

## Mike's Minutes

It seems like Mother Nature is playing an April Fool's joke on us this year..."It's Spring! Oh no... It's still freezing...it's short sleeve weather...oh no...it's freezing again." We're pretty sure Spring is here though; we have tulips and daffodils blooming and lots of green showing up through the mulch. Juan, Jaclyn and Sandy are busily whipping the yard into shape after the Winter and it's beginning to really look nice. Give'em another few days without rain or freezing north winds and they'll have it ship-shape. Until we find something else that needs doing.

For those of you who haven't been in since last Fall, you're in for a big surprise. We've changed the layout of the store some; still all the same products plus some new ones for this season, but the display shelves as you knew them are gone. Outside we're adding new mulch, new equipment in Luke's Lagoon and we've renovated the old swim pond, 'The Legacy.' It still has the waterfall under the entrance bridge but we've made the pond proper about three feet shallower and added a five by twenty bog on one side. Obviously the bog isn't doing us much good yet since plants are required but we'll get there soon. Here are some pictures just to whet your appetite. Come see it!



The big news for some of you will be our new hours. You can tell it's Spring when we re-open five days a week. That's right, we'll be open on Tuesdays for the rest of the season for your shopping pleasure. Store hours are now Tuesday through Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday's 10:00 am to 4:00pm. Check with us around a holiday to make sure we're going to be here.

...Mike

### Tips and Tricks

*Have you checked over your pond equipment yet this spring? An important piece of the algae puzzle is the ultraviolet (UV) light. If the bulb in your UV light has been operating for 9000 hours, or one full year, it is time to replace it for maximum effectiveness. You'll also need to insure the glass sleeve is clean if your light has one (and many do). We recently had a customer bring in a glass sleeve he broke when changing the bulb. He said his light hadn't killed algae in over two years and he'd changed the bulb every year. The sleeve was so covered with mineral deposits no light could get through it. In fact, when we held it up, we couldn't even see through it. If it doesn't come clean with a good scrubbing, try CLR or LimeAway. Be sure to rinse well after using either of these products.*

### Wanna be Green? Interested in Rainwater Harvesting? Check this out.

The Aquascape RainXchange Rain Barrel has a planter lid for flowers and the water harvested is healthier for your plants. Available in both terra cotta and sandstone. Add the Atlantic Water Gardens Clean Rain Ultra Downspout Diverter and you have a complete system. It's simple, responsible and beneficial.



## 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  
 Stillwater 3rd Monday @ 7:00pm  
[www.stillwaterwatergardens.org](http://www.stillwaterwatergardens.org) for more info  
 Duncan 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm Red River Tech  
 580-595-0842 for more info  
 If you have a water garden club let us know so we  
 can advertise it here for you.

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marked at Spring Sale prices! "Why?" You ask. Because we want you to be able to enjoy it right now and all Summer long.

Breezesta furniture carries a lifetime warranty on the frames against cracking, peeling, splintering, rotting and insect infestation. The beautiful classic cushions are warranted for one year.

Most patio furniture goes on sale at the end of the season. This beautiful High Density PolyEthylene (HDPE) furniture is currently



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Coupons for in-store use

### Special Pottery **Extra 10% off!!**

All of our pottery is currently 40% off but some we'll take an extra 10% off the marked price making it a 50% off deal!



Look for the star on the price tags for this savings. Picture is of representative pots only, not actual sale items.

Coupon required. Valid through April 30, 2013

Coupon must be present for discount. Valid for retail store purchases only.

**Not valid with any other discount**

Applies to Retail Store Pricing Only.



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### Biological Clarifier +

Crystal Clear Biological Clarifier + with activated barley works to remove sludge, organic materials, uneaten fish food and fish waste quickly and efficiently when used regularly.



**15% off!!**

Coupon required. Valid through April 30, 2013

## Free Classes - SPRING/SUMMER 2013 SCHEDULE

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

April  
13th  
10:00am

This is the perfect time to build your pond and have it ready for the season. We'll show you step-by-step how to build the water feature of your dreams in your backyard. We'll have the dirt work all done and then lead you through the steps one-by-one. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and get all the information you need to be a success.

### Pondless Build

April  
27th  
10:00am

If you are one of those people who like the sound of water tumbling over rocks and want to enjoy that sound in your yard, this is the class for you. We'll also demonstrate the 'magic' technique for making your pondless feature truly 'disappear' into the ground.

### Plants, Fish, and Algae

May  
18th  
10:00am

Come see how the "big" three work in your pond. We'll answer your questions about how to care for your fish, how to divide and report your plants and what to do when algae rears it's ugly head.

For future class schedules, go to [www.pondproshop.com](http://www.pondproshop.com)

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