



Alice's Corner

Five months away in 2011. As we enter June and summertime, most of the schools are out, vacations have been or are being planned, and warmer weather has "finally" arrived. Our aquatic plants have been slow to grow and bloom because the water temperatures have not been consistent. Now this will change and you will notice full growth and lots of blooms. To keep your plants healthy, remember to fertilize. Use a time-release fertilizer tab and place it finger depth in or around your plants. On marginals, grasses and other non-bloomers, once a month will be all right; however, all blooming plants need extra feeding. We fertilize our lilies every two to three weeks. Using a time-release tab will not adversely affect your algae blooms because it is slow to break down. Of course your algae "plants" like to be

fertilized as well and using liquid or a release-on-contact fertilizer will cause your algae to bloom profusely (this, you do not want). If you need to feed your floaters, such as hyacinths, lettuce, parrots feather, etc., pull them from your pond and place them in a bucket of water mixed with your fertilizer and leave them for two to three days. Rinse them off and place them back into your pond.

Summertime often brings unwanted guests, so protect your fish with shade, netting, rock tunnels, pipe, etc. Remember my "fifteen-foot" snake (not really); I haven't seen him lately, but he will be back as well as others. One of our clients called saying she has two and three snakes a week and needed a remedy. Another of our clients, Dee, came in this week and shared her remedy for snakes in a pond. She tells me to place a minnow trap baited with a few minnow "sacrifices" inside. The snake will go in after the small fry and cannot get back out. Try it for your ponds and let me know. Another idea was rolled netting around the edges of your pond water with the thinking the snake will crawl inside and become tangled and unable to escape. I'm not sure what you do then...call 911?...or throw all that netting away? If this works, I am sure you can figure out something to dispose of the little invader. Remember these are our natural ponds, thus the visitors.

Put in your water feature this summer and enjoy. Our faux rock kits have been selling well and the disappearing waterfall kits also. Less maintenance and same enjoyable sounds...just no fish or water lilies. Kits are available for all budgets.

Have a safe summer.

Alice

Tips and Tricks

Aeration exposes water to air, where it absorbs oxygen. In a healthy pond, when plants and fish die off, their remains fall to the bottom, and beneficial bacteria break down the waste. But algae forms when oxygen levels decline, coating the water's surface and denying plants and fish the oxygen and sunlight they need to survive. Mechanically aerating a pond cycles waste and oxygen-depleted water to the surface, where gases are released and oxygen is absorbed. Beneficial bacteria thrive, depleting algae's food source. When algae disappears, fish and plant life flourish.

Look closely, his "Best Friend" is the frog on top of his head.



MORE NEW BRONZES

We've just received these three and several more to choose from. Reasonably priced, these bronzes will be a welcome addition to your backyard. Some are spitters that can be added to your pond and some are statues intended for the garden; all are heavy cast bronze.

"Tumbling Boy" has turned his world upside down.



"Angelica" is holding a tiny bird.

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 3rd Monday @ 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



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The Water Garden Capital of Oklahoma!



*Bring new life to your garden...
Add a water feature!*

We realize you're not thinking of a fireplace right now with the weather approaching 100 degrees but maybe you should. If you contract for it now, it will be ready in time for the cooler weather. Imagine those crisp autumn evenings in front of your very own outdoor fireplace or fire pit. We have kits available that will provide your contractor the complete firebox and chimney...all he has to do is surface it with stone or brick to match your home. Kits available in 36 or 42 inch widths, square or arched tops. Some in stock, some special order. Check out ours in the display yard soon.

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.

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.

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.

June 25
10:00am

Convert Your Pond to a Pondless

Love the sounds of a waterfall but can't handle the maintenance of a pond any longer? This is the class for you! Come learn all you need to know about how to convert your pond into this easier to maintain feature.

July 9
10:00am

Controlling Algae

The number one issue among pond keepers is algae. Come let us show you how to control it.



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25% All Pottery OFF

All of our frost-proof glazed pottery now 20% off the price marked inside. Only one discount applies.



Coupon required, valid through 6/30/11.

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20% Clarity Max + OFF

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



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