



21st Annual Koi Show
Mid-Atlantic Koi Club
Carroll County Agriculture Center – Shipley Arena
Westminster, MD

Koi America 2009
21st Annual Koi Show Judges

Galen Hansen
Dick Thomas
Gary Chin
Toen Feyen
Bob Brudd
Steve Childers

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All our judges are hobbyist Koi keepers. All volunteer freely of their time to visit Koi shows throughout the USA and as you see from our judges at our show, throughout the world.

Through years of experience and study judges developed an eye for a special appreciation of the beauty our Koi. Guidelines developed over the years determine how Koi are judged. All Koi are judged on what they look like today, not what they may look like tomorrow or next year.

In the following several pages are what are judges bring to Koi America 2009. From a variety of oi keeping backgrounds, our judges represent a diverse look see at our Koi will be judged. Please take the time to read over and try to understand how each has developed his ability to view our Koi. Please fill free to visit with them after the show and learn a bit more about how Koi can be appreciated.



Galen Hansen

(bio from AKCA.org AKCA Judges)

Size of Pond: 13,000 gallons

Year Certified as Judge: 1994 (Assigned as part of committee of 3)

Years in Hobby: 1981

Affiliated Club and how many years: Koi Club of San Diego (Founder) 1984 ZNA So Cal 1984

Positions held in club: President of Koi Club of San Diego: 1984, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1991, and 1995. Show Chairman: 1987, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004. Original Newsletter Editor. AKCA Rep for about 10 years. On Executive Board from inception of club

Other Koi related Activities: ZNA Certified Judge since early 1990's. Science Editor KoiUSA since about 1990. Written articles for KoiUSA for about 15 years. Speaker throughout the US on Koi Health, Koi Selection and Judging, Pond Construction and Filters, and all aspects of the Koi hobby. Wrote By-Laws for AKCA Judging Program. Organized all of the 9 years of the AKCA Judging Seminar. Attended most of the ZNA Judging Seminars in the US

Accomplishments: Most proud accomplishment, Pioneered the much neglected subject of Koi Health, both in disseminating information as well as achieving the involvement finally of some DVM's in the Koi hobby. Showed my Koi in 88 Koi shows winning over 1300 prizes. Being available for everyone in the hobby for Koi health issues. Spearheading the concept of putting a Koi pond in the Japanese Garden in Balboa Park in San Diego. First Koi Person of the year in Koi Club of San Diego. Organizing first AKCA Seminar outside of LA in 1990. Starting and continuing the Koi Judging segment in Koi USA. Judged in: Japan, Australia



Gary Chin

(bio from AKCA.org AKCA Judges)

Size of Pond: 7000 US gallons

Year Certified as Judge: 2000 by AKCA

Years in Hobby: 16 years

Affiliated Club and how many years: He has been a member of the Camellia Koi Club since 1987, a member of the ZNA Sacramento Region Chapter 1990-1993, and since 1996 a member of the ZNA Mid-Atlantic Koi Club Chapter.

Positions held in club: Current President and AKCA Rep of the Camellia Koi Club and has been since 2001. Was the President of the Camellia Koi Club in 1992. I have been the Chairperson of the following events: A Day with Koi Seminar in 1997, the All Northern California Open Koi Show and Exhibition in 1998. I was the Camellia Koi Club's Executive Sponsor of the AKCA Seminar held in Concord, CA. in 2002. In 2003 I am serving the Camellia Koi Club as the Chairperson for their Koi Health Seminar and Young Koi Show.

Other Koi related Activities: I have been the Guest Speaker for the Sacramento Aquarium Society and San Francisco Aquarium Society on a number of occasions. I was one of the featured Guest Speakers at the American MENSA, Ltd. Annual Gathering 2002 in Sacramento, CA. I have been a Speaker for local club events and panel discussions on Koi related topics. I was a panelist at the 2003 AKCA Seminar in Atlanta, GA. My wife and I have attended the All Japan Koi Show sponsored by Shinkokai 1996, and 1998. I have attended a number of AKCA and ZNA Judging Seminar since the 1990s. I wrote an article that appeared in KOI USA, and has written several articles for Camellia Koi Club's newsletter Koi Ahoy as well as the newsletters of the Sacramento Aquarium Society and San Francisco Aquarium Society.

