

MOUNTAIN VIEW KOI CLUB
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WOW this was a definite WOW meeting on June 12, 2011 held at Janet Lalonde's home . The weather as we woke up that day was raining and cloudy and when we all arrived at her place the sun came out and stayed out and it was very bright and sunny for the duration. (wow # 1).

Members present were: Karin and Leigh Mode, Colette and Norman Poulin, Edna Moran, Jeanne D'Arc and Honore Mecteau, Mary and Bill Bodnarok, Verne Gilkes, Janet Lalonde, Pat Hardisty and guests Christine and David Morris . Although this was a great group for the meeting it was only 50% of our regular members so it did not get (wow # two)

We spent quite a while socializing on Janet's new deck and around her beautiful pond . She built the pond and decks herself , with help of her sons and friends and showed us pictures of the process and it was some feat but the results are stunning. (WOW # 2) She has some very big colourful Koi and some Interesting and varied young ones which we were able to purchase (WOW #3)

Verne began the meeting with the introduction and welcome to our guests Christine and David Morris. They moved to the area a couple of years ago and when the snow melted in their new back yard they discovered a pond!!! Lucky them. They have goldfish so are "in the pond game" as well.

There was no treasurers report as Paula was regretfully home sick- she is now over the flu so that is good. I have an update from Paula and our worth has increased since last meeting as we paid our annual dues. Membership 15X20=\$300.00 , Raffle May 15,2011 \$29.00, Raffle June 12 2011 \$14.00 Deposit=\$343.00 Bank Bal. as of June 12,2011 \$732.24 Petty Cash on hand \$19.85

Speaking of new business we have a new long distance member Lakefield Koi Farm, north of Toronto. It would be great if a few more Canadian Koi Clubs start up as we could visit back and forth and exchange information , pond tours etc.

The following is a list of paid up members for this season, if your name is not on the list and you do wish to continue belonging , please send the \$20.00 per family (or single) to Paula Gilkes at P.O. Box 186, 165 Home Ave., Vankleek Hill, On. K0B 1R0 . If you are sure you will be attending the July meeting you can pay the fees then. Hopefully Louise Howes will do us a new membership list when we have all the names.???

Paid up members: Bill & Mary Bodnarok, Paula & Verne Gilkes, Carol Hannaford, Pat & Alan Hardisty, George & Judy Henderson, Marcel & Claudette Jobin, Janet Lalonde & Carole Seguin, Lake Ridge Farms, Jean Paul & Lucie Lupien, Jean Marc & Nicole Menard, Honore & Jeanne D'Arc Mecteau, Leigh & Karin Mode, Edna Moran, Norman & Colette Poulin, Fred & Wendy Rosenzweig

We had a short discussion on the importance of Pond Air Content especially on hot summer nights. So be sure to have a means of introducing air. When filling the pond with a hose it is better to spray on top rather than put the hose into the pond as this aerates the water prior to introduction. And we know of waterfalls, air pumps etc.

The discussion on Euthanasia Of Your Fish the gentle way , was postponed to the July meeting.

Several people commented on the quality of Janet's aquatic plants and she said she orders them on line from Moores from Lake Erie near London and highly recommends them.

Verne reminded everyone to do a "write up" on their pond and he handed out a sample that Paula sent along to use as a guide. These can be sent to Ben Martin's website ben@digitalinfluence.ca

Janet kindly donated a young Koi, winners choice, for the raffle (WOW #4) Followed by a very Artistic food display for refreshments , Flower decorated Canapes and fresh fruit and lots of wine (WOW#5)

Our next meeting will be July 24th 2011 at the home of Colette & Norman Poulin 150 Marcotte, Pincourt, Qc J7V 6T2 Please call or e-mail the hosts if you will be attending, as a courtesy and also it will be one less thing for Verne to have to do. Please mark it on your events calendar so that you will not rely on a reminder – that will also save Verne a job. Poulins # 514 453-8635 or normcolette@videotron.ca

Verne informed us that Fred & Wendy have donated a hand Painted Stained Glass Koi picture by Rita Iriarti for a club fund raiser . It will be at the next meeting and hopefully before that you can see it on our website.

Lastly I want to thank Janet for taking the minutes at my meeting ,May 15th and to Verne for typing them up and mailing them to you.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Pat