



NORTHERN MIDWEST ZNA NEWSLETTER

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**2007—IS SPRING FINALLY HERE?
WELL, THAT MUST MEAN PLANS
ARE UNDERWAY FOR OUR 2007
SHOW!**

DICK THOMAS' FIRST JUDGING ASSIGNMENT

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Well, 2007 has been with us for awhile, but it seems that Spring is in no hurry to get here!

By now, most of us are anxious to start preparing our ponds for Spring, but this year, most of us will probably wait a little longer to start our ponds up.

In the meantime, our members in Indiana have been planning for the 2007 NMZNA show. Dick, Brenda, Chester, Tamara and Mark have been busy arranging the 2007 show that will be held in Indianapolis the weekend of June 30th to July 1st at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

The Fairgrounds site is at the "Pioneer Our Land Pavilion" which can accommodate over 1,000 people at a time. Our koi judges this year will be Grant and Penny Patton from Charlestown, South Carolina. Both Dick and Penny are ZNA as well as AKCA judges, and are highly respected in the koi community. Dick Thomas will be this year's Show Chairman and will be joined by Mark & Tamara Skaggs as vendor Co-Chairmen.

This year will also feature our first goldfish show, in association with the AGA. Jim Castillo will act as goldfish Show Chairman, and Art Lembke will be the goldfish judge for this initial show.

We have arranged a block of room at the Marten House Hotel and Lilly Conference Center, which is located 1801 West 86th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana (317) 872-4111. Please mention the NMZNA when arranging rooms in order to obtain our discount rate of \$69 per night.

Our vendor count is up to thirteen, and we anticipate a few more vendors for the show—this is great news for the club, since vendors provide much needed sponsorship for our events. See page 2 for directions & show info.

2007 OFFICER UPDATE

The final results of elections for 2007 are in. As noted previously, Dick Thomas was elected President. Bob Brudd was unanimously elected Vice President, and Mike Pfeffer was elected as Treasurer. Congratulations to our new officers!

Dick has been approached by both the ZNA and AKCA to participate in their respective apprentice judging programs. After declining these offers for the past several years, Dick decided to enter the judging programs for these organizations. Recently, Dick attended his first show as candidate judge at the SoCal ZNA Show. The show was held on March 24–25th, with over 400 fish benched for the event, making it the largest US show in quite some time (maybe ever?) What a way to start a judging career!

In the meantime, our other judges are busy with the 2007 season: Bob Brudd, Bryan Bateman and Peter Ponzio are busy with their judging assignments this year. When you consider that we now have 4 judges or candidate judges in our membership, that represents about 10% of our total members—not bad representation from our club.



Picture of Bob judging at the Texas Koi & Goldfish Show in San Antonio in late 2006.

2007 SEMINAR SET

2007 SHOW INFO

Our 2007 seminar is set! We'll meet at the Lake County Museum, which is located at route 27277 N Forest Preserve Road (off Route 176) in Wauconda, IL. (847) 968-3400. The seminar and meeting will occur from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. For those members wishing to arrive early, a tour of the museum and grounds is available; the meeting room will be available for us at 2:00PM.

Our guest speakers will be Mary Catherine Bax, who will talk to us about Feng Shui and pond, garden and fish placement to achieve aesthetic and environmental harmony. Mary is a Feng Shui expert and has consulted in garden design and placement (among other things) to achieve balance and harmony in life.

Our second speaker is veterinarian Chris Serpico, who recently opened his own practice in Des Plaines, Illinois. Chris and his wife Lisa have been interested in fish for some time, and Chris has recently been working with Myron Kebus in developing protocols for visiting fish hatcheries and educating them on the new USDA (APHIS) guidelines for transmission of fish diseases. Chris will talk to us about his experiences in developing these protocols and working with the hatcheries to develop effective raising procedures. This talk is especially relevant considering the APHIS guidelines that are being developed for Spring Viremia and VHS of fish.

The cost of the seminar is \$20 per person; please send your payment to Mike Pfeffer before the seminar. In addition, we have an extensive catering menu, which Dick passed-out in an email. Please send your choice of meal to Pete Ponzio at ponziop@sprynet.com, or call him at (847) 726-0933. Please send your choice before 5/1/07, so that we can contact the caterer. If no choice is received by that date, you'll have to take a chance on the choices available at the meeting (but hey, they're all good, so no problem!)



Pictures of the main Museum Building.



Koi Show Information, continued from page 1

**POND EXPO
KOI and GOLDFISH SHOW**
June 30th - July 1st, 2007
Sat 9-4 & Sun 9-3

INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS
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Directions to the Marten House Hotel.



2006 SHOW PICTURES



OUR FEATURED VENDORS

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