Accomplishments: In 1996 one of his Koi was AKCA Koi of the Year of the San Francisco Bay Area Koi Club. At the 13th Annual Koi Club of San Diego Koi Show a Koi owned by he and his wife became the Best Mature. He and his wife have shown at numerous Koi shows in California and have attended and assisted Koi shows throughout the US. He was voted Camellia Koi Club's Koi Person in 2003.

Toën Feyen

Profession: Owner of two flower shops in Germany

Family: Divorced and living together with my two beautiful Tategoi daughters: Lotje (age 11) and Floortje (age 9)

Size of outside Pond: 29 tons (8000 gallon), one bottom drain, multichamber traditional filter, additional moving bed filter, Ozone and two plant filters, amount of Koi: Too much ☺

Size indoor Pond (in cellar under the house): 13 tons (3500 gallon), Sieve and Beadmasterfilter: amount of Koi: 12 and additional Q-tank also in cellar: 1 ton (265 gallon), simple multi chamber filter, amount of Koi: 8

Year Certified as ZNA Local Certified Judge: 2005

Years in Hobby: since 1997

Affiliated Club: Nishikigoi Vereniging Nederland since 1997. ZNA since 1998

Club positions held: Regional coordinator, Vice president NVN

Currently Positions: Head editor magazine KOI (since 2001), Koi Health Advisor (since 2002), Show chairman Holland Koi Show (since 2002), President (since 2002), Head of the Dutch ZNA training program (since 2007).

Related Activities: Three trips to Japan to visit Koi breeders and buy Koi. Multiple trips to Taiwan for visiting Koi breeders and judging a Koi show. Visit to China and Thailand in 2007 to expand friendships through Koi and numerous trips around the world to judge Koi and expand Koi friendships, Articles published in KOI (Dutch), Nichirin and Midori (German). Shown Koi at Holland Koi Show, Interkoi (Germany). Judged Koishows in Belgium, UK, Germany, South Africa, Orlando, San Diego, Taiwan, and Japan. Other hobby's: keeping and breeding small dwarf shrimps (Crystal Red, Crystal Black etc.) in aquariums



Steve Childers

(bio from AKCA.org – AKCA Judges)

Size of Pond: 18,500 gallons (Dallas), 10,000 gal (Oklahoma City), 2500 (Memphis)

Year Certified as Judge : 2003

Years in Hobby: Since 1991

Affiliated Club and how many years: Koi Club of Tennessee (2005 to present), Dallas Koi Kichi Group (2002-2005), Oklahoma Koi Society (1996-2004), IKONA (2006-present), Southern Arizona Koi Assoc. (1998- present)

Positions held in club : President, Vice President, Show Chair

Other koi related Activities : Editor of KOIUSA, Written articles for Nishikigoi International, speaker on Pond dynamics, Selecting Koi

Accomplishments: Twice, Koi person of the year (Oklahoma Koi Society and Koi and Water Garden Club of North Texas).



Robert Brudd

(bio from AKCA.org – AKCA Judges)

Size of Pond: 13,000 gallons with two vortex systems containing Answers, 3 Aqua UV, Ultima II filters, and an AES bio-reactor

Year AKCA Certified 2005; Year ZNA Certified 2005

Years in Hobby: Since 1993

Affiliated Club and how many years: Northern Midwest Zen Nippon Airinkai Koi Club As co-founder, since its inception in 1998

Positions held in club: I started out in the Midwest Pond and Koi Society where I was 3 time koi show chairman, board member and vice-president. I've been co-chairman of Northern Midwest since its inception and 2 time trade show chairman. Two times Koi Show Chairman

Other koi related Activities: I have been published in Koi Carp Magazine, Nichirin Magazine, Koi USA and numerous club publications. I have traveled to Japan on five occasions, once to see the gardens and temples of Kyoto and four times to see koi, including three All Japan Shows. I have attended at least six ZNA judging seminars and served as a volunteer at numerous koi shows. Finally, I've been a speaker at three AKCA seminars, was recently invited to be a presenter at the 2004 seminar in Hawaii, and have spoken at several koi clubs.

Accomplishments: Grand Champion has eluded me, but I've won Reserve three times and been chosen Koi Person of the Year by both the Midwest Pond and Koi Society and the Northern Midwest ZNA Koi Club.

Dick Thomas

ZNA Candidate Judge