



Alice's Corner

It is hard to believe that “summer vacation” is almost over. Before you get your next newsletter in September, school will have started back. Some of you are thrilled and some not. Even though another school year may not be an issue with you, it seems ingrained into our thinking that August is the end of summer; even though we have almost another full month until the official beginning of fall. As “ponders”, this is an enjoyable time of year. The fish are growing right in front of our eyes. The flowers and aquatic plants are flourishing in the heat. It is still not too late to put more plants in your pond. They will get a good start before frost.

Some of you may have noticed that we have had a “little” rain this summer. Multiple times we have had lakes in our yard rather than ponds. It has been surprising we haven’t had fish floating/swimming into our store. I guess we have had a snake...sorry about that “dear customer” who discovered it. All the rains have caused some disturbances in our ponds, whether it has been flooding, raising pH and/or

causing ammonia spikes, making pond water cloudy, or just keeping us from being able to enjoy it. Most difficulties are easy to fix with a little information and a product or two. Algae blooms abound. Our last class “Controlling Algae” was well attended, appreciatively, and with no “quick cure” other than products and information we have. As was expressed in class, algae is a symptom of something wrong in our ponds rather than the issue. Discovering the “wrong” is the challenge. Just remember to do your best to balance the ecosystem of your ponds with proper amounts of fish, plants, filtration, oxygenation, etc. Customers who have had existing ponds for many years are fighting algae blooms this year for the first time so know you are not alone in your algae dilemma. Just do not become discouraged, come in and let us try to help you with the symptoms and problems.

Getting our thinking out of the heat for a moment, I want to remind you to plan time for Pond Pro Shop during the holidays. Of course, pond-dollar-redemption begins November 15th going through December 31st. Now with that reminder, I want also to help you to remember “Christmas at Pond Pro”. I am excited that this will be our first year to show off our ponds at night and doing so in connection with Christmas. You will be excited that we will have a new look for you to enjoy and gifts for you to share. As you choose your gifts for those special people on your list, we will have free gift wrapping available. Save your time and your money and spend some of it with us. We will have refreshments at our night openings. More information to come.

For those of you who have been needing and wanting a pond vacuum, the new and only OASE Pondovac 4 should ship around July 21. Already half of the incoming order has been committed. We did order another brand of vacuum for research...cost about the same...but more difficult to operate in our water gardens. Many of your ponds may not be large enough for the use of a pond vacuum, but if yours is and you have tried using a shop vac, etc., you will find this vacuum soooo much easier. Always be careful when using a vacuum not designed for your pond or in borrowing someone else’s vacuum. It is possible to transfer parasites, fungi, or other “strange” little creatures from one pond to another. If a shop vac is used, keep one exclusively for your pond. Watch for other tidbits in this newsletter and on our website. Next class a pond build on the 24th. Come see us.

Alice

Double Pond Dollars
\$\$\$\$\$ X 2 on
Any pond kit

Valid through August 31, 2010

Tips and Tricks

“Why test pond water for Ammonia?” Because it is the #1 killer of your fish. It is a toxic chemical that in high enough concentrations poisons the fish! Ammonia is released through urine, waste matter and decomposing fish food. If the biological filter is working properly, a test for ammonia will register zero. As a general rule an ammonia reading of more than 0.25 ppm is a symptom of one or more of the following problems: overfeeding, overstocking or too much decaying organic material in the bottom of the pond.

New Products in the store...

In answer to your requests...Pond Pro has brought in a shipment of pine straw mulch. It holds its shape and color well and doesn’t wash or pack like other types of mulch. Even the Oklahoma winds don’t seem to bother it. You can see it around Nathan’s Nook in our display yard. We’ve packaged bales of pine straw mulch in convenient boxes. One box provides approximately 70 square feet of 3” coverage. Give a new look to your pond today.



News Flash!! Due to the rising costs of postage, we are purging our mailing list. Anyone who has not visited the store in the past four years will be dropped from the listing. If you miss your newsletter next month and wish to be put back on the list, come see us! Those of you receiving your newsletter via email will not be impacted by this move, however, if your internet service provider’s spam filter kicks your email back to us; we move you to the USPS list and you’ll receive your newsletter that way from then on.

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(405) 273 -8363 Summer Store Hours 8-6 M-F; 9-4 Sat; closed Sun

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 Monday @ 7:00pm
www.stillwaterwatergardens.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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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.

Disappearing Stream

**August 7
10:00am** A lazy afternoon, a babbling brook, luscious plants, a cool breeze...all in your own back yard. Come learn how to size, design and build a stream in your landscape.

Build a Pondless Feature

**August
21
10:00am** Waterfall or waterfall and stream, you decide. We'll show you how. Size it to fit your yard.

Pond Build

**Sep 11
1:00pm
NOTE** By special request, just for those of you who live further away, we've scheduled a class that starts at 1:00 so you can make it. Come learn from the pro's.
More classes added each month

Bring new life to your garden!



Wouldn't this feel good about now?

The water in this picture is holding a lot of oxygen, your pond water isn't right now. Give your fish a break and make sure you've got plenty of fresh oxygen flowing into the pond during these hot, hot days. Add an aerator if necessary.

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!

Chemicals

This coupon is good for a 20% discount on any chemical in stock in the store. Valid on store prices only, not valid with any other discount.



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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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Select Fountains and Statuary

30% off!

We have many fountains and statues on display in our yard. A fountain is an inexpensive addition to your landscape with huge benefits. Selected fountains and statuary will be marked.



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