

## Mike's Minutes

We've survived the tornado season and now it's hotter than blue blazes out there. I hope you are all recovering from the spring and getting into summer. Around here children are going off to camp, many of our customers tell us they're leaving on vacations, flowers are blooming both in and out of the pond and your ponds are probably growing algae like ours. That will be the next class, by the way; Controlling Algae. It is one of our most well attended classes of the year.



We'll try to help you figure out what's going on in your pond right now and answer your questions with the latest information we can find. If you are one of those leaving for a vacation, be sure whomever you leave pond instructions with knows to dechlorinate your water when they're topping off. It seems every year someone comes in after being away for a week or two and tells us a sad tale of dead fish after the 'neighbor, grandson/daughter, son/daughter, friend'



took care of the pond while they were away. So, leave careful instructions and our phone number if you like and we'll try to talk them through any emergencies that arise while you're relaxing at the beach.

A few months ago I posted a blurb about the new ionizer products we have for algae control. I want to share a little more because we think they're really going to be a boon in the battle against algae. The big plus is that an ionizer affects not only the single cell algae but the string algae as well. The down side is that your water quality is an important factor and must be tested on a regular basis to insure the ionizer can perform properly. Not hard to do but something you may not be doing now. We've had discussions with some of the contractors who are using them and they are optimistic; their customers are liking what they're seeing so far this year. We'll keep you informed as the season progresses.



By the time you receive this, the 4th of July will be upon us. On that date in 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, both John Adams, the 2nd President of the United States and Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd President of the United States, died. Just a little known fact I thought I'd pass along as we celebrate Independence Day this year.

We here at Pond Pro Shop will be celebrating with our families so we'll be closed on that day. Have a safe and happy holiday.....Mike



## 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  
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  
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## 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.

### Controlling Algae

July 20th  
10:00am

Right now, algae is a hot topic. I promise it's going to get worse before it gets better. As temperatures heat up the algae will come on with a vengeance. Come to class and learn all we know about how to get rid of it and keep it away.

August

Due to the expected heat in the training area, we are not scheduling any classes for the month of August. If you're intent on building your pond this month, come on in and we'll help you with some one-on-one instructions.

### Pond Build

Sept  
14th  
10:00am

This will be our last pond build of the season. Come in and learn how to put together the pond of your dreams. We start with the hole already dug and go through the whole process step-by-step. During this class we will also show the installation of an OASE filter and bottom pump so you could have a hybrid pond with a beautiful waterfall and excellent external filtration.

## Tips and Tricks

Adding an aerator to your pond may help overcome some of the common problems caused by lack of oxygen in the water. The most critical of these is a fish kill. Another serious problem is the noxious odor that comes from a pond with low or no dissolved oxygen. Probably the most common cause of low oxygen is an over abundance of aquatic plants, namely ALGAE! While many plants release oxygen during the day, they also consume oxygen at night so when you have a pond with a heavy algae bloom or thick vegetation, oxygen can rapidly be consumed overnight causing a fish kill. Another factor contributing to lack of oxygen is a heavy organic waste load. Organic waste comes from a variety of sources including dead vegetation, fertilizer run-off, excess fish food and fish waste. All of these are naturally broken down in ponds by bacteria but they need lots of oxygen to do it efficiently. So lots of waste to be broken down means lots of oxygen required to do it. Remember, warm water holds less oxygen than cooler water to begin with so if you are using an EPA registered algaecide this time of year, you are going to kill algae and dying plants remove oxygen from already oxygen depleted water. You must follow the manufacturer's directions closely and if you are uncertain about the amount of water in your pond, err on the side of too little rather than too much.

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Coupons for in-store use

### Free Drilling \$25 Value

When you buy one of our glazed pots to make your water feature, it has to be drilled and plumbed. Normally we charge \$25 to do that but this month it's FREE with this coupon!



Coupon required. Valid through July 31, 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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### Disappearing Fountain Kit

15% off!!



Everything you need to make a disappearing fountain or bubbling rock except the pot or the rock! Includes the basin, grate, pump, tubing, fittings bags of rocks and blocks. Bring in this coupon and pick out your pot.

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