



*Alice's
Corner*

We are well into the season with five classes completed successfully and Mike doing the teaching. The weather literally “dampened” the success of our “Super build a pond day” with less attendance than we had projected. However we appreciate all who were able to attend and get home before the stormy weather. The food was very good, we gave away a few prizes and were pleased with all our new visitors as well as our regular customers. As we get into May with a lovely spring behind us and an unpredictable summer ahead, we wonder how our ponds will react this season. Most began fighting the algae blooms early and if we have a hot summer as we did last year we must inform you to prepare. Last year we brought out the aerators to assist our pond pumps in producing enough oxygen for our fish and to help fight the algae blooms, etc. We believe we should remind you again to get out your aerators, get them ready for another warm summer.

We now carry “farm pond” or unlined pond chemical products to assist in fighting algae, weeds, etc., as well as larger aerators for these ponds. So many of you with “farm ponds” last year lost your entire fish population for lack of oxygen. We have several types of fountains/aerators now that will keep that from happening again. Only requirement is electrical near your pond.

As I told you recently, my backyard pond is now a backyard “pondless” waterfall. I was able to use most of my equipment, my liner, and rock. I kept my upper stream with the waterfall weir, added a large rock for an additional fall and stayed within the outside perimeter of the former pond. We had to fill in the larger area of pond which in my case was not too expensive as we did it with sand that I have in abundance on the farm. The final product is just what I had hoped for. I will still fight the falling leaves and walnuts, but having “brown” water will not affect the pondless. I have been planting around the outside area, but there is enough depth inside that I can put some of my favorite aquatic plants. I think this is now something I can manage as I age.

I just want to remind everyone that the class we have scheduled for July 28th (I know it is early) will be for ladies only. We ladies will build a pond ourselves with very little (if any) assistance from the guys. This class does require pre-registration so we can have an idea ahead of time the number we will be teaching and having help to build. Of course the guys can come if they want to encourage us, take pictures, etc. We already have had a number of ladies register. Thank you all for your continued support. Have a wonderful May.

Alice

Tips and Tricks

Ponds need two types of filtration; mechanical and biological. Mechanical can be provided by the net, basket or media in your skimmer. Biological is normally found in the filter, either a waterfall type or an external pressurized or gravity flow. Proper filtration is required for the health of your pond and its inhabitants; both flora and fauna. With good filtration, plenty of oxygen and regular maintenance, your pond should remain free of algae and other problems facing many pond owners. Don't forget to replace your UV bulb at least every other year.



Here are excerpts from the news release: “Starting in May 2012, OASE will begin offering its water garden products to the US market again, after a prior market exit in 2009. ...we received almost daily requests to bring back the line. ... OASE products will continue to be offered...via our distribution partner, Unit Liner Company”... (Pond Pro Shop's parent company). Product should be available in the store around 5/15/12.

A Universal Pond



Many of you have asked for a small pre-formed pond. Here is one that is not your typical little black tub. From Universal Rocks, this pond is about 5' x 7' x 2' and comes with or without the waterfall. Two different sizes are available; this one and a larger one. We show it here with a Laguna Clear-Flo pressurized filter and 600 GPH pump.

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 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 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.

Pond Build

May 5th
10:00am
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.

Plants/Fish/Algae

May 19th
10:00am
1:00pm
Two classes today, both the same (or almost the same). We'll cover the basics on plants for the pond and it's margins, how to care for your fish and what you can begin doing to keep the dreaded algae from taking over your pond.

Pondless Build

June 2nd
10:00am
Want the sounds of a waterfall but don't want fish? This class is for you. We'll build a waterfall and stream from start to finish.

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5/12

The Water Garden Capital of Oklahoma!

Japanese Koi will be out of quarantine May 15th. Come see the selection! Three tanks full!

New Pottery Coming Soon

New Breezesta Furniture arriving this month!

Tropical Plants will be here by May 19th

Bring new life to your garden...

Add a water feature!



Visit us on the web at 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.



Coupons for in-store use

Brown Pottery 40% off!!

Alice says we have too many brown pots so we're moving them out! Come see the selection in the roped-off area. All those pots are marked way-y-y down. Ask about having it drilled before you leave.



Coupon required, valid through 5/31/12.

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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Bubbling Rock Kits

20% OFF

Everything you need to turn a pot or rock into a bubbling fountain.



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