

The Prairieland Splash

FEBRUARY 9 AT 9:00 AM

Illinois Central College

Directions

From E. Peoria, take Washington St to US 24 toward Washington. Keep right about 1 mile and turn right into Illinois Central College. Immediately turn left into the horticulture parking lot. The meeting will be in the horticulture building. Just follow the signs.

Prairieland Koi &
Pond Society

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**You can pay your dues anytime
now, they are still only \$20**

Please give cash/check to our treasurer:

Or Send To: Letriana Cantrell

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East Peoria, IL 61611

**Trying again
for a pond
tour**



Greg and Letriana Cantrell's pond January 2019

Pond Tour “2019”

We are again trying to put on a pond tour this year. The pond tour 2018 was cancelled because of lack of participation. We don't want that to happen this year. The only interested parties are ponds that have been on the tour year after year.

Your yard doesn't have to be spectacular but just needs to be neatened up. People are looking at your pond. Since by July things are in full swing, everything looks great. Fish are coming up to eat, plants are growing, and everything is blooming. That is what people want to see.

Also, we are only planning to hold the tour one day on Saturday, July 13, instead of both Saturday and Sunday as before. With that in mind, the tour should be doable for almost anyone. All you need to do is show off the hard work you have done to create your pond, tell people about it and answer any questions they may have.

If you might be interested please contact Rick Moreland or anyone on the pond board. We would love to hear from you!

I have taken excerpts from the KOI USA magazine. It is written by Jerold Kyle (AKC KHV director) about cleaning out your pond.

Did the walls of your pond develop a “carpet” of algae that you scrub off? STOP! Producing that carpet was a long laborious process for Mother to accomplish. Notice the koi cruising up and down around the sides. They look like they are eating the algae but what they are really after is what “Doc” Johnson calls mojo. Mojo is a number of different natural living pond critters full of protein that koi love and enjoy consuming. It is a sign of Mother’s and your balanced husbandry pond. It is Mothers reward to you for paying attention to good husbandry.

Biologic filtering is Mother’s natural friendly bacteria consuming ammonia to produce nitrite which is a waste product which in turn is consumed by a different friendly bacteria to produce nitrate which is a great plant food.

Remember the carpet on the walls of the pond-more multiple surfaces. Fact is that all underwater surfaces add to the bio filtration (consuming of the ammonia and nitrites throughout) **Do not over clean** or in about 3 days later you may experience an Ammonia spike and if it doesn’t kill the koi, get ready for the nitrite spike two weeks later. Just like the pond walls, we do not want to scour clean and kill off all the good guys be it mojo or the necessary surface bio bacteria Mother can not do without to keep it safe.

This next addition is from me (Jeannie Clarke). After the ammonia spike and the following nitrite spike you often get green water. Yuck!

Luthy Botanical Garden needs goldfish for their pond. Not koi as they tend to disappear.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For the Month of DECEMBER

**Deb Palmquist
Roxanna Kuebler**

JANUARY

**Patty Kramer
Peter Barclay
Jay Sauer
John Riopell**

February

**Steve Depew
Nadine Sauer
Vince Smith
Barb Luick
Tim Harper**

PKPS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULES

GENERAL MEETINGS 2019

Date	Location	Speaker
February 9	ICC	Dave Brown
March 9	Luthys Botanical garden	Bob Streitmatter
April 13	Rick Kolowski Hanna City	TBA
May 11	TBA	
June 8	John Amdall –Conifers	Washington II
July 13	Pond Tour	
August 10	Allen Kruger-possibly	Lincoln
September 14	Jim and Margy Simmons	Peoria Heights II.
October 12	Genny Gibbs	Metamora II.
November 9	Banquet	Tremont II

PKPS 2019 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULES

February 23	Todd Bong
March 23	Jim and Margy Simmons
April 27	Jeannie Clarke
May 25	TBA
June 22	Greg and Letriana Cantrell
July 27	Deb Palmquist
Aug 23	Rick Moreland
Sep 28	Lisa Carter
Oct 26	Jeannie Clarke
Nov 23	Rick Moreland

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