
The Prairieland Splash

Prairieland Koi And Pond Society Meeting: March 9 9:00AM Luthy Botanical Garden, located adjacent to the north end of Glen Oak Park, Prospect Ave. Peoria

It is March already, you know what they say “How time flies when you are having fun” I am sure that you are like me it is time for spring!

We have a busy schedule for the club this year; zoo pond cleaning on 13 April, Hornbakers in June, Pond tour in July and of course ICC day in September followed shortly there after by the banquet in November.

It is time to start thinking about opening your pond, I know that we are planning to rework our streambed and waterfalls before it gets too warm along with more landscaping in both the pond area and the yard.

It was good to see all of you that were able to make it to the meeting in February and a big Thank You to both Jeannie and Sheldon for being pinch hit speakers.

Don't forget that we are still looking for a couple of more ponds to showcase during the pond tour, please contact one of the directors if you are interested. It is also time to pay your annual dues and thank you to those of you that have done so already.

I am looking for subjects for articles for the newsletter if there is a particular subject that you like to have discussed please let me know.

We will see you at Luthy's.

Prairieland Koi
& Pond Society

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CHICAGO FLOWER
AND GARDEN
SHOW

9-17 March

Navy Pier



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$3310.24
Income	\$ 585.00
Expenses	\$ 304.66
End Balance	\$ 3590.58

PKPS DUES

\$ 20.00

By 1 April

Don't Forget to check
the website;

www.pkps1.com

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Club Meeting Dates and Location

March 9 Luthy Botanical Gardens	Aug 10 Zimmerman's (near Congerville)
	Aug 24 Luau Location to be determined
April 13 Kullscape and Zoo Pond Cleaning	
	Sep 14 ICC (ICC Day at Horticulture bldg area)
May 11 Cantrell's (Mike White speaker)	
	Oct 12 Terry & Deb Hess's
June 8 Hornbakers (Start time 10 AM)	
	Nov 9 Banquet Kof C Hall Pekin.
July 13-14 Pond Tour	

Board Meeting Dates

Date and Location

		27 July	Cantrell
23 Mar	Morelands	24 Aug	Clark
27 Apr	Hofstetter	28 Sep	Hofstetter
18 May	Smith	26 Oct	Bong
22 Jun	Kruger	23 Nov	Moreland

Dates /Location subject to change

Pond Tour Help

We will be in need of help for the pond tour, so think about volunteering as a pond sitter, or possibly on one of the committees such as signage, or tour pamphlet.

I know I told you last month that I would be including an article about chlorine removal using Sodium Thiosulfate, however I will have to admit that I have not completed what I think is a satisfactory article therefore I didn't include it in this months letter. Sorry I will try to do better.

Don't forget to let Allen know type of food and or supplies that you may be interested in, I know that he is starting to place orders.



Prairieland Koi and Pond Society

February 9, 2013

The February 9, 2013 meeting was held at ICC. President Todd Bong called the meeting promptly at 9:00 a.m. There were 29 members in attendance.

Guest Speaker

Due to an illness, our guest speaker, Jenny Gibbs, was unable to give her presentation on night gardening. We are hoping we can reschedule her for a later date. Jean Clarke and Sheldon Bevard were gracious enough to speak to the members on other topics.

Jean spoke about Lotus and how simple it is to grow this beautiful aquatic flower. This native plant can easily be grown in an oval or round container. For instance, a plastic barrel could be used by placing it in a hole $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of the barrel, lining it with dirt and adding 4-6 inches of water to it. Another idea could be a small bog area which consists of digging a 30" hole or larger, adding a pond liner filled with dirt and water. These plants like the sun and need to be fed once a week. The flowers begin to emerge around July. Separating must be done carefully, especially since the tubers are crisp and break off easily. If this happens, the plant is destroyed.

Our next speaker, Sheldon Bevard, discussed the damage to fish if lice get in our pond. He had received a phone call from the Barclay's in regards to their fish. They were not acting right; some had ulcers, brown spots etc. Not knowing what was going on, Sheldon tried a couple of things to no avail. He then caught a couple of the worst looking fish and conducted research. He discovered that they had lice, which if left untreated, will kill the fish. It can be treatable by using the product Dimilin. The Barclay's were so grateful for all of Sheldon's help they generously donated money to purchase books for our library.

The best way to prevent lice from getting into our ponds can be simply done by eliminating all soil from new plants by washing them off, also quarantine all new fish to ensure they are healthy. This will not completely eliminate the possibility of contracting lice because they can derive from flying birds, frogs, toads and other aquatic life that may end up in our ponds. However, by following the simple procedures before adding fish/plants into our ponds will help to prevent this from happening to someone else.

Miscellaneous items

The previous October a few board members took a trip to Walnut, IL, to rescue several Koi from a former Koi dealer that had passed away. March and April they will be available for adoption. Some of the colorings are as followed: black, silver and tri-color.

Membership dues are due by April 1, 2013. The March meeting will be at Luthy Botanical Gardens promptly at 9:00 a.m. due to their lily show that will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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