

July 2011



Independence Day! We Americans should be so very appreciative of our freedoms on a daily basis and without being reminded. Our flag reminds us, our churches remind

us, watching national news on television reminds us. We can do as we will with our own property within reason and limits imposed on by city permits, etc. I watched a national program some time ago of people planting their gardens. They had a small plot allotted them by their government and had to walk long distances to work/play at that plot. They were so appreciative and worked diligently in making "their gardens" beautiful. We have almost limitless possibilities of beautifying our homes (of course depending on our budgets). Economy has taken its toll on our monies and abilities to spend a lot; however if we watch our p's and q's and the places we do our shop-

ping, we can still do a lot of beautifying to our homes. In saying that, we at Pond Pro Shop do not have much control over pricing of our pond building equipment. Prices come down the chain to us and to you by distributors, higher freight costs, etc. What we can do is to help you with almost any budget design and build a lovely water feature for long-lasting enjoyment in your backyard. I just got back from Dallas Market where ideas abound. Interestingly enough many vendors were bringing in the backyard décor to their lines who were never even close to that part of the market. That just confirms what we read and hear from our own customers. Economy and gasoline prices affect traveling and away-vacations so many people are staying home, using their vacation monies to update and enhance their landscapes. Memories may not be the same as a nice long trip to an exciting vacation spot, but those made at home can be enjoyed everyday for years to come. Sooo, of course I had to buy more "memories". We will have some beautiful statuary, arches, benches, planters, pots, turtles, frogs, bears, tables, etc. coming in between now and Christmas. Then of course Christmas will again be made special for all of you. We do enjoy our jobs!

The weather has been so unusually hot this summer and I am remembering how long it took to get here. The cold lasted rather long and I am trying not to grump about this heat, HOWEVER, please take care of yourselves, your pets, your fish and your ponds. The algae loves this heat; the lilies are doing well in the heat; the fish need more air and shade, the birds and small animals are bathing, drinking and just plain enjoying the water which means we as ponders have to be sure there is not too much algae, that there is plenty of aeration and shade in the pond for the fish and that the water is healthy for all living things.

Come see all the new "stuff" and plan to go home with at least one item to put in your backyard. **Alice**

Tips and Tricks

Bubbling fountains, overflowing pots, and bubbling rocks all use the same principles: a reservoir under the surface holds water and a pump; the pump forces the water through a tube into the object on the surface (the rock, pot, or fountain) where it falls out making a pretty splashing sound and collects in the reservoir to start the trip all over again. We have pumps, reservoirs, grates, mesh, tubing, and lots of pots and rocks to make your fountain complete. Let us show you how or go to www.pondproshop.com/ Installing/Disappearing Fountains.pdf for a step-by- step tutorial on how to do it.



Algae...You're going to

We hope you enjoyed your holiday. **Controlling Algae Class is this** weekend at 10:00am. Come earn **Pond Dollars.**

have it so you might as well get ready. Here are the top ten things to consider when dealing with algae in your pond. Keep the pond fed with bacteria; run a UV light; have plenty of plants; limit fish load to 6" per 100 gallons; don't overfeed the fish; control runoff; remove debris as soon as possible; treat regularly with an algaecide; manually re-

move what you can; and clean your filters regularly. If you do all these things as a part of your regular maintenance, you'll find that algae, while still a nuisance, is something you can deal with. Learn more in class July 9th at 10:00am.

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.wqso.orq 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

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.

July 9 10:00am Controlling Algae

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

July 23 10:00am Pond Build

Love the sounds of a waterfall but also want plants and fish? This is the class for you. Once you've been trained it will just be a short step to enjoying the sights and sounds of your very own pond.

August 6 10:00am **Disappearing Stream**

Imagine a long winding stream meandering across the back yard...build a rock bridge where the grandkids can sit and tangle their feet in the stream. Come to class to learn how.



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

The Water Garden Capital of Oklahoma!



You might not be; but your aquatic plants are loving this hot weather. Don't forget to fertilize them.





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

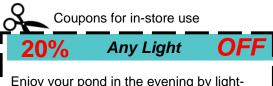
20% Faux Rocks

Coupon required, valid through 7/31/11.

Realistic looking rocks for your next project. These rocks are constructed of Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete. Come see the complete collection and select one for your bubbling rock water feature. Discount applies to rock only.



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



Enjoy your pond in the evening by lighting it with a set

of submersible lights. Singles, multiples, LED or Halogen, we have a light to fit your pond and budget.



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