



*Alice's
Corner*

You have heard the term “it is not nice to fool ‘Mother Nature’” (a commercial about butter, I believe) and I have not crossed that line before that I remember. However, we at Pond Pro apparently at least confused nature when we took away “the big pond” and brought back the gravel parking lot. Last week I heard very large honking noises and stepped outside to be sure last year’s herons had not returned. Instead I saw two large geese, necks stretched far out and flying low over the yard. They swooped over the parking lot, made a sharp right, circled the building and came back low over the parking lot, honking loudly as if to say, “I know this is where we landed last year for a respite”. “You must have made a wrong turn!” They then flew east to where I would assume they found the big pond at Exxon Mobile. We Pond Pro workers are immensely enjoying the parking lot. Our customers drive right up to

our door. Juan, Big Mike, Luanne and Jay do not have to take hundreds of extra steps to load or unload your vehicle. I hope you will be pleased as well. There are still so many lovely areas to sit and watch our fountains, etc.

Mother Nature surely has been “messaging” with us. The temperatures are changing each day...I drive to work with the heater on and go home with the air conditioner. I realize this is not unusual for Oklahoma, but for some reason (couldn’t be my age), the changes and the wind have effected us here at the Store. Then, maybe we are trying too soon to put winter behind us.

Once again our Super Build-a-Pond Day was a great success. And it is always good to see our friends come by to enjoy the day. Jay, as usual, with help from many did an outstanding job of teaching the pond build and there were over 90 in the class. Those of you who went home with either prizes won or a great deal on a purchase were appreciated. It is good to have the indoor classroom so we can plan our classes ahead not having to worry about rain, cold, etc.

We have had several customers coming to the Store who have purchased a home and there is an existing water garden. Our next class, May 14 will cover many of the problems we face with our ponds. “Plants, fish, and algae” will be presented both at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m., and should be beneficial to new ponders as well as experienced ponders. This is a first for us to have two classes in a day. The numbers attending the class have been increasing and to make it easier for you to interact, we thought we would try this. Pick your best time and come with your questions, problems, etc. We can all help each other.

Tropical plants will be in around the middle of May. We will be getting both day blooming and night blooming lilies of beautiful color. The night blooming lilies have been a best seller not only because of their blooms opening in the evening and closing the next morning, but their colors are so vibrant. Their leaves are large so are a good shade for you fish in the heat of the summer. Hope to see you soon.

Alice

Tips and Tricks

Hardy plants can now be placed in, under, and around your pond. We have a great selection and remember they can help you with natural filtration, fish habitation, and they compete for nutrients that otherwise the dreaded algae will use to grow. Tropical plants can be a little more tender so it may still be a little early. Try to wait until your water temperature reaches a stable 70 degrees before adding most of your tropical plants. Yes, I know it is hard to do. Be patient..

Special Announcement— The Water Garden Society of Oklahoma (WGSO) will be signing up new members during both classes on May 14. Members meet monthly to share ideas and news about their water features. Information about the society is available at wgso.org.

New Products—

Come see our new bronzes. Here is “Dorothy” spending a lazy afternoon with her favorite book. Several to choose from...more coming.



Season Store Hours 9-6 M-F; 10-5 Saturday; Closed Sunday

Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr
www.gcwgs.com for more info
OKC 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00pm Will Rogers
www.wgso.org for more info
Choctaw Pond & Garden 3rd Saturday evening @
6:00pm 405-391-3215 for more info
Stillwater May 17th @ 7:00pm
www.stillwaterwatergardens.org for more info
Duncan 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm Red River Tech
580-595-0842 for more info

New product arriving daily. Come visit the store to see our newest ponds, pots, statuary, fountains, fish, plants, patio furniture and more. Display yard open daily 9-6 M-F; 10-5 Sat



7901 N Kickapoo
Shawnee, OK
74804

5/1/11

Three pieces from our new Unique Stone Collection



Free Classes - SPRING SCHEDULE 2011

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. We train rain or shine in the only indoor pond training facility in the U.S.

May 14
10:00am
1:00pm

Plants/Fish/Algae

Two classes! Same Subjects! Come to the one that is best for your schedule. Learn about plants from Alice; fish from Jay and algae from Mike. We may not have all the answers but we'll try to help you with all your questions.

May 28
10:00am

Pondless Build

Love the sounds of a waterfall but don't necessarily want fish? Then this is the class for you! Come learn all you need to know about how to install this super easy feature.

June 11
10:00am

Pond Build

It's not rocket science but there are a few tricks of the trade that will help make the job easier. Come let Jay share all the secrets with you.

Visit us on the web at www.pondproshop.com where you'll find information about our facilities, products, displays and more. Store Hours: M-F 9:00am-6:00pm; Sat. 10:00am-5:00pm. Two miles north of Interstate 40 at exit 185, Shawnee, OK 405-273-8363.



Coupons for in-store use

OxyTex Diffuser/Laqua Aerator

The OxyTex alone sold last year for 109.99. It helps the aerator (49.99) provide maximum oxygen to your pond. We have 28 left...when they're gone...they're all gone. 3 yr. Mfr warranty on aerator only. No substitutions



\$99.99

Coupon required, valid through 5/31/11.

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



Coupons for in-store use

Biological Clarifier +

20% OFF

This bacterial with activated barley works to remove sludge, organic matter, uneaten fish food and fish waste quickly & efficiently.



Coupon required, valid through 5/31/11.