



# The Prairieland Splash

Prairieland Koi And Pond Society Meeting: Feb 11, 2012 --9:00 AM  
ICC Horticulture Bldg

## Getting to know you

I thought as my first newaletter I would start with introducing myself, as I know there are more than a few of you that I have not met and that you might be interested in knowing a little about me/us. To start with my wife Cheryl And I have made Tremont our home for about the last 20 years, prior to that it was where ever the Army decided to send us, with several tours of duty in Germany along Texas, Missouri and New York. Along with my normal work day duties I am also the President of the Village Board of Trustees (a fancy name for mayor) for Tremont. I have a little more than a year to go on this term and I am still undecided if I will seek a third term.

We decided to start a pond about 3 years ago when we installed a 145 gallon preformed unit along with some landscaping. Cheryl mentioned this to Nora who promptly invited to the 2009 Pond tour and to become members of the club. After the tour we decided to launch a plan to design a build a new and larger pond, so with paper and pencil in hand and a couple of tape measures I ventured into the backyard to design our pond. We finally decided on the location and shape and then decided to wait until 2010 to start construction. Construction finally got underway during the 2010 when I arrived home on a Friday afternoon with a hydraulic excavator in tow, yep a couple of sayings come to mind ‘Go big or stay home’ and “ The only difference between men and boys is the size of their toys”; I am sure that my neighbors had few other thoughts but I shouldn’t repeat them here. This was followed with the installation of the plumbing liner and filling with water in late October. In the spring of 2011 the filters were brought on line and the landscaping began. We were lucky in that we were given access to a free supply of rocks all we had to do was pick them up, so with buckets, shovels and gloves in hand we started to haul abut 10 or 11 tons of rock, of course somebody would always find one or two or even three “ big” rocks on each trip, it is good thing she could lift her share or several of them would still be on the riverbank.

As some of you will remember our pond was on the tour last year even though it was not completed yet. We have nearly completed the landscaping, just a couple of more tons of rock and it will be time to sit back and enjoy. Well enough about us, I do want to thank the board for allowing me to volunteer for this, I know that we have a lot to learn as we venture down the pond care path and we look forward to learning from other members. As part of that I would like to continue to showcase members ponds and have them share their experiences with the rest of us. Brenda Smith will be sending out a questionnaire to all of the members which will ask you to share the details of your pond, large or small and to share your experiences of building and day to day care.

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### Special points of interest:

*Watch for new features coming soon to the newsletter*

- *New Members info*
- *Classified Ads*
- *Tips, Tricks & How To*

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Spring!!



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Income  
Expenses  
End Balance

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