

Long Island ZNA with Kaz Takeda Koi Event September 22-23, 2018

<u>Summary:</u>

- Lovely event though small and with less of the old timer folks there than we expected.
- Bob BonGiorno had reserved a table for ten and honored Kaz Takeda and his many years helping koi hobbyists. They will tour Japan again in the springtime.
- Bob gave us a tour of his fantastic Suburban Water Garden and Koi Center.
- Nick and Angie Coppola had been missing from our lives for too long so it was also good to see them. They took Kaz home with them to Manasquan where we visited a couple days later. Kaz would then go onto his daughter's home in Topeka area.
- Darren and Jennifer Lucas were there. We had been at their wedding in January.
- A baby boy! Thrilling! Expected in January. They don't waste any time.

Photographer, Landscaper and Koi Keeper Darren sent us this picture:



<i>Itinerary <u>Sat Sep 22</u> Mid-morning Distance/Time</i>	Depart home via car From home to Hampton Inn, 2 hours and 86 miles
Hotel	Hampton Inn Long Island/Commack – 1 night 680 Commack Rd., Commack, New York 11725 Tele: 631-462-5700 Off Highway #495 at Exit #50
Eve	Tri-State ZNA Koi Show event, table by Bob Bon Giorno https://www.tristatezna.com/ Banquet tickets available at \$65 each on the above site
	Held at: Hilton Garden Inn Melville 1575 Round Swamp Rd, Plainview, NY 11803 Tele: (516) 755-5552 hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com - At Exit#48

Distance between hotels: 10 minutes and 9 miles

<u>Sun Sep 23</u> Hume Japanese Gardens – Open Sunday from 1-5 <u>https://www.gardenconservancy.org/preservation/preservation-portfolio/humes-japanese-stroll-garden</u>

Attendees:

Nick and Angie Coppola Dick Thomas from Indiana Pat away Darren and Jennifer