

The Prairieland Splash

PKPS Banquet at 6:00 PM

November 13, 2021

At Tremont Community Center

214 S. Sampson St.

Tremont, Ill.

**Prairieland Koi &
Pond Society**

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Directions

From Knoxville and I-74 E, toward Bloomington for 7.9 miles.

Exit 09 onto I-155 toward Lincoln for 6.6 miles then take exit
25 toward Pekin onto Il. 9 W. for .7 miles to S. Sampson St.

Turn left and drive .1 mile to 214 S. Sampson St.

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

Please give cash/check to our treasurer:

Or Send To: Letriana Cantrell

311 Arnold Rd.

East Peoria, IL 61611

The October 9 meeting of the Prairieland Koi and Pond Society was held at ICC. 12 members were present.

Jeannie Clarke told us that chloramines are deadly to all species of frogs and toads. Also make sure your ponds are equipped with GFI's to prevent any chance of accidental electrocution.

Elections were held and the officers are:

Jeannie Clarke-President Lisa Carter-Vice President Marlene Carter-Treasurer

Margie Simmons– Secretary

Banquet information will be sent out this week. It will be held November 1 at the Tremont Community Center. The club will provide drinks and dessert.

After drawings for door prizes and raffle, Genny Gibbs invited interested members to make leaf castings

Margy Simmons, Sec

Invasive Koi Fish – 3,000 Feral Fish Dumped into Colorado lake

Biology, News

by Dragos Mitrica

Dealing with invasive species is one of the challenges that accompanies globalization and in many areas of the world, it's becoming harder and harder to tackle this issue. In the Colorado lake, 3,000 Koi fish (Japanese carp) are now swarming the water, wiping out native species and dramatically altering the environment.

“These are domestic fish actually. These are fish from a store I imagine. They can out-compete the native fish. They may need to drain the lake to remove the goldfish or using electro fishing, where they stun the fish and remove the invasive species. Goldfish are not a native species and are very harmful to the local aquatic ecosystem,” district wildlife manager for Boulder, Kristin Cannon says. “We strongly encourage the public not to dump their unwanted pet fish in our waters. It is bad for our environment, as well as illegal.”

It’s not clear why, when and how the fish popped up in the lake – the explosion of these exotic fish which are not native to North America seems to have occurred three years ago, and authorities suspect that a local pet store is responsible. The fact that all the fish seem to be some three years old seems to be telling for that aspect.

“Based on their size, it looks like they’re 3-year-olds, which were probably produced from a small handful of fish that were illegally introduced into the lake,” Ben Swigle, a fish biologist at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), told Live Science.

It should already be well known that dumping fish or any foreign species into a natural environment is forbidden – the consequences can be disastrous. A local ranger estimates that there are now 3-4,000 alien koi fish swimming in Colorado Lake at the moment. As their numbers grow more and more, they will out-compete the local species and potentially drive them out, altering the entire ecosystem.

But even as the fish are successful in taking over the lake, their fate seems to be grim as well. Most of them will likely end up as food at a raptor rehabilitation program. Some residents have contacted park officials, asking to adopt some of the fish, but their requests have been denied so far. It’s not clear exactly what will be done with all these fish.

This isn’t the first time such fish have turned up in high numbers in the area. According to LiveScience, in 2012, some 2,275 koi goldfish had to be removed from Thunderbird Lake in Boulder, after a few were likely dumped there as “unwanted pets” two to three years earlier.

As you may have noticed, we will not have a product person .Greg Cantrell has graciously offered to again take your requests and leave them on his porch until the product he has on hand runs out. No more will be ordered.

I did some checking and Chewys does carry some koi food at reasonable prices and some other products as well. I will try and follow up for the places we may be able to purchase some other products.

If you would be interested in being on a pond tour next year please contact anyone on the board. We also are interested in and topics and locations for meetings for 2022.

My pond is closed, netted and the fish are lying on the bottom. All the plants that I wanted to save are moved to the garden house and the tubers are drying awaiting storage in the root cellar. Things are slowing down and I'm starting to remember what the club did this year and how things could be better. If you have any ideas just let me know. 2022 here we come!

Dates to save

November 13- Banquet Tremont Community Center

November 20-Board Meeting Nov 20, 2020 Rick Moreland

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