



*Alice's  
 Corner*

Does 'this spring forward' get earlier each year? On the one hand, it is very nice to have daylight for a few hours after getting home, but on the other hand, this old body is having a lot of difficulty waking up an hour earlier each day. I should be able soon to "catch up" with the time. Admittedly it is getting a little better.

April is the month for our annual "Super-build-a-pond-day"...our anniversary if you will. If you remember it is a full day with a class demonstrating how to build a pond, along with specials throughout the day and food being offered most of the day. April 14 beginning at 10:00 a.m. is the day for you to schedule coming to party with us. We will have treats before class and lunchtime after the class will offer a free lunch. We will have drawings for some giveaways during the day. It is a fun day, rain or shine. Yes, we can party inside. BUT, I hope we do not have to because there will be beautiful

blooming flowers throughout the yard and the ponds are stunning. Juan and Demetrio under Mike's direction have accomplished a lot this spring with the ponds. They have all been cleaned and repopulated with gorgeous Koi. Our new fish should be in this week...I know many of you are ready. The Japanese Koi will not be in until May however. A lot of the hardy plants have come in and are displayed in the plant tables. Tropicals will not come in until the middle of May. But now, we must plant our annuals and new perennials around the ponds and features. There is a little trepidation worrying about frosts, but will just have to take a chance. Then when we miss the frost, we will worry about the heat and drought. Fortunately we are on well water so that we can do our humanly best to keep everything watered. I know last year was very difficult for the nursery's and landscapers. Some were just not doing much planting. We hope pleasant weather for them and for those of you who are doing your own landscaping. Our new pots have come in and seem to be going out just as quickly as they are displayed. A good sign. We still do have a lovely selection. Remember when you are purchasing a pot for a water feature, you need to know where the pot came from. We ourselves have made some mistakes using pots that were not fired correctly. Our new salespeople, Tricia and Jeanie are learning well and are able to help each customer more. It is much appreciated by both Mike and myself. Pond Pro Shop is not your usual retail store. Our salespeople need to know about the product they sell. That takes time and training. The first season will not produce technicians. Experience and more training will. REMEMBER APRIL 14th 'SUPER BUILD-A-POND DAY'. Please plan to come.

Alice

**Tips and Tricks**

Here are six steps to a good Spring Cleanout.

- Fish Care
- Plant care
- Pond Clean Out
- Filter Clean Out
- Water Test
- Handling Leaks

Now is the time to implement an algae control plan if you haven't already. Some ponds are reporting algae growth in their ponds this spring already. Do a partial water change, up to 25%, treat with an algacide, add bacteria; replace your UV light bulb.



**It's Spring here at the Pond Pro Shop!!**

**Super Build A Pond Day**

April 14th will be our annual anniversary celebration here at the Pond Pro Shop. We'll have a continental breakfast before the class starts at 10:00am and then a light lunch of hot dogs, links, chips, soft drinks, dessert afterwards. We'll have lots of sale specials, drawings every hour and prizes. You'll also receive ten Pond Dollars for attending the class. We'll

**Hours 9-6 Tue-Fri; 10-4 Sat; Closed Sun and Mon**

## Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr  
[www.gcwgs.com](http://www.gcwgs.com) for more info  
 OKC 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00pm Will Rogers  
[www.wgso.org](http://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](http://www.stillwaterwatergardens.org) for more info  
 Duncan 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm Red River Tech  
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# Super Build A Pond Day April 14th

## Free Classes - SPRING SCHEDULE 2012

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

April 14  
 10:00am

### Super Build-A-Pond Day

It's our anniversary and to celebrate we're inviting all of our friends to a pond build. We'll have doughnuts, juice and coffee before class and hot dogs, soft drinks, chips and cookies at noon. C'mon out and enjoy the day with us.

April 28th  
 10:00am

### Pondless Build

A pondless feature gives you the sights and sounds of a waterfall without the maintenance of a pond.. Come learn the techniques of the pros. The crew will tell all in this class on how to construct a pondless feature.

May 5th  
 10:00am

### Pond Build

If you missed the Super Build-A-Pond day, come to this class and learn how to build the pond of your dreams. Our crew will show you all the tricks of the trade and help you decide what type of pond you want in your yard.

Visit us on the web at [www.pondproshop.com](http://www.pondproshop.com) where you'll find information about our facilities, products, displays and more. Like us on Facebook. Store Hours: T-F 9:00am-6:00pm; Sat. 10:00am-4:00pm. Two miles north of Interstate 40 at exit 185, Shawnee, OK 405-273-8363.



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