

Mountain View Koi Club
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The view of Toad Mountain Park in Paula and Vernes back garden was well worth the wait (right Paula?) The new pond and associated gardens and deck that Verne did are outstanding. The Koi looked so happy and healthy and I am sure glad to be back in the big outdoors again.

We had a fairly good turnout for our Sept. 25th, 2011 meeting, those present were: Leigh and Karin, Christine & David, Edna, Jeanne D'Arc & Honore, Norman & Colette, Jean Marc & Nicole, Bill & Mary, Jean Paul & Lucie, Verne & Paula, Pat & Alan(later)

The meeting began by socializing by the pond and admiring the surroundings in the sun , lucky us. Vernes opening remarks welcomed everyone and thanked all who participated in the activities associated with the International Plowing Match. The hosts of the Club Pond Tour, Honore & Jeanne D'Arc, Edna, Carol Hannaford, Leigh & Karin, Verne & Paula & Pat., but the most thanks were due to the volunteers who spent many hours helping build (& take down) the special Indoor pond at the Vankleek Hill Community Center. The IPM committee had asked Verne & Leigh if they would do it for the special dinners that were being held there for the Match and as Leigh was recovering from surgery some of the club members filled the bill , including Paula who served them BBQ tailgate style in the parking lot each day!! [These same volunteers came out again to help host at the ponds on tour. Unfortunately not many tickets were sold so poor attendance . We do have \$200.00 to hand over to our charity , the Any Gump Foundation.

Paula gave the treasurers report : We have sold 21 tickets for the stained (painted) glass Art for \$105.00 so far.,and with last meetings raffle we have a total of \$1163.34 in the bank.

Verne gave a good talk on the different types of Koi , he used some good charts for us to visualize them. This prompted a good discussion on the beautiful assortment including Long Fins or Butterflies as we used to call them.

We had a question and answer feature and it was mostly on building ponds and waterfalls, probably brought on by the previous weeks work at the Community Center.

The next meeting will be held at Christine and Davids on the 23rd of Oct. We will send the address and contact info later. (I am leaving on a cruise so do not have time to make the inquiries now.) Maybe Verne will do an extra Splash? The subjects at the next meeting will be ,Closing the ponds for winter, Verne & Paula's trip to Quality Koi re Harvest, and Keeping Koi inside for the winter.

The Christmas (year end supper) was mentioned and Verne suggested that it be held in the eastern sector of the club. Rubes restaurant in Hudson was suggested and those that knew of Rubes agreed. Jean Marc will make the arrangements and confirm the date and times.

We held the raffle for the Koi that Moad Mountain donated for the event and it was won by Louise Howes. The beautiful painted garden tile that Paula did was won by Karin and there were also some lighted garden ornaments that went to Honore and Lucie.

We had a great lunch and no one missed the wonderful deviled eggs that stayed in the fridge by mistake and we enjoyed the next day at our dinner party, compliments of Paula.