

## Mountain View Koi Club

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Oct. 23, 2011 was a great meeting for our club in many ways. First the location at Christine and David Morris's home was perfect, a very nice home in a beautiful country setting of ten acres. I was pleasantly surprised by the pond that David had downplayed in his initial description, when they joined the club. I realized that David has added to the original pond so now the pond as a whole is really nice.

It was also great that so many turned out as follows: Karin & Leigh, Edna, Norman & Colette, Marcel & Claudette, Jean Paul, Jean Marc & Nicole, Bill & Mary, David & Christine, Verne & Paula, Pat.

We did a lot of socializing which is fun and even the "business" part of the meeting was "social" in content. Verne had previously suggested that our club Christmas dinner be held in western Quebec this year as it has always been in Ontario. Jean Marc offered to check out the restaurants and make a recommendation.

Jean Marc gave his presentation and he had done a thorough job of it and narrowed it down to two choices for us and we all agreed on his recommendation of El Hornello Restaurant in Dorion. They have an area where we will be able to hold our voting for Koi of the Year and Person of the Year. (This is a reminder to bring in a picture of your choice Koi for our voting) The dinner will be held Nov.23, 2011 at 7 pm. Directions to the restaurant will follow; I will forward an email from Jean Marc.

Paula's treasurer's report was short and to the point, we have a total of \$1,285.21. Apparently 27 tickets have been sold for the painted glass Koi picture that will be drawn at the Christmas dinner.

We saw a very interesting film that Paula took when she and Verne went to Quality Koi in New Jersey for the Harvest, That is where they (including Verne) net the Koi in the mud ponds where they have been GROWING out for the summer and weigh and measure them and then put them in viewing tanks for the people to see and buy if for sale etc, then they are put into the greenhouses for the winter. The pictures were really good and we got a realistic description of the whole activity. Paula & Verne were able to put their trailer right by the ponds for the duration.

There was a short (as most members know or Verne does it for them) discussion on Closing your pond for the winter.

We then ended with a delicious array of food and wine and more of our beloved socializing. The highlight for me was the two big sweet dogs although one was trying to ACT as guard dog but she did not fool us.

Next Meeting will be Nov.23<sup>rd</sup> and pure socializing hurrah! Pat (no minutes)