



The Prairieland Splash

Prairieland Koi And Pond Society Meeting: **9:00 AM 12 April @ Kullscape**

Well it looks like spring may finally be here, I know this weekend has been the best that we have had since last fall. By now I am sure that everyone has been able to determine what damage has been done by the winter's cold weather. I know that we have lost two fish that were about 14 -16 inches, I hope that everyone's pond came through the winter okay.

This months meeting will be at Kullscapes in East Peoria, as always I look forward to what ever subject that Raymond wants to present and Karen Hofstetter will also be discussing plants that can used around the pond. Don't forget that following the meeting we will be doing the annual cleaning of the zoo Koi pond, as always everyone is invited to help.

If you haven't done so already please remember that it is time to pay your annual dues. I also left the information concerning the bus trip in August in the newsletter, if you are planning to go make sure that you get signed up with Lori so she has an accurate head count.

Thanks to Jeanie for her presentation/discussion concerning pond opening , I know that a lot of folks have their own checklist that they use but it always good to have discussion you never know you might learn something or share information that may be useful to another member.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 4427.30
Income	\$ 251.00
Expenses	\$ 407.66
End Balance	\$ 4270.64

PKPS DUES

**Were due
On 1 April**

Don't Forget to check
the website;

www.pkps1.com

Prairieland Koi & Pond Society

March 8, 2014

The March 8, 2014 meeting was held at Luthy Botanical Garden. President Todd Bong called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There were 35 people in attendance.

Guest Speaker

Bob Streitmatter, of Luthy Botanical Garden, gave a presentation on how to add winter interests to the garden. For example, contrasting a bright Redtwig Dogwoods against a row of evergreens or grasses add an aesthetic view during the drab days of winter. Adding structures such as a bench, pergola, or a stone wall a can create the appearance of life. By planting fruit trees or feeding the birds will attract wildlife. By doing these simple things, it will give us a different perspective on our gardens throughout the winter months and perhaps improve our moods during these long cold days.

Our next speaker, club member, Jeannie Clarke, provided us with information regarding the best tips when opening our ponds.

- Clean Bio-converter and skimmer

- Clean pipes if dirty

- Hook up pumps

- Add filter media

- Don't add bacteria until it is 50 degrees unless it is a cold water strain

- Don't start with chemicals to kill string algae until bio converter is up and running about 3 to 4 weeks- this problem should clear up when warm weather takes place

- To get rid of string algae safely when cold, wind up on stick and discard

- Clean debris from pond and stream-this helps with green water algae

- Do a 10 to 20 water change

- Don't bug fish they have poor immune systems-they are slow to get going

- Divide and fertilize water lilies

- Don't feed until it is 50 degrees-digestive system is not functioning well-can develop a bacterial infection and kill them.

Another reminder for those of us that have clamps on elbows, double check to ensure they do not have rust on them. If this happens it can loosen up and the pipe can either leak or burst. The floating device Vince built is now on our website however; he is in the process of redesigning it.

Club Business

Next month's meeting will be held at Kullscape. There will be a raffle of two gift certificates. The club is also looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the zoo pond, weather permitting. Our May meeting will be again held at Luthy's. Bob will take us on an outside tour and discuss the reconstruction of their pond.

Respectfull submitted,

Letriana Cantrell, secretary

Club Meeting Dates

12 April Kullscapes

10 May Luty Botanical Garden

14 Jun Brubaker's

12 July Outback Water Gardens

9 Aug Barclay's

13 Sep ICC (Garden Day)

11 Oct Hess's

8 Nov Banquet

Board Meeting Dates

Date Location

27 Apr Smith

18 May Bong

22 Jun Kruger

Date Location

27 July Cantrell

24 Aug Hofstetter

28 Sep Cantrells

26 Oct Moreland

23 Nov Clarke

Dates /Location subject to change

Important Dates

Zoo Pond Cleaning; following the
April Meeting

Peoria Zoo Planet Day 27 April

Bus Trip to St Louis 2 Aug

Luau 23 Aug

Banquet 8 Nov



Special Exhibitions

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*St. Louis
Botanical
Gardens*



Lets go for a ride to the St Louis Botanical Gardens

Saturday 2 August 2014

\$35 PER PERSON WILL COVER THE BUS AND ADMISSION TO THE GARDENS

Will leave from Peoria Charter Coach Co. at 7:00AM

Straight to St Louis and then depart for home at 3:00 PM = With a stop in Collinville at the Golden

Coral for dinner =Yummy!!!

Need your reservation by 14 June 2014

Any questions please contact Lori Kuger 217-737-3625

Please feel free to bring a friend

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