



# The Prairieland Splash

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**Prairieland Koi And Pond Society Meeting: Feb 8, 201 --9:00 AM  
ICC Horticulture Bldg**

Well the first month of 2014 has come and gone and it goes without saying that this has been some of coldest times that we have seen for several years. I suspect that the ice on my pond is well over 10” thick and I know that there is at least 7” inches of snow on top of that with several more to come this week. I trust that all members and their families made it through, the storms on 17 November, I spent a couple of days helping one of my co-worker salvage what was left of their belongs they were one of the many whose home suffered total destruction.

This months meeting will be held at ICC and we currently have two speakers, the first will be Kevin Irons from the Department of Natural Resources and then Mike White; Mike will host a Q&A session so have your questions ready.

This years schedule will include a meeting at both Kullscape (April) and Outback Water Gardens (July) in addition Lori Kruger has set up a bus trip to the St Louis Botanical Gardens on 2 Aug, the cost will be \$35 per person, we will have a flyer out soon.

We hope that we will see you on the 8th.

Todd

Prairieland Koi  
& Pond Society  
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Think!!  
Spring!!



#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 4908.48
Income	\$ 123.00
Expenses	\$ 878.92
End Balance	\$ 4152.56

#### PKPS DUES

**\$ 20.00**  
**By 1 April**

Don't Forget to check  
the website;  
[www.pkps1.com](http://www.pkps1.com)

### Club Meeting Dates

8 Feb	ICC	12 July	Outback Water Gardens
8 Mar	Luthy Botanical Gardens	9 Aug	Barclay's
12 April	Kullscapes	13 Sep	ICC (Garden Day)
10 May	TBD	11 Oct	Hess's
		8 Nov	Banquet

### Board Meeting Dates

Date	Location	Date	Location
23 Feb	Clark	27 July	Cantrell
23 Mar	Moreland	24 Aug	Hofstetter
27 Apr	Smith	28 Sep	Cantrells
18 May	Bong	26 Oct	Moreland
22 Jun	Kruger	23 Nov	Clarke

Dates /Location subject to change

### Important Dates

Peoria Zoo Planet Day 27 April  
Bus Trip 2 Aug  
Luau 23 Aug  
Banquet 8 Nov



**Prairieland Koi & Pond Society**

**October 12, 2013**

The October 12, 2013, club meeting was held at Loren and Margaret Swanson's house. President Todd Bong called the meeting at 9:00 a.m. There were 37 people in attendance.

**Guest Speaker**

Mike White, of White Water Filters, gave a presentation on using the Helix Filtration System to remove biological and mechanical debris from our ponds. Instead of a door it has a weir that sits inside a basket which creates a cyclone effect and packs leaves tightly. This allows more debris to gather and less emptying. He stated how important it is to remove leaves before they sink to the bottom. Once this happens they begin to decompose, debris begins to build. Since decomposed leaves hold heat, water temperatures at the bottom of the pond will warm up during the winter months, which will produce toxic gases including, carbon dioxide.

Other topics were discussed as well such as: Helix Systems with a bottom drain, plates that sit on skimmers for external pumps, and how to increase or decrease ph levels in the water. For more information go to White Water Filters website or contact Mike if a specific question needs answering.

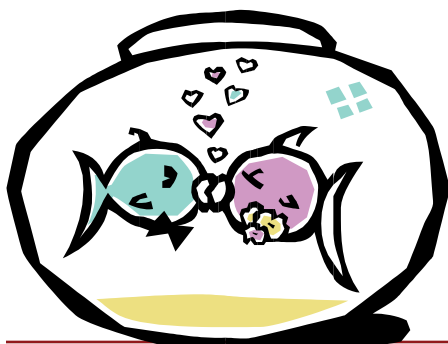
**Club Business**

Elections were held and all positions will remain the same. Karen Hoffstetter is treasurer Letriana Cantrell is secretary, Vince Smith is Vice President and Todd Bong is President. This was our last club meeting of the year. Our annual banquet will be held on November 9, 2013. Please turn in your reservation form by October 31, 2013. The club meetings for the 2014 season will be announced in future newsletters. If anyone is interested in holding a club meeting for next year please contact Rick Moreland, or any other board member.

Respectfully submitted,

Letriana Cantrell, Secretary

**Membership Dues \$20.00 Due by 1 April**



Don't Forget Valentines Day!!!



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