



Alice's Corner

On my!!! January flew and February, a short month, is all that is between us and the beginning of class schedules. Our first class is March 3, Spring Startup. As most of you know, all our classes are free and no pre-registration is needed. Some food is always offered along with hot coffee and tea, etc. I mentioned in my last newsletter that we were contemplating a pond-building class with and for ladies only. We have had enough interest that we do plan to hold that class July 28th. Ladies get your workouts in order so that your muscles won't let you down. Wear "old clothes"; PPS will supply the gloves; and no open-toed shoes. More to come. We will make it a fun morning. Still room for a few more ladies. This class does need pre-registration.

Our January pottery sale was a huge success. Thank you for being a part of it and I

know you will enjoy the pots you purchased. **February** we will have our **outside fountains and statuary** on sale at great bargains as well. (See your coupon.) These include Henri, Al's Garden Art, Art of Stone, and Unique Stoneware. This sale is a first and we have some absolutely gorgeous pieces. This is a great opportunity for you to add a stunning fountain or statue to your landscape. Pottery and stoneware are wonderful accents for any landscape and we are so proud to offer you "the best in the business".

Can you believe this Oklahoma weather? We, of course, are hurting for rain and we have had unseasonal temperatures thus far. It is good for working outside but unsure what to plant, just in case we do have a freeze this month. The experts tell us that our bulbs that are now peeking up through the soil will be all right if we do have a freeze. Nature of course is adaptable and a lot smarter than we seem to be. I do pray we do not continue to have the hot temperatures that we had last summer. My goodness; fighting algae would become a full-time job. Begin lots of plants in your pond to help control algae a natural way. Our plants will begin coming soon. I understand now is the time to begin barley treatments if you choose to do so. We will again learn all we can to assist the pond owner to keep his pond clean and healthy. In mentioning this we will once more close the Store in February, the 9th and 10th to be exact, for training. We will be back open Saturday the 11th at 10:00 a.m., more informed I feel sure.

Look for all the new product we will have inside and outside at Pond Pro Shop and look for many price changes on existing product. I think you will be pleasantly surprised as we continue our practice of exemplary customer service. We also have new faces among our sales people and yard personnel. Be sure to say hello and make them feel welcome.

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Tips and Tricks

An important consideration for water gardeners in the Spring is the increase in ammonia created by the fish waste as your fish start to become more active. They'll begin to feed from the pond as the water temperature increases. This places more strain on your biological filter as it struggles to breakdown the increased ammonia. Add bacteria, avoid feeding too early, certainly avoid over feeding and make sure that your pond pump runs 24/7 providing oxygen to the nitrifying bacteria living in the bio-filter and your pond. It is these bacteria that break down ammonia. Learn more at Spring Startup class March 3rd.

New Things to See

Come see our new artificial rock from Universal Rocks. It's lightweight and tough. Use it for a waterfall on your pool or existing pond or even surround your water feature with it. We have a new feature in the display yard built with it. Come see!

We also have new filters from Aqua Control. These filters provide complete biological and mechanical filtration for koi ponds. For some of you they will be the answer to your fish overload. Aqua also makes great UV clarifiers and sterilizers.

Universal Lighting Systems has beautifully crafted, quality engineered landscape lighting. We have a full line of their halogen and LED styles to choose from along with several sizes of transformers. Use these lights in and around your water feature, along paths, on stairs, railings, steps or walkways. They're exceptional for up or down lighting your landscaping and home.



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 OKC 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00pm Will Rogers
www.wgso.org for more info
 Choctaw Pond & Garden 3rd Saturday evening @
 6:00pm 405-391-3215 for more info
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Statuary & Fountains

This is your chance to get that statue or fountain you've been wanting. Sorry, bronzes are not included. Only outside fountains, statues, bird-baths, benches, garden ornaments. Some new, some old. All discounted at least 25%...some up to 50%. No coupon required.



Free Classes - SPRING SCHEDULE 2012

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. We train rain or shine in the only indoor pond training facility in the U.S.

Mar 3
10:00am **Spring Startup**
 We'll help you get your pond off to a good start for the 2012 season. We'll cover what to do to help your plants, your fish, the beneficial bacteria and your UV light. Bring your questions.

Mar 17
10:00am **Pondless Build**
 The first building class of the new season. Come learn the techniques of the pros. The crew will tell all in this class on how to construct a pondless feature.

Mar 31
10:00am **Disappearing Fountain**
 Want to turn Grandma's old pump into a fountain? How about an overflowing pot or bubbling rock? This is the class where we show you how to make a fountain out of most anything.