



The Prairieland Splash

Meeting Date: Saturday 14 June 2014 At 9:00 AM. Don & Marianna Brubaker 300 S. Missouri Ave., Morton, IL. From Downtown Peoria travel East on I-74E (8.6 miles) Take Exit 102A Morton Ave South, Go .3 miles turn left onto Jackson St, Go .9 Miles Turn right onto Missouri Ave, Go approx. .6 Miles 300 S Missouri is on the left.

It is hard to believe that we are into June already, for Cheryl and I we have just finished the 49th annual Turkey Festival, while there was some much needed rain it appears that the festival did very well. If you have never been you should try to attend one for at least the turkey sandwiches and strawberry shortcake if nothing else.

While it is only June it is time to start thinking about the annual elections, as you know we will hold elections during the October meeting.

Of course the four positions are Club President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; while I haven't made up my mind yet I know Vince, Letriana and Karen all have indicated they want to stay involved; I will make my intentions known soon.

We will soon be setting up a booth at the ICC days I hope that several of you will be able to take some time and help out in the booth following the club meeting.

Thanks to Luthy Botanical Gardens for letting us use their facility for the May meeting and a special thanks to Kevin Irons from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, his information about invasive species was very informative. Please check the department's website (<http://dnr.state.il.us/ORC/>) before you purchase aquatic plants.

If you have not yet signed up for the bus trip in August, the time to do so is running short, Please see Lori Kruger at this month's meeting to do so.

Also start think about your pond problems as the discussion for this month's meeting will be about troubleshooting problems and calculating pump sizes, the discussion will be led by Allen and Vince.

If you haven't paid this year's dues this will be the last newsletter that you will receive.

Prairieland Koi & Pond Society

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 4480.64
Income	\$ 1613.50
Expenses	\$ 3051.09
End Balance	\$ 3043.05

PKPS DUES

**Were due
On 1 April**

Don't Forget to check the website;

www.pkps1.com

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May 10, 2014

The May 10, 2014 meeting was held at Luthy Botanical Garden. President Todd Bong called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. There were 45 people in attendance.

Guest Speakers

Guest speakers were, Bob Streitmatter, of Luthy Botanical Gardens, and Kevin Irons of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Bob talked about the renovations for their pond. Construction will begin in the fall or next spring. A masonry wall will be built behind the pond to be a buffer to the street noise. It will be a wildlife theme and the goal is to attract more patrons to visit this area of the gardens.

Kevin Irons gave a presentation on aquatic nuisance creatures. Plants such as floating hyacinth, lettuce and parrot feather can be illegal to sell or trade. Mainly because if it gets into our waterways it can be very destructive to the natural wildlife. This is what took place last year during the floods. When the rain became too much the contents of many ponds overflowed into the local lakes and rivers. Unfortunately, there were a lot of invasive and non-native plants washed into our waterways. Which can cause all sorts of problems in just a short time.

Another species that have invaded our waterways are the Asian Carp. This has caused a multi-billion dollar research project to prevent them from getting into the Great Lakes and destroying one of North America's largest aquatic systems. Some of the tactics being used to cut down on the amount of fish are: placing electric fish netting and involving communal fisherman into the area to create fertilizers, cat/dog food and other consumable food sources. This could be a great way to generate new jobs while cutting down on the Asian Carp population.

Club Business

Vince and Brenda are still taking pictures for name tags. Yearly club dues can be sent to Karen Hoffstetter. The June club meeting will be held at the Brubaker's home. Vince and Allen will be discussing pond troubleshooting. June 15th is the deadline to get money to Lori for the trip to the St. Louis Botanical Garden. Tickets are \$35 a person. We need at least 50 people to attend and we have about 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Did You Know

The following plants are consider to be an Injurious Species under Illinois Law.

Swamp Morning Glory

Arrowleaf

Parrot feather

Duck Lettuce

Arrowhead

Water Chestnut

Please check to make sure that when you are buying plants you know what you are getting

Special Exhibitions

Nature Connects 2.0: Art with LEGO® Bricks



May 24 to September 7

With plants and nature as our source inspiration, the Garden will play host to a nationally recognized, hand-made exhibit made with LEGO bricks in the summer of 2014.

Explore larger-than-life plants and animals as they take up summer residence in our world-famous **Climatron**®. Within the **Brookings Interpretive Center** and **Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden**, visitors of all ages will be invited to make, create, build, take apart, tinker, investigate and discover.



*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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LORI KRUGER

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Club Meeting Dates

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

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

Bus Trip to St Louis 2 Aug

Luau 23 Aug

Banquet 8 Nov





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