

Mike's Minutes

What a great year it's been! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and that Santa brought you everything on your wish list. I realized I missed a December newsletter when I went looking for it today to do this update. Here's a picture of why...on the days I would normally be composing a letter to you I was basking in the sun without a care in the world. Of course, when I returned to the real world I immediately forgot everything I was supposed to have done during that week.



A day at Excellence Punta Cana, DR

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We are not busy this week between Christmas and New Year's so we're looking ahead to the new year. First up on my agenda will be the OKC Home and Garden Show at State Fair park January 19-21. We'll be in The Pavilion again, booth 447. Come see me there and pick up your 2018 class schedule. Next up is the annual Water Garden Expo where about 200 pond professionals will gather for a week of learning, laughing, loving



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BiOrb Flow 15 in black

After over 90 hours of below freezing temps One of the things we're excited about here at Pond Pro are the new BiOrb aquariums from OASE. Pictured here is the BiOrb Flow with black trim in a 8 gallon size. Perfect for enjoying some indoor aquatic life during these cold days of Winter. They come in several different styles and sizes. You can get all the information on the Pondliner.com website under 'Aquariums'. Or come in the store and see the ones we have set up.

Stay warm and dream about your next water feature. We'll be waiting to help you.

Always be humble and kind ~~~Mike

TIPS and TRICKS

Here are four things you should remember for the Winter:

1. Stop feeding your fish at water temps below 55. Start again when water temps go above 55.
2. Run an aerator from a shallower part of the pond to help keep ice open for gas transfer and to keep from moving warmer water in the deep up to the surface where it cools.
3. Use a bacteria specifically designed for cold weather to help keep organic materials that are decomposing from building up into the awful sludge you have to deal with in the Spring.
4. Net the pond against leaves and predators

Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr
www.gcwgs.com for more info

OKC 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm (New Location)
Grace UMC, 6316 N. Tulsa, OKC

www.wgso.org for more info

Stillwater Meetings on hold until further notice

www.stillwaterwatergardens.org for more info

Duncan 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm Red River Tech
580-595-0842 for more info

If you have a water garden club let us know so we
can advertise it here for you.

**Military (Active or Retired) and Water
Garden Club members**

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**(If you remember to tell us up front!
Not after you've already paid.)**

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Lake Levi, our 30K gallon pond is not quite frozen solid due to the amount of flow at the waterfalls and an aerator running two diffusers. How's yours?



If you're living the pond life like we are, you're enjoying the view of your pond from a window inside a warm room.

Get the latest information on our Facebook page. [Facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop) **Please note: We are on Winter hours as of November 1st: Wednesday thru Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. Closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.** Phone 405-273-8363.

BiOrb Halo 15

This BiOrb comes in white or grey and features a remote controlled multi color light. Starting at \$99. Decorations sold separately.



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inclement
weather.**

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Aqua Bella Vase Kit

This kit contains everything you need to create this beautiful 40" tall fountain in your yard. It is an easy afternoon install and a real steal at \$1360.

