

## Mike's Minutes

I noticed this morning a big yellow leaf float down into my waterfall. Mind you it's not from a tree I have but from a nearby neighbor. Here at work we are starting to pick leaves out of ponds. Better get ready. If you haven't already gotten a net, we have them in stock now. We'll be putting them up on our ponds here in the next week or two in order to save some time in the Spring and help maintain the water quality through the Winter. If you have leaves on the bottom of the pond, you will need to remove them before you put the net on or you defeat the purpose of the net.

We have one more pond build class coming up in September, but we're always willing to spend the time with you helping figure out what equipment will best suit



your design (and pocket book). This is a great time to be building a pond. We're going to have some nice warm days and there's still time to get it settled in before the Winter weather sets in. You'll probably have to wait on plants until spring but depending on the temperature over the next couple of months, you might be able to get some hardy perennials started yet this season.

Your algae problems should begin to lessen as the water temperature begins to drop but that doesn't mean you should quit using bacteria or barley extract. We'll still have enough warm days to cause algae to grow unless your pond is balanced with enough plants and bacteria to out perform the algae for nutrients. We keep this regimen up all winter to insure that there is always a decent bacteria colony. Remember, your plants are going dormant as well and are not using as much nutrient as they did during the growing season.

**We still have a few fish, plants and pottery. All are 50% off. This sale remains in effect until they're all gone.**

Always be humble and kind~~~Mike



This is called "Winter Terminal" and is one of the Unique Stone collections

### TIPS and TRICKS

*As I said in the opening, netting your pond now can save you a lot of heartache in the Spring. As leaves accumulate on the bottom of the pond they begin to decompose and degrade the water quality in your pond. Your fish are at their highest immunity after a good summer but as they go dormant as water temps cool down, they begin to use up the energy they've stored and their immune system becomes weaker. Meanwhile the 'bad' stuff in the water is becoming stronger and that leaves your fish susceptible to the ever-present parasites that exist in all ponds. We have nets that stop everything and nets that have bigger holes if you're only worried about big leaves.*

## 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**

**receive a**

**10% discount**

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

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We have some striking  
bronze pieces. Here is an exam-  
ple; "Kids Climbing Tree with Kit-  
ten" was originally over \$5000.  
You can have it in your yard for  
under \$3000 right now. I really  
want to move these pieces.  
Come look and make me an of-  
fer.



Get the latest information on our FACEBOOK page. 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 Monday.** Phone 405-273-8363.

**20% off Premium nets**

Premium nets stop even small seeds from getting in your pond. They are bound around the edges and have brass grommets every two feet. You can secure the net with rocks or stakes through the grommets.



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These!!!**



Build a pond today  
We'll show you how  
Free !!!!  
See the Class Schedule  
above for more infor-  
mation

**15% off OASE PondoVacs**

"The best tool  
for your pond"  
so says many of  
our customers.  
Now is a good  
time to use one  
too. Come take a  
demo spin and  
find out how easy it is.



**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

**Sept 8th**

**2018**

**10:00am**

**Bubbling Feature**

Want a simple bubbler for the patio or entrance, we'll show you how it's done. It might be a piece of pottery you want to turn into a fountain or a rock you want drilled.

**Last Pond Build Class of the year  
Pond Build**

**Sept 22**

**2018**

**10:00am**

This is your chance to learn how to put together your dream backyard oasis. We'll start at 10am and have a functioning pond by 12. We do our best to explain each step as the crew completes it and answer any of your questions.

**Oct 6th**

**2018**

**10:00am**

**Winterizing Your Pond**

Get ready for the Winter in this class. More next month.