
The Prairieland Splash

Prairieland Koi And Pond Society Meeting: **9:00 AM 13 April @ Kullscape**
1401 Meadows Ave, East Peoria, IL

It is hard to believe that that we are into April already, I know that most of you have your ponds up and running, I know that we are planning to drain and clean/refill our pond next weekend. Don't forget that we are scheduled to clean the zoo pond following the meeting on the 13th of course the weather will help decide if we will be able to get it done as scheduled.

We also have a few of the rescued Koi still available, if you are in need some fish give me a call as I would like to empty the 100 gallon tank in my basement.

Jeannie has once again provided an article for this month's newsletter, the subject is the use of cold water bacteria and as always it is an interesting piece.

Don't forget that the club has purchased a pond vac that is available for rent, the cost is \$25 and a security deposit that will be returned when the vac is returned to the club, please contact Greg Cantrell for more information.

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& Pond Society

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Zoo Pond
Cleaning, Sat 13
April
Following Club
Meeting



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$3590.58
Income	\$237.00
Expenses	\$ 117.58
End Balance	\$ 3710.00

PKPS DUES

\$ 20.00

By 1 April

Don't Forget to check
the website;

www.pkps1.com

Club Meeting Dates and Location

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

Date and Location

Board Meeting Dates

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

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.

Pond Tour Info Sheets

I would like for those of you that volunteered to have pond on the tour to fill out the form so we can make sure that a good description of your pond and directions so people can find your location

Don't forget Allen will have your food and supplies that you ordered, please be sure to get your at the meeting.



Magic

By Jeannie Clarke

Do you believe in magic? I certainly do after what I have seen happen when I've add cold water bacteria to my pond. It works in water temperatures below 50 degrees.

. My 3600 gal pond is 4 to 4 1/2 feet deep, so if it is even just a little cloudy you can't even see if you have any fish, let alone if they are still living. I get really impatient in the spring when the water looks like so much green tea, I just can't wait till the temperature warms up to 50 degrees so the regular bacteria can take off. Last year in frustration I called up Kullscape and asked if they had any cold water bacteria. They did. As soon as I opened up the pond (it still had ice on it) I added the cold water bacteria and within 3 days it was as clear as anything.

This year I tried cold water bacteria again. Wow, after 3 days the water cleared. So many years before I had to wait until June before I could get it clear. Getting my pond clear in three days must be magic, right?

I am trying something new when the water warms up in the spring, Microb-lift powder bacteria with peat and barley extract.

Last summer after I added what I thought was bacteria and was actually biodegradable cleaner (the same color in the same bottle as bacteria) I killed nearly all my fish. Isn't it strange, In my big pond all my fish died except one. He wasn't the largest or the smallest. Why did he survive? Was he holding his breath? What?. That my friends is why I am trying powdered bacteria.

Let me tell you, you don't get any smarter with white hair.

PrairieLand Koi and Pond Society

March 9, 2013

The March 9, 2013 meeting was held at Luthy Botanical Garden. President Todd Bong called the meeting promptly at 9:00 a.m. There were 24 members in attendance

Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker, Bob Streitmatter, gave the club a tour of the greenhouses. He discussed the process of how lilies are grown. Luthy provides over 1500 lilies and annuals to the park district and the fire department. Not only are plants provided to city but, over 5000 vegetables are grown as well. They are given to community organizations such as: John Gwinn, The Proctor Center and small farmer's markets to distribute to the public who could otherwise not afford fresh vegetables. Cooking classes, gardening and dietitian presentations are given to kids every year at Proctor during the summer months. This year Bob has decided to grow more collard greens because of the high demand he has had in the past.

Bob also showed everyone several varieties of begonias he grows. Since begonias are annuals and can be quite pricey to replace year-to-year, he told members to take fallen leaves from plants and place them in soil. This will create new growth from the plant and therefore, a very economical way to beautify our gardens for years to come.

Bob gave us a tour of the main lobby where all the tropical plants are grown and talked about the different species that are displayed. He even gave a presentation of his fragrant geraniums and passed around the different varieties for the members to enjoy.

Miscellaneous Items

Just a reminder membership dues need to be taken care of by April 1st, 2013. We still need a few more volunteers to be on the pond tour we have 9 members so far. The April meeting will be held at Kullscape and immediately afterward the pond at Glen Oak Zoo will be cleaned, weather permitted. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Letriana Cantrell, Secretary



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