

# The Prairieland Splash

**Prairieland Koi And Pond Society Meeting: Saturday 9 June 9:00 AM**  
Steve & Lisa Carter, 580 Pleasant Hill Rd. East Peoria, IL.

**Directions From Peoria: Take eastbound 74 to exit 95B in East Peoria, Follow East Camp St towards US 150, follow 150 (Meadows Ave) about 3.6 miles to North Pleasant Hill Rd Turn Left (North) Travel about .6 miles to 580 N Pleasant Hill Rd.**

Well spring is about done as we move into June, I hope that all who attended the meeting at Hornbakers were able to enjoy the day in spite of the rain. I know Cheryl was able to find several items that made the trip home. Again many thanks to the Maltas for setting up the mini tour and hosting the cookout at their house afterwards.

The information that was provide by Rich Hornbaker was great and I did enjoy the auditorium that we used for the meeting. As we start into June I need to remind those of you that still owe this years dues that this will be the last newsletter that you will receive if we don't receive your dues by months end.

We are still looking for ponds to showcase as part of the newsletter so please help us out, you can send your info to Brenda Smith or myself.

We saw several member of the club at the sale at Aquascape on May 19, This is a great sale and a chance to pick up some great deals on pond equipment or supplies. Aquascape is hosting several pond tours in the Chicagoland area this summer, you can find more information at their website [www.aquasapedesigns.com](http://www.aquasapedesigns.com) or call 630-659-2057 the dates of the tours 16 June, 21 July, 18 August and 15 September.

Hope to see all of on the 9th.

Todd

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**3rd ANNUAL LUAU**

**Saturday 28 July**

**Todd & Cheryl Bong's House in Tremont**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$5173.06
Income	\$2033.00
Expenses	\$ 3341.48
End Balance	\$3864.58

## Pond Supplies for sale

Microb-lift Bacteria	Fish food spring summer
Superbugs bacteria	Filter media (stored in East Peoria)
Algae fix	
Lily tabs	<b>Contact Allen</b>
Plant stakes	

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*The Club will be selling supplies at each meeting. If you need something before a meeting date please contact Allen.*



Don't Forget to check  
the website;

[www.pkps1.com](http://www.pkps1.com)

## 2012 Meeting Dates and Locations

June 9, 2012 - Steve & Lisa Carter, East Peoria -  
Speaker will be Mike White

July 14, 2012 - Greg & Letriana Cantrell, East Peoria

Aug. 11, 2012 - Allen & Lori Kruger, Lincoln -

Start Time will be 10:00 AM

Sept. 8, 2012 - ICC, East Peoria

Oct. 13, 2012 - Loren & Margaret Swanson, East Peoria

Nov. 10, 2012 - Banquet

### Membership Directory:

The board is working on a membership directory that will be available to all members, we understand that some members may want to be excluded from the directory, if that is the case please contact Brenda or Vince Smith.

### Prairieland KOI & Pond Society Club Meeting

May 12, 2012

The May 12, 2012 meeting was held at HornBaker's. President Todd Bong called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. There were 43 members in attendance.

### Guest Speaker

Rich Hornbaker, owner of Hornbaker's discussed pondless waterfalls and maintaining hydrangeas. To have a functioning waterfall one must have a pit instead of a pond. Because of this, water lilies can not be added to this feature. The first step is to add a spillway with a built in baffle. This allows the water to be distributed evenly. Cover the spillway with dirt or rock to camouflage it. Rubber is needed to be placed under the pit and the stream. The stream needs to be stair stepped to the pit. Keep in mind, the longer the stream, the bigger the pit needs to be. The pump needs to be placed in a hole about 3 feet. To have easier access to the pump, cover it with gravel or dirt. The tubing comes out of the side of the container and is attached to the spillway. Since there is no standing water constant filtration is not required. Wintering a pondless waterfall is simple, just unhook the pump. There is no need for removal.

There are four types of hydrangeas and each requires different procedures for pruning. The first group is the Arborescens, which include "Annabelle" and "Incrediball". They are considered the old fashioned group and need pruning in the spring. Pruning needs to be cut about knee high to prevent flopping. Any dead stalks should be cut out to live growth.

