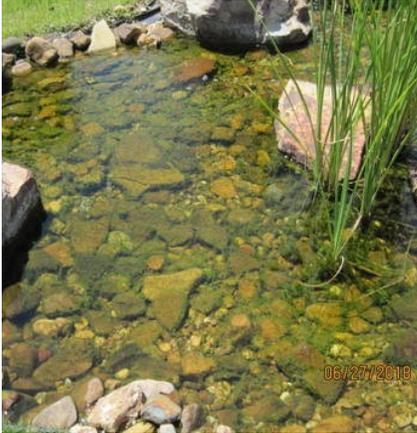


Mike's Minutes



Ahh, don't you just love Summer? All the rain, all the heat, all the humidity. Of course, that also means ALGAE! And lots of it. Don't worry, your pond will soon settle in and begin to come back in balance as your plants grow, long days of sunlight and lots of fertilizer. On the plus side though, you are enjoying your pond later in the evening too. Remember to keep up your regimen to combat algae, whatever that is for you.

If you are still having problems, come to class July 14th for our take on how to manage your algae. We'll go through the why's and wherefor's, what to do and what not to do.

We're still 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). If you are using an algaecide, be very careful these days as warm water holds less oxygen, dying algae removes oxygen and you could cause a fish kill. Even though your fish act like they're starving, they're not. If they don't clean up the food in 2-3 minutes, you're feeding the pond, not the fish. They'll eat that pesky algae if nothing else is available.



With the heavy rains we've had recently, I recommend you do a partial water change to help get rid of anything unwanted that may have fallen or washed into the pond. 25-30% should help. We do that after any rain of an inch or more. Only taking out what filled it up or washed in concentrates the 'stuff' that is in the water, none of that evaporates. You have to dilute it with fresh water additions.

It's time for a sale on our fish, plants and pottery. All will be 50% off. This sale starts Saturday, June 30 and runs until they're all gone. Come early for the best selection.

The store will be closed Wednesday, July 4th for the holiday. Have a safe and happy Independence Day. Remember why we celebrate.

Always be humble and kind~~~Mike



TIPS and TRICKS

We recommend an Ultraviolet light in all ponds. There are those who oppose them on the basis of sterilization which could wipe out your entire bacteria colony but I disagree. Typically, UV lights are sold as clarifiers, not sterilizers. Dwell time is the big difference. Remember UV only treats the water that passes through it. Where is most of your beneficial bacteria? In the water, on the rocks, in your biological filter unit? Yes, in all those places but only that which is in the water passes through the UV and may be killed. The same with algae, only what is free floating in the water; the single cell algae is affected.

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

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The next class will be
“Managing Algae” and if your
pond or you look like this, you
need to come to class. We may
not have all the answers but like
that insurance company on TV,
“We know a thing or two because
we’ve seen a thing or two.”

Classes - SPRING/SUMMER 2018 SCHEDULE Check the
schedule for start times. All classes are free and open to the public. No advance
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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. Some are easy, some are hard
but managing it can be done.

Pond Build

July 28

2018

10:00am

If you missed the first couple of pond builds,
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.

August

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2018

10:00am

Waterfalls and Streams

It looks easy to build a waterfall and stream
that looks natural. It's not. We'll talk about
some of the design characteristics that will
help you achieve the look you want with as
little effort as possible.



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