



Alice's Corner

CHANGES!! CHANGES!! CHANGES!! CHANGES!!

Life continues to be full of changes. As I recently confided my age, you can imagine just how many changes I have been through during my life. Many of us when we were younger “dreamed” for the day when life as we thought would slow down and be “just routine” as we all aged. I am here to tell you, “it just isn’t so!” Pond Pro has gone through many changes; some physically and some economically. A few changes are being made that effect you as our faithful customers and friends. One is that the monthly [newsletter](#) will only be sent out by [e-mail](#). As postage rates continue to rise and rules are added beyond reasoning to do our bulk mailings we have decided to just do the email routing of the newsletter. Please send us your email addresses in order that you may continue to receive “our wise” tidbits (?). We truly wish to stay in touch, so if you do not have a computer, stop by the Store at least once a month; we will print

off a copy for you. Don’t forget, we will also continue to offer coupons and specials, so check with us on a regular basis for these offerings.

Other changes that will effect some of you will be our [winter hours](#). Beginning November 1st, we will only be open Wednesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our ponds have begun to become inactive; we have fewer people to work during the winter, so we believe this will work best for our off season. We will, of course, still have our Pond Dollar Redemption Days and our Christmas Extravaganza beginning November 28th and continuing through December 28th. Our night walking lighted tours will begin November 30th and will be each Friday and Saturday evening through December 22nd until 8:00 p.m.

Our holiday hours are as follows: for [Labor Day](#) weekend, we will close Friday, August 31, at 5:00 p.m. and not reopen until Tuesday, September 4th at 9:00 a.m....for [Thanksgiving](#) weekend we will close Wednesday, November 21st at 5:00 p.m., and reopen Wednesday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m....for [Christmas](#), we will close December 22nd at 8:00 p.m. and reopen December 26th at 9:00 a.m....for [New Year's](#), we will only be closed on our regular days of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 30, 31, and 1. We will reopen Wednesday January 2nd at 9:00 a.m. The past couple of years with severe stormy weather, icy conditions, etc. our entire Company closed for unannounced days. If you have any doubt, please call us at 405-273-8363 to assure we are “alive and well” before you come during those inclement times. Please bear with us during these changes. Mike, Belinda, Juan and I will remain the same. We look forward to this winter/holiday season not only for the cooler weather but to display all the new products we will be carrying for your pond, your backyard, and your Christmas décor. Because you will not get your regular newsletters, mark the above dates on your calendar and most of all remember to [redeem your pond dollars!](#) *Alice*

Tips and Tricks

With the recent announcement in Texas of a West Nile Virus epidemic, we’ve had several questions about what we can do to protect ourselves. First, running water isn’t a breeding ground for mosquitoes so your pond shouldn’t be a problem as long as it is moving water. Second, limit or get rid of any standing water. Dump stagnant water from any buckets, flower pots, old tires, etc. Third, if you can’t get rid of it, treat standing water with a product like Microbe-lift’s BMC (Biological Mosquito Control). Fourth, treat yourself with a product specifically designed for mosquitoes. There are several good ones on the market.

And remember, of every 100 persons bitten by a mosquito with West Nile, only one will come down with any symptoms.

New Hours, New Look, No Newsletter

As Alice has pointed out, there will be some changes in the product lines, the yard, the displays and the days and hours. All of this in an attempt to provide you with the great products, prices and service you’ve become accustomed to over the years. As postal rates have increased and services decreased, we find ourselves in the position of spending too much to maintain pricing as we would like. In an effort to cut that cost, we feel using current technology is a better solution. So, send us your email address and LIKE us on Facebook to keep up with all the news, pictures, latest information and great deals you’ve always enjoyed in our print newsletter. For those without email, you may still pick up a copy of the newsletter in the store after the first week of the month. Send your email address to news@pondproshop.com to continue receiving our newsletter as published.

Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr
www.gcwgs.com for more info
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
Stillwater 3rd Monday @ 7:00pm
www.stillwaterwatergardens.org for more info
Duncan 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm Red River Tech
580-595-0842 for more info

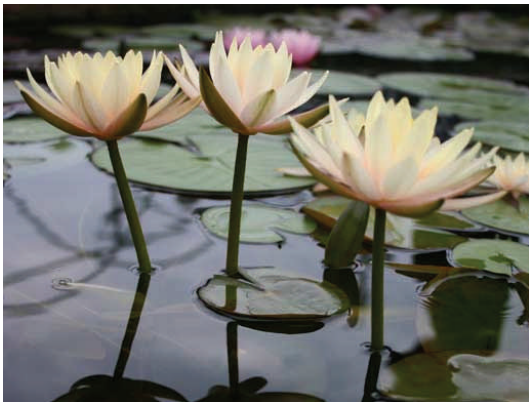
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Free Classes - SUMMER/FALL SCHEDULE 2012

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.

Pond Build

SEP 8th 1:00pm Learn how to build your own water garden from our crew of experts. We will start with a hole in the ground and go through everything step-by-step. In two hours you will have seen all the steps.

Pondless Build

SEP 22th 1:00pm Not everyone wants a pond at the bottom of their waterfall. For those who don't, we'll show you how to make a 'pondless' feature that will give you the sight, the sound, and the beauty of a waterfall and stream without the maintenance of the pond. Of course, you won't be able to have fish but you can still have many types of aquatic plants.

For future class schedules, go to
www.pondproshop.com

*Bring new life to your garden...
Add a water feature!*

Lilies in Bloom

Many of our lilies are blooming with this heat. Are yours? Send us pictures of your ponds in full bloom and we'll share them here or on Facebook.

Since this will be our last printed newsletter to be mailed to all of you, we thought it appropriate to include our Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts to you a little early. Cut out the coupons and save them until you come in to spend your Pond Dollars between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Coupons for in-store use

Pond Dollars

Thanksgiving

Our gift to you. Twenty-Five Pond Dollars to add to your total. Just our way of saying "THANKS" to our valued customers. One per customer please. Coupon required, valid through December 28, 2012

Coupon must be present for discount. Valid for retail store purchases only. **Not valid with any other discount.** Applies to Retail Store Pricing Only. Products cannot be shipped from the store



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Our Gift To You

\$25 Happy Holidays \$25

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