The second group is the Paniculata. The varieties in this category are: "Pinky Winky", "Vanilla Strawberry", "Quick Fire" and "Limelight". They are very hardy and grow in a shrub form. Do not cut down like the Arborescens, instead trim back branches that need it. This provides a sturdier plant and controls the size.

The third type is Macrophylla. The varieties in this group are "Glowing Embers" and "Endless Summer". Since Illinois has cold winters the lower

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\_\_buds need to be protected in the winter to promote blooming the following year. \_In November dump a bag of mulch in the middle of each plant. In late spring, pull mulch away and cut back any dead branches. After the plant has been in the ground for several years, remove some of the larger stalks each spring to rejuvenate the plant.

The forth group called Querifolia which is better known as the Oak Leaf hydrangea. Prune out dead branches in early spring. Prune to control shape and size should be done in the summer after bloom time.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. Rich discusses a systematic product from Repellex to keep rabbits and other critters from eating our plants. It comes in a pill form and takes about 2 weeks to be effective. Karen found their website, it is as follows: [http://www.repellex.com/Products-Systemic\\_Repellents.html](http://www.repellex.com/Products-Systemic_Repellents.html)

2. Arts and Society Magazine has an article featuring Vince and Brenda Smith's pond and Larry Zehr's KOI. Also our club was mentioned in the article.

3. Brenda still needs more information and pictures about individual ponds. She just needs a couple of paragraphs about how and why the pond was built and some photos.

The next pond meeting will be held at the Carter's home on June 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Letriana Cantrell, Secretary

## Prairieland KOI & Pond Society Board Minutes

June 2, 2012

**Place:** Jean Clark's house

**Attending:** Todd Bong, Jean Clarke, Greg & Letriana Cantrell, Allen Kruger, Rick Moreland, Karen Hofstetter, Vince and Brenda Smith

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Todd Bong.

Todd reviewed and approved minutes from the last meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance: \$5,173.06

Income: \$2,033.00

Expenses: \$3,341.48

Ending Balance: \$3,864.48

There is over \$700.00 worth of filter media available. Barley straw is \$49.00 for 30-35 lbs. and the bags to store it is \$20.00 equaling \$69.00 plus \$24.16 for shipping and handling which should be reimbursed. There is only 15lbs of barley still available. Members will be charged \$3.00 per pound and a \$1.00 for each bag. If members are able to keep their bags it will only be \$3.00 the next time barley straw is purchased.

### **May's Meeting at Hornbakers:**

Everyone that attended the May's meeting seemed to enjoy themselves. The board discussed going to Hornbaker's again next year. Hornbaker's have a three day weekend sale every year in June. Letriana will call Mike to discuss having our meeting next year on that weekend. A big thanks to the Malta's for hosting a cook-out to all the club members after the pond tour. The board members voted and unanimously decided to purchase a \$50.00 gift certificate at Kullscape for them. Also, Brenda sent thank you cards out to the Hornbakers and Malta's.

### **Summer meetings:**

The June meeting will be held at the Carter's house with Mike White to speak about pumps. The July meeting will be held at the Cantrell's house with Larry Zehr to discuss "how to's" and/or fish. In August we hope to have Mike White back to talk about filters. This meeting will be held at the Kruger's.

### **Open Discussion:**

The board decided to take Mike White out to Ruby Tuesday's in Morton, after the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Pond Magazine has mentioned our club. Members can look on line at [www.PondMagazine.com](http://www.PondMagazine.com).

Mini-pond tours will be held throughout the summer during the following dates and locations.

1. June 16<sup>th</sup>-Downer's Grove
2. July 21<sup>st</sup>- Ellyn/Wheaton
3. Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>-Elgin
4. Sept 15<sup>th</sup>- Sugar Grove

These events will be held from 10a.m.-5p.m.

Allen is going to donate 4 fish at our June club meeting. Greg has volunteered to be the club's publicity person. His first duty will be to contact Sally McKee at the Journal Star to advertise our club meetings in the Lawn and Garden section under "Growing Concerns". This is a free publication and a great way to attract new members, especially since our membership has dropped to 50 members. Brenda will be placing all members' information into the directory. If members do not want their information published they will have to contact Brenda. If members have not paid their dues this will be the last newsletter they will receive. Lastly forms for next year's pond tour will need to be sent out to members who are interested in participating.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next Board meeting will be at Allen Kruger's house on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Letriana Cantrell, Secretary



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