grow Out Contests. An award will be given by WK&WGS for the winner of the 2006 Sakai Raffle Fish and another award be given to the winner of the 2007 Omosako Raffle Fish. Inform the check-in personnel that you are entering a Sakai or Omosako or both raffle fish to insure that the raffle fish is entered in the proper category. Raffle fish are also qualified to receive awards in the regular koi competition.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Food Restrictions:

To ensure the safety of the fish and the comfort of our viewing public, we ask that no alcohol or tobacco be brought into within the show area and no alcohol, tobacco or food be brought into the show tank area.

Sales Within the Show Area:

In fairness to the vendors and suppliers, who support our show, sales of koi, koi products, plants and plant supplies be limited to the club's Sales Table and auction. Owners violating this rule may find their fish disqualified and/or awards revoked.

Contingencies and Extreme Circumstances:

Any items not covered by these rules or extreme circumstances will be handled at the sole discretion of the Show Chairpersons.

WK&WGS Show Disclaimer

**Washington Koi & Water Garden Society's
Officers, Directors, and members are not responsible
for any losses or injury to fish entered in the show.
All reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure
the health and safety of Koi entered in the show.
Thank you for your cooperation.**

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Entrant Worksheet for 6' tank

Use this sheet to calculate the number of 6 foot tanks you will need. The 6 foot tank worksheet is on the next page.

6 ft. Tank							
	Under 6"	6"-9"	9"-12"	12"-16"	16"-20"	20"-24"	Over 24"-
SIZE TOTAL							
SIZE LOAD FACTOR	2	2.5	4.5	7.5	12	17	25
LOAD BY SIZE							
Total Estimated Load							
To calculate Total Estimated Load; 1)Add the number of fish of each size and place sum into Size Total, 2)Multiply Size Total (sum) by Size Load Factor and enter product into Fish Load by Size, 3)Add all Load by Size number and enter as Total Estimated Tank Load. A separate tank is required for each 100 points of Total Estimated Load or portion thereof.							

Example:
 You have 6 each 6" to 9" fish, 4 each 16" to 20" fish, and 3 each 20" to 24" fish. The resulting Estimated tank load would be 76.7 which would equate to only needing one 6' tank.

kohaku		1				1	
sanke		2				1	
kawarigoi					2		
goshiki					2		
SIZE TOTAL		3			4	2	
SIZE LOAD FACTOR	2	2.5	4.5	7.5	12	17	25
FISH LOAD BY SIZE		7.5			48	34	
Total Estimated Tank Load							89.5

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Entrant Worksheet for 8' tank

Use this sheet to calculate the number of 8 foot tanks you will need. The 6 foot tank worksheet is on the previous page.

8 ft. Tank							
	Under 6"	6"-9"	9"-12"	12"-16"	16"-20"	20"-24"	Over 24"-
SIZE TOTAL							
SIZE LOAD FACTOR	1.3	1.7	3	5	8	11.3	16.7
LOAD BY SIZE							.
Total Estimated Load							

To calculate Total Estimated Load;
 1) Add the number of fish of each size and place sum into Size Total,
 2) Multiply Size Total (sum) by Size Load Factor and enter product into Fish Load by Size,
 3) Add all Load by Size number and enter as Total Estimated Tank Load.
 A separate tank is required for each 100 points of Total Estimated Load or portion thereof.

Example:
 You have 6 each 6" to 9" fish, 4 each 16" to 20" fish, and 3 each 20" to 24" fish. The resulting Estimated tank load would be 76.7 which would equate to only needing one 8' tank.

kohaku		1				2	
sanke		4				1	
kawarigoï		1			2	1	
goshiki					2		
SIZE TOTAL		6			4	3	
SIZE LOAD FACTOR	1.3	1.7	3	5	8	11.3	16.7
FISH LOAD BY SIZE		10.2			32	33.9	.
Total Estimated Tank Load							76.1

KOI CLASSIFICATIONS

Owners: You are responsible for entering your fish in the correct class. Fish entered in the incorrect classification may be disqualified.

KOHAKU - A non-metallic white body Koi with red markings.

SANKE - A non-metallic white body Koi with red and black markings.

SHOWA - A non-metallic black body Koi with red and white markings.

UTSURI MONO – A non-metallic black body Koi that carries a second color that may be white, red, or yellow.

BEKKO - A non-metallic white, red, or yellow Koi with black markings.

ASAGI/SHUSUI - *In the Washington Koi and Water Garden Show, Asagi and Shusui are judged in the same class.*

ASAGI are non-metallic gray-blue net patterned Koi with red along the sides, cheeks and in the fins.

SHUSUI is a Doitsu (German Scaled) Asagi. The characteristic feature of the Shusui is the line of Doitsu scales that run along side the dorsal fin that replaces the reticulated pattern of scales of the Asagi.

KOROMO/GOSHIKI - *In the Washington Koi and Water Garden Show, Koromo and Goshiki are judged in the same class.*

KOROMO have their red patterns outlined in a darker color. This is a hybrid between the Asagi and Kohaku.

GOSHIKI - A non-metallic five colored Koi, on which white, red, black, and light and dark blue are mixed to give a purplish appearance.

HIKARIMUJI (OGON) - Includes all single colored metallic Koi and metallic koi with Matsuba (pinecone) patterns.

HIKARIMOYO - All metallic Koi that have a pattern. For example; Hariwake, Kikusui, Kujaku, etc. (With the exception of Kikokuryu and Kin Kikokuryu which are shown in the Kawarimono class)

TANCHO - A Koi that has a red spot on the head and no other red on the body. For example: Tancho Kohaku, Tancho Sanke, Tancho Showa, Tancho Kujaku etc.

KIN GIN RIN 'A' - Diamond or reflective scaled Koi that are Kohaku, Taisho Sanke, or Showa Sanshoku.

KIN GIN RIN 'B' - Diamond or reflective scaled Koi that do not fit under Kin Gin Rin 'A' (All varieties other than Kohaku, Sanke and Showa).

DOITSU 'A' CLASS - Scaleless or German Scale (only scales on top and lateral line) Koi of Kohaku, Sanke, Showa and Utsuri variety.

KAWARIGOI - A classification of all Koi that are not included in any other group. There are well over 100 varieties in this "catch-all" classification.

LONGFIN – Includes koi of all of the above classifications with long dorsal, pectoral, anal and tail fins.

Please note: If you are in doubt as to the classification of a specific fish, please ask someone involved at check-in who can assist you on applying the correct classification.