



Alice's Corner

September 2011! This year is quickly passing. Fall begins this month and usually that means cooler weather...we can hope. While we are hoping (and praying), lets ask for moisture. About the only moisture I have at home is my pond in the back yard. I have had to add more water this past summer than ever before. I think my grandson has only mown my lawn twice this summer...another victim due to lack of moisture. I believe last year we had some of the drought; I remember talking to landscapers and heard them mention they were changing their plantings to drought resistant plants in order for their customers to keep the plants alive. Another thing that is happening with our dry weather is the amount of customers wanting some kind of water feature in their yard just to remind themselves of the sound and appearance of water, since we have

had so little from the sky.

One item flying off the shelves is algaecide. We are all fighting the growth of algae in our ponds. We are careful in our use of the algaecide because we haven't experienced the high temperatures for as many days as we have this year. We try to warn each of our customers to be careful as well. We have had many customers with fish kills this summer. In our inquiries as to why, it seems aeration has been the largest culprit...lack of aeration that is. We are all learning but be sure to add extra aeration to your ponds with triple digit temperatures. Be careful also using your algaecides with the heat. We hate for any of you to lose your pets. Just watch your fish. If they are staying at the base of your waterfall, they are getting as much oxygen as they can. If they are staying at the surface gulping for air, you need to add extra aeration right away for them. Be aware of evaporation of water in all kinds of water features. Your pondless can lose gallons in a day just from evaporating. Your pot features will lose water also. Awareness will be your best friend with your ponds and water features this hot summer. A good thing, water lilies seem to be withstanding the heat in most cases, continuing to bloom for your enjoyment.

A thought to cool you off, put Christmas at Pond Pro Shop on your calendar now. We will begin decorating soon. It will take us a few months just to put the lights around all the outside features. Then inside, I will have to call in backup to decorate the Store. All this for your enjoyment. We will once again carry the live Fraser Fir trees and wreaths. You might want to put one on hold. We will not order many. Call or come in soon. *Alice*

Tips and Tricks

By the time you receive this it will be time to install netting over your pond to keep the leaves out. We have two different styles of netting, either of which will work depending on the type and quantity of leaves you have. Many of our customers like to build a frame of PVC pipe to support the netting. This support allows the leaves to fall down off the top where they can easily be reached with a rake or leaf blower. Waterlogged leaves quickly decompose and add to the sludge in the bottom of the pond if not caught or removed. Save yourself some time in the Spring by covering your pond in the Fall.

New Things to See

Alice detailed these beautiful chairs, gliders and tables in her article last month. We'll have new ones arriving soon. Come see the new colors and designs. So many of you wanted the Talavera Pumpkins last year we sold out early. They'll be arriving soon, come in after the first week of September to claim yours.



In Season Store Hours

9-6 M-F; 10-5 Sat; 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 3rd Monday @ 7:00pm
www.stillwaterwatergardens.org for more info

Duncan 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm Red River Tech
580-595-0842 for more info

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.

Sep 10
1:00pm

Pond Build

Want to learn all about building a pond but the morning classes are too early? This is the class for you! We'll start at 1 and be done by 3. Come see how.

Sep 24
1:00pm

Pondless Build

Love the sounds of a waterfall? 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.

New product arriving daily. Display yard Oct 8
open daily 9-6 M-F; 10-5 Sat. Park on the 10:00am
North side of the store again!

Winterizing Your Pond

Want to find out how to prepare your pond, plants, fish and equipment for the winter then this is the class to attend. Our last class of the season, your last chance to earn pond dollars for attendance.



7901 N Kickapoo
Shawnee, OK
74804

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Bring new life to your garden....

Add a water feature!

The Water Garden Capital of Oklahoma!



Come see us and see all of the new Unique Stone items. Pictured here are two of them; a planter and pedestal on the left and a stunning bird bath and pedestal on the right. These will add that special touch to your landscape.



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% off!

All Pottery

Our frost proof ceramic pots will make a wonderful water feature on your patio or at your front entrance. We have all the parts required. Several styles and colors to choose from. Drilling and plumbing free too with this coupon! Another \$25 savings. Over 200 in stock. Come choose yours.



Coupon required. Valid through September 30, 2011

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



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Disappearing Fountain Kits

20% off!!

Our 2 ft, 3 ft, and 4 ft disappearing fountain kits are perfect for that overflowing pot, bubbling rock or anything else you want to set on top and pump water through. Kits include the pump, reservoir, fittings and enough cobblestone rock to complete the feature.



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