

Mike's Minutes

Well, Mother Nature was not kind to us last week for the Water Garden Expo. As I told you last month, our plan was to have two ponds renovated and build one on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. We got our part done early but then the rains came. The decision was made to go ahead and build one on Monday before the bad

rains and cold came in even though all the contractors wouldn't be here to see it built, then reproduce it indoors on Tuesday for them. So the one picture is what got done outside and the other is the one using the exact same equipment built indoors.

The other pond was prepped and ready, covered with a liner in case we could build outside on Wednesday but as you know now, it was bitterly cold

that day and the rains and winds came again.

We were able to use block and 'mock' up a



OASE Pond Outside

pond indoors to show the airlift technology for the second pond. Those pictures, here and on the back, show the outside and inside and some closeups of the skimmer and the outlet to show how much water can be moved by the aerator vs. a pump. We'll leave it up for a couple of weeks so you can stop by and see it. It's a real energy saver in lots of ways.

I want to thank John Eccles of Waterscape Creations, Harrah, OK and his crew for all their help in demolishing the old ponds and building the new pond with OASE equipment. And, thanks to Jake Langeslag of Aqua Eden, Faribault, MN for his help and expertise in teaching the airlift technique even though it had to be done indoors. We'll build his design outdoors when weather permits. We had over 100 contractors in town for the build and to learn new techniques is always exciting. Close to 180 attended the two days of seminars at the Expo Center Thursday and Friday in spite of Mother Nature.

Now we're preparing for two upcoming Home and Garden shows, one in Tulsa March 8-11 at the Tulsa State Fairground and one in OKC March 23-25 at the State Fairgrounds. Come out and see us.

We start Summer hours March 1st and classes on the 17th

Always be humble and kind~~~Mike



OASE Pond Inside



The Airlift pond outside

TIPS and TRICKS

Despite the cold weather last week, our ponds are starting to warm up and when the Sun shines the fish become more active. You may start feeding on a limited basis as the water temps reach 55 degrees in your pond. Probably still best to feed an easily digestible food high in Spirulina or Wheat Germ. Once we hit 60 in the pond, go ahead and feed your regular food. Remember, the first ingredient of a quality food should always be fish based, fish meal, or shrimp maybe. The better the food, the more they eat and digest and the less that winds up on the bottom of the pond feeding algae instead of fish. Feed your pond bacteria, not fish food.

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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Above is the Airlift pond indoors showing
some of the parts and pieces. Basically, it
consists of the skimmer, an aerator, tubing
and an outlet. The big tubing has to be level.

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schedule for start times. All classes are free and open to the public. No advance
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March

17 2018 Your pond has been asleep and now it's time
to wake it up. What do you do? Come find out
10:00am what we recommend for the first steps to kick
off your season..

Spring Startup

April 7

2018 When you started, the filter you had was just
10:00am right for the few fish you had. Now they've
grown and had babies. What can you do to
insure your filter will keep up with the new load
your fish place on it?

Pond Filtration

April 21

2018 All Winter you've been dreaming of and re-
10:00am searching the perfect pond for your yard. Let
us show you how easy it is to achieve success
on your own with a few simple steps.

Pond Build

This is the Helix Skimmer using
only the air from an Atlantic
3600 Typhoon aerator. Looks to
be moving about 2.5-3K GPH in
the pic on the right. We didn't
install the waterfall.



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note: We are on Summer hours as of March 1st: Wednesday thru Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Sat-
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