

Mike's Minutes

Boy am I late with this newsletter! Spring is such a wonderful time of year with all the freshness in the air; allergies notwithstanding of course. Everything is so pretty and green and everybody wants to experience clean ponds RIGHT NOW! We're victims of the success that a new season brings. Business is booming and we're honestly happy for it but it does make it difficult to get some things done. With all the rain we're getting the grass is growing faster than we can get it cut and while we're glad for it we still want the yard to

look presentable when you come to visit. Don't get me wrong, it won't be too long we'll be wishing for cooler temps and more rain (maybe) but for right now as we kick off the season, we'd like to get some work done in the yard and on the ponds.

The next class, "Plants, Fish and Algae", will be Saturday, May 16th at 10:00am and as promised we have fish and plants...and algae; not for sale of course, but we have our share of it just like you. Don't stress too much about the algae, it's bound to happen this time of year. Just begin to treat with algaecide and bacteria as usual during the season and in short order things will clear up. Some of our hardy lilies are blooming big time, especially the pinks. We have some great looking plants in stock right now in several colors, both hardy and tropical. You don't have to wait until the 16th to buy plants or fish though, c'mon in.

If you haven't changed your UV bulb in a year it is time to do that. We are and we're adding big doses of bacteria, netting out the big 'stuff' we can reach and doing general maintenance around the edges as well as putting in some great

new plants to help reduce the nitrates that are building up in the water from all the fish activity. It's also time if you haven't cleaned your bio-filter to do that using pond water to remove the sludge buildup on the surface of the bag so the young bacteria colony can receive oxygenated water and proliferate. If you don't understand how to do that come out and we'll give you a demonstration.

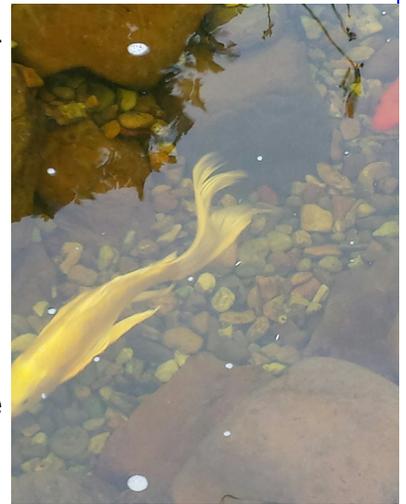
We've had several customers calling about foam on their ponds. Usually this time of year that indicates a spawn. We're noticing some on a couple of the ponds and hope this means we'll be having some babies soon. The picture at the right shows a little of the foam where a couple of the butterfly koi are engaged in the 'dance.'...Mike



Jac's Splash



Macee's Creek



Abbey's Rapids

Tips and Tricks

In Oklahoma right now we are experiencing our annual Spring severe weather. That usually entails some rain, hail, damaging winds and sometimes a tornado or two...or four. These things all cause problems for your pond. Rain can cause runoff bringing in unwanted chemicals from the neighboring area. You didn't spray weeds but your neighbor did. Hail, has gone up and down in the atmosphere and accumulated goodness knows what chemicals as it formed and when it melts in the pond you have no idea what was in it but the fish don't like it. Do a major water change immediately! You may have to change 50% or more. Don't forget to dechlorinate when you do this. One change may not be enough either. Remember, 'Dilution is the solution to pollution.'

Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr
www.gcwgs.com for more info
 OKC 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm NW Church of Christ
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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NEW Classes - SPRING/SUMMER 2015 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.

May 16th 2015 10:00am **Plants, Fish and Algae**
 This class covers the basics of these three subjects and this is a big weekend for fish and plants on sale. Algae is the pond owners worