

Mike's Minutes

Looks like Summer has come early. 100 degree days already! Yikes, what do you think July and August will be like? I think often, as I hear others complain about the temps, of growing up in a home without air conditioning. We had a 'swamp' cooler and fans, that was it. Of course, we didn't know any better and almost no one had central heat and air back then. I guess I'm giving away my age, huh? Somehow we managed and did all those things outdoors like mowing with a reel type mower, or if you were lucky, a power mower that wasn't self-propelled. And the yards were ten times as big as they are now, or so it seemed.

All the fish are out of quarantine and ready for new homes. Plants are going fast but there are still some beautiful ones left. Better come out and get what you need soon so you can enjoy them throughout the rest of the season..

We had a great turnout for the "Plants, Fish and Algae" class last week and are already looking forward to the second "Pond Build" class of the season, June 9th at 10am. If you're still trying to decide if you want to build your pond or have someone else do it, come to class and see how easy it can be. It's not rocket science but there are some things that need to be done in a certain order to make life easier for you. We typically build a very simple pond during class but will take the time to explain each step and if you're interested in upgrading, we'll talk about what modifications can be made to make it as maintenance free as possible.

We're getting a lot of calls regarding string algae. Remember that Mother Nature is going to let something grow that will use up excess nutrients in the water in order to protect the fish. That something is algae. It's a natural part of the cycle and will eventually clear itself up if you have plenty of plants, good bacteria and proper filtration (and the right number of fish). Using algaecides this early only pushes the problem further down the road. Let your pond seek balance and help it by doing partial water changes of 10-20% weekly.

If your ponds aren't this clear, come see us.
Always be humble and kind~~Mike



TIPS and TRICKS

I know I've said it before but I'll say it again because some of you still haven't heard...the PondoVac is a tool every water gardener should have. I can't count the customers who have come back in after a season with one and said how effective and easy it was to keep the muck from building up during the summer months and how much cleaner their pond looks going into winter. Many have added that they are no longer going through that "clean out/start all over" cycle that draining and cleaning had done to the pond every season. That doesn't even count the stress placed on the fish to be moved into a tiny tub while the cleaning is taking place.

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
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This is what a disappearing waterfall looks like in full bloom. You could have this in your yard, front or back, and enjoy the sounds of water year round. If you put it in the front, there is very little liability since there is no pond at the bottom. In the back, it helps drown out the road noise and provides tranquility and peace as you sit and relax.

We have had some customers as us if they can change their pond into a pondless and the answer is yes. It's not easy but it can be done. We have several contractors who would be glad to help you if you've reach a point in life where you need to take a break from caring for a pond. Come see us.

Classes - SPRING/SUMMER 2018 SCHEDULE *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*

**June 9
2018**

10:00am

Pond Build

If you missed the first pond build, don't miss this one. John and the crew will build a hybrid pond with an ecosystem filter and an external pressure filter using two pumps for efficiency and great filtration. Come see how it's done.

Pondless Build

**June 23
2018**

10:00am

Looking for the perfect feature for your front yard? Look no further, this is the class you want to attend. We'll go step-by-step through the process of making a natural looking stream and waterfall without a pond.

**July 14th
2018**

10:00am

Managing Algae

I don't think you can ever truly control it but you can manage it. We'll go over ways to make your pond beautiful and healthy for you and your fish.



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page. [Facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop) **Please note: We are on Summer hours as of March 1st: Wednesday thru Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. Closed Sunday and**

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above for more information

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