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# ZEN NIPPON AIRINKAI SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER



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## NEWSLETTER

**Day:** Saturday June 4, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 am till as long as you like

**Place:** Mystic Koi and Water Gardens  
1250 West Arrow Highway  
Upland, CA 91786  
(909) 920 3767

**Program:** Koi Fest 2016

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Hi everyone,

Well just like our koi things in the Koi business are always changing. While Ben had hoped to host us for our June meeting, he has had some personnel changes and as he put it "right now it is not business as usual☺". Ben is in the midst of rearranging schedules and doing some training so he has asked if he can postpone our visit with him until more towards the end of summer.

So I've dropped back and am making a punt. For our June meeting I thought it could be fun to take advantage of the annual event that is happening at Mystic Koi on June 4<sup>th</sup>. I'm almost embarrassed to say that it has been years since we visited Shawn. He has organized a great event for his fest; music and food (human variety) as well as lots of koi.

This is a real opportunity for all of our ZNA members to have access to the experts. Shawn is bringing in four breeders from Japan to act as judges for his grow-out contest: Masaharu Hoshino from Koda Koi Farm, Masayuki Sekiguchi from *Sekiguchi Koi Farm*, Ryu Mano from *Izumiya Koi Farm*, and Teruyuki Hiroi from *Marusaka Koi Farm*. What a great opportunity to talk one-on-one with these men and hear what is up and coming in Japan. You'll also be able to test your 'judge's eye' against the masters as the grow outs from last year are compared.

This should be a great day and I hope that you'll all be able to make the adjustment in schedule to join Shawn and his team for this exciting Koi experience.

Have a safe and fun Memorial Day!