



*Alice's
Corner*

Wonderful sun-shiny days have welcomed us all into May. I believe each of us have more appreciation for the warmth this year after the lengthy cold weather we have had. We all rushed around between the cold weather and the warmer weather to plant our flower beds and around the ponds in preparation for our annual Super Build-A-Pond Day. We were blessed with a beautiful day and lots of visitors. Jay and his crew built a lovely pond inside; Janie and her crew cooked hot dogs outside and were able to feed all the hungry people who were able to sit around the ponds enjoying the day. It felt like a family reunion. Everyone was relaxed, educated and filled. Children played golf and enjoyed feeding the fish (who I might add were well fed that day). And today, as I write this newsletter, the flowers are blooming and look like they have been there forever. Striking! The yard crew continues to do an amazing job. Wish my yard looked even half as good.

Speaking of my yard, Mike and I have been discussing "my age". Well, not just my age but some of our customers who are my age and much older and are having a little difficulty maintaining their fish pond. As we all get older it becomes a trifle more difficult to climb down into our fish ponds to clean the pond, repot our plants, etc., to lift our "heavy" pumps to either clean them or replace them as well as changing our uv clarifier bulbs. We definitely do not want to lose our customers just because they are a year or so older and we do not want them hurt either. We know of two alternatives at least. Our certified contractors are developing a pond maintenance program. They will come out as you need them to do what and all maintenance you can afford. One more option for us is to change our ponds into a pondless feature. My thinking for myself is to do just that...not yet mind you, but when my grandchildren are not around to help me clean my pond or have lost interest in helping me. A pond can be made into a pondless feature with very little changes. The liner size could remain the same (unless you have a pond the size of our "parking lot pond"); the waterfall filter at the top could remain the same; the pump could remain the same and of course the rock you already have in and around your pond will work. The needs would be first of all a pump vault to house your pump in the feature's water source, your fish will have to be given away as well as your water lilies. Your marginal plants will still grow in and around your pondless feature. You will not need a uv clarifier nor a skimmer. Algae can still be an issue but not nearly to the degree as in a pond. It will be much simpler to control. The water sound will be the same. This choice is not just a matter of age but of ability. When you have a pond, enjoy it to its' fullest and I do. I love watching the fish. But when I become unable to maintain my pond, I will "changeover" and enjoy my pondless to its' fullest. We have ongoing classes throughout the season to give you most of the information you will need in building a pondless. You will notice a change in your newsletter this month. Mike continually works with the US Post Office to get the newsletters to our recipients. We have so many come back for various reasons and it seems the way we were folding and addressing them were causing the post office readers difficulty. So we are folding and addressing them differently. I hope this gets to you. School will be out soon...one of our summer high school helpers will graduate. Jaelyn (my granddaughter if you remember) will graduate and be able to work more this summer. Many of our customer's have graduates and have asked if they can take pictures around our ponds. We are delighted to share the beauty that we get to work with on a daily basis. We have had wedding pictures taken out here as well. Thank you for appreciating our guys hard work. Come see us. *Alice*

*Double Pond Dollars
\$\$\$\$ X 2 on
Any waterfall filter
Valid through May 31, 2010*

Tips and Tricks

"Why is my pond water green/brown?" Is a question we get asked frequently. The answer could be as simple as run off after a hard rain or it could be as complex as too many fish and too much cleaning. Many people clean out their biological filter with chlorinated water early in the Spring. This kills the bacteria colony which allows the ammonia and nitrites to build up as the fish become active again. Adding bacteria immediately after cleaning the filter helps as does changing out some of the water.

New Products in the store..

Laguna has come out with a Floating Feeding Station for your pond. The ring is easily anchored to the side or bottom of the pond. It helps prevent overfeeding and wasted food and brings the fish to one area of the pond for easier viewing.



We also have a whole series of new pots and plant baskets in round, square, and oblong. Three different sizes of floating planters and a new 100gallon planter are also available. Now is the time to repot your submerged plants and add fertilizer.

News Flash!! Installation Services Update—In an effort to meet your demand for installations and services we have added three certified contractors to our team. They will all provide the same quality service and superior products you've come to expect from Pond Pro Shop. You may continue to call the store for your installation and service needs and we will forward your information to the appropriate contractor for action.

Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr
 OKC 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00pm Will Rogers
 Shawnee 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Pond Pro Shop.
 605-9092 for info
 Choctaw 3rd Sunday Afternoon @3:00pm. 391-
 3215 for info
 Stillwater 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm stillwatergardens.org for meeting info
 Duncan 1st Tuesday @7:00pm Red River Tech

Learn and share information about your pond at our free classes!



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The Water Garden Capital of Oklahoma!

One of Alice's displays. Come see all of the gift and decorative items we have in the store.



We've had a lot of questions about waterfalls lately. To have one that looks like this you'll need to be pumping approximately 250 gallons of water per inch of width. Remember to figure in your head pressure when calculating the size pump you may need.

Bring new life to your garden!

Free Classes - SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE 2010

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. Watch this schedule each month for more classes. Classes will be held Rain or Shine. Pond Pro Shop has the only 'indoor' training facility for pond builders. If it's raining, we train inside.

May 15
 10:00am

May 29
 9:00am

June 12
 10:00am

Plants/Fish/Algae

Everything you always wanted to know about plants fish and algae but were afraid to ask.

Build a Pondless Feature

Waterfall or waterfall and stream, you decide. Size it to fit your yard.

The Whole Backyard

Water features, artificial turf, putting greens, fireplaces, landscaping ideas, you name it and we'll address it for your whole backyard.

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Super Build-A-Pond Day class-

Over 80 showed up for the class and stayed to enjoy lunch around the ponds on April 24th. Our next class is May 15th at 10am. Continental breakfast but no lunch this time.

Visit us on the web at www.pondproshop.com where you'll find loads of information about our facilities, products, displays and more. Store Hours: M-F 9:00am-6:00pm; Sa 9:00am-4:00pm. Two miles north of Interstate 40 at exit 185, 7901 N. Kickapoo, Shawnee, OK 74801



Coupons for in-store use only

20% off!

Clarity Max +

CrystalClear Clarity Max Plus with Activated Barley is designed to restore balance to the pond ecosystem by breaking down organic material that creates problems in and around waterfalls, rocks, stream beds, plant pots, pumps and filtration systems.



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Coupon must be present for discount. Valid for retail store purchases only. Not valid with any other discount. Applies to Retail Store Pricing Only.



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D-Solv 9

Clears Pond Water Regardless of Color. Removes Suspended Organic Debris. Contains a 9% "Fix-It" Solution for Rapid Action. The 9% formula is designed to clear pond water quickly & efficiently regardless of water volume. Always make sure there is vigorous aeration. D-Solv 9 requires heavy aeration especially in hot weather! Apply once a week to treat discolored water.



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