

# The Prairieland Splash

Prairieland Pond and

Koi Society

June 2019 Volume 5

June 8 at 9:00 a.m.

John Amdall 901 Wellington,  
Washington, Il

Directions

From Route 24 bypass, go south onto Cummings Lane to stop sign. Turn left(east) onto Cruger Road. Go one half mile. Turn right onto Wellington Drive. Drive south on Wellington to 901. It is the last house on the right before the curve.

You can pay your dues anytime, they are due and they are still only \$20.00.

Please give check/cash to our treasurer or send to: Letriana Cantrell

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The May 11 meeting of PKPS was held at Kuhl Scape. 38 members were present. Jeanne apologized for some problems we are having with the newsletter. Our computer crashed and we must use a new program for the newsletter. It will be working well soon. Plan on a pond tour, July 13. Please consider volunteering to host, help or just tour. Call Jeanne if you have pond related items you want to sell or give away. Notice will be posted in future newsletters.

Doug Holmes, herpetologist at the zoo was our first speaker. Amphibians such as frogs, toads, lizards, and salamanders have moist skin and must hibernate in winter. Ponds are very important ecologically. Amphibians eat bugs and algae. Lights, such as small solar lights, are important for attracting bugs which in turn attract frogs and toads. The Herpetology Society meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Forest Park Nature Center. Because Doug spoke to us today, Jeanne offered the clubs help when the zoo pond is cleaned.

Lisa Kuhl showed a variety of pond plants that they have for sale.

After the door prize and raffle drawing the meeting was concluded.

The June 8 club meeting will be at John Amdall's home in Washington. He will speak about conifers.

Margy Simmons, Sec.

**This Article is by Erik Johnson Koi Vet**

All research done on Nitrate in ponds has shown that it's not toxic to the fish in the short term. In the long term, high Nitrate levels (> 80 ppm) will cause a depressed immune system, zero reproductive capacity, red veins in the fins, and slowed growth. Nitrate is made from Nitrite by the beneficial nitrogen-reducing bacterial that needs to be seeded into the biofilter. Plants and algae use Nitrate as food, so ponds with a lot of plant and/or algae growth typically will have Nitrates under natural control. When levels of Nitrates are high, they can be reduced with water changes, reduced feeding, and adding plants to the pond. It is NOT advisable to clean the bottom of your pond spotlessly clean of algae. The algae, in proper amounts, are an effective nitrate reducer.



**Allen Kruger's awesome 10,000 gal pond**

*Things are shaping up for the pond tour and the weather has finally cooperated a bit so I hope everyone will be ready.*

*If you notice the newsletter is late and a bit different, we are still struggling with finding a new operating program and hope it will be solved very soon. I appologize to all. I am computer illiterate so i'm not much help at all. I guess the old saying you cannot teach old dogs new tricks is true, at least for me.*

*We would love to have someone to volunteer to be a club photographer. It would be nice to document things we do as a club, catching fish, earthday at the zoo or pond tour etc. If you are interested, please let me know.*

*Our meeting at John Amdall's house should be awesome. He is gifted in growing evergreens and his yard is truly magic. I can't wait!*

## PKPS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULES

### GENERAL MEETINGS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
June 8	John Amdall, Washington	John Amdall
July 13	Pond Tour	-----
August 10	Allen Kruger,	Todd Bong & Allen
September 14	Jim & Margy Simmons, Peoria	TBA
October 12	ICC	Genny Gibbs
November 9	Banquet	-----

### BOARD MEETINGS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
June 22	Greg and Letriana Cantrell
July 27	Deb Palmquist
August 23	Rick Moreland
September 28	Lisa Carter
October 26	Jeannie Clarke
November 23	Rick Moreland



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