



*Alice's
Corner*

Hope everyone had a happy and safe 4th of July. We wished for summer and it is here with triple digit temperatures in June. Our ponds and streams are blooming profusely with everyone's favorite plant...algae. Many of you may not be enjoying this bloom and we have had classes of the many ways to control the bloom. We will never be able to get rid of this plant, nor would we want to; it is a nature thing after all. Algae bloom isn't really my point in this article but summer. Summer, to most of the population, means some type of vacation. So what happens to your pond when you lucky ones can be gone for one to three weeks? Most of the ponds will be just fine if the pump keeps working and the level of water stays high enough to keep the pump under water. In this heat, the water evaporates very quickly. A good friend or family member should be checking your pump regularly to assure it is function-

ing properly. An automatic fill valve can be added to your skimmer to add water if the level reaches an unsafe level. This also could be a kind friend with a water hose. Educating this kind friend will be important if dechlorinator is necessary when you usually add water. The same friend can feed your fish per your instructions. There are automatic fish feeders in the Store, however, I wonder if some of these "hoggish" Koi would swim close by eating each feeding as it is dispensed. The fish experts tell us in training that fish can go for as much as three weeks without feed, and that in reality we do not even need to feed them at all. Try telling this to our customers (and our sales staff...including me) and they will get an argument for sure. We are not going to experiment with this but put this little tidbit in the back of your mind somewhere, for in an emergency situation, you can relax about your fish. Nature will provide. Another problem in the summer is the fish swimming close to the surface. Predators e.g., herons, animals both wild and domestic can do more than enjoy watching the swimming fish. Build a safe place in your ponds for your fish to hide from predators. A lot of surface plants such as lily pads, floating plants, etc., can do the same thing. They will provide a barrier between them and the predator, and provide shade from the hot sun as well. Remember, the tropical lily pads are usually larger than the hardy lily pads if you have a lot of water surface to cover. If you are having a lot of trouble with herons, dogs, etc., and are going on vacation, place a net over your pond's surface. A net might provide some shade that will cut down on your algae problem while you are away. Summer usually means new hatching of fish also, so protect them with plants, or scoop out and place them elsewhere before your pond runs amuck with lots of unwanted fish causing your algae bloom to increase. Remember to have lots of aeration in your pond for the hot summer. Add a fountain, spitter, or overflowing pot to your

pond if you have not already done so. Treating the algae can cause a decrease in oxygen. Something new to add to your pond area is the new putting green or chipping green. Come by the Store and try ours on for size. As Nick says, have a "stacation" (staying at home playing) rather than a "vacation" (vacating your home for play). Whatever you do, have a safe summer! Remember our Saturday classes...see you at school.

Alice

Tips and Tricks

"I've got green water!

What do I do?" This is the most often heard comment in the store these days. Algae happens.

You're going to have it sooner or later. Here's some advice on the subject:

1. *Don't keep too many fish*
2. *Don't overfeed the fish*
3. *Circulate your pond volume once an hour*
4. *Provide biological filtration*
5. *Provide mechanical filtration*
6. *Add bacteria and enzymes regularly*
7. *Treat with an algaecide*
8. *Add a properly sized ultra violet (UV) light*
9. *Do partial water changes*

Some algae in the ocean grows up to 30 feet a

Newsletter Update

----- We appreciate all your positive comments about our newsletter. We try our best to get this information out in a timely manner and keep a sale going with coupons in each newsletter for your benefit. However, if you choose not to receive it anymore, please let us know.

WHAT'S NEW?

The OASE Water Quintet Fountain

Unique dynamic water effects with illuminated nozzles. High quality LED and 12 volt technology for energy efficiency. Remotely controlled pre-set programs. Flexible implementation...put it in a bed of gravel, in your water feature or on your patio or terrace. Plug and spray concept for fast installation. See it in the light room now.



Bring new life to your garden!

NEW STORE ENTRANCE !!!!!!!
Enter off Kickapoo, park in the west lot.



Oklahoma's
Largest Inventory & Lowest Prices

NEW! NEW! NEW!
SUMMER Store Hours
(Beginning March 7th)
M-F 8am-6pm
Saturday - 9am-4pm
Sunday - closed

WINTER Store Hours
(Beginning October 20th)
M-F 8am-5pm
Saturday - closed
Sunday - closed

PHONE
405.273.8363
405.275.4625 fax
ONLINE
www.pondproshop.com

DIRECTIONS
From OKC: I-40 East to Kickapoo exit (exit 185); 2 miles north of Shawnee Mall

Free Classes - SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE 2009
Check the schedule for start times. All classes are free and open to the public. No advance registration required. More classes added each month. Ten Pond Dollars awarded for each class.

July 11 10:00am **Add a Fall/Skimmer to an Existing Pond**
Want to add a waterfall to your existing pond? This class will teach you all the tricks.

July 25 10:00am **Installing a Bubbling Rock**
Step-by-step instructions on installing the bubbling rock kit. This kit would also work for an overflowing pot or disappearing fountain

August 8 10:00am **Build a Disappearing Stream**
Learn how to size and build the stream, the waterfall, and the reservoir.

August 22 10:00am **Changing Your Pond Size**
Want to build a bigger pond but aren't sure where to begin? This class is for you. Where to start and how to end.

Sept 22 10:00am **Weeping Wall**
Making a weeping wall fountain to enjoy indoors or out.

Sep 26 10:00am **Multiple Demonstrations**
Need to know how to hook up a pump, install a skimmer, use a discharge kit?

Watch this schedule each month for more classes. Classes will be held Rain or Shine. Pond Pro Shop has the only 'indoor' training facility for pond builders. Come learn from our professional installation staff. If it's raining, we train inside.

Learn and share information about your pond at our free classes!

Pond PRO SHOP
7901 N Kickapoo
Shawnee, OK 74804



Abbey's Rapids and Joshua's Cascade

Before and After
Our Class Saturday, June 27th turned Abbey's Rapids and Joshua's Cascade into one feature. Come see the new Abbey's Rapids pond.



The NEW Abbey's Rapids

The Water Garden Capital of Oklahoma!



Coupons for in-store use

POTS, POTS and MORE POTS
20% OFF this Month!

. Huge selection of glazed pottery. We have a wide variety of styles with many beautiful colors to choose from. These pots are suitable for water features or as accent pieces in your landscape.

Coupon required, valid through July 31, 2009.

Coupon must be present for discount. Valid for retail store purchases only.



Coupons for in-store use

Got Algae?
10% OFF Any Size

Effectively controls green water algae and blanket weed. EPA registered.

Coupon Required. Valid through July 31, 2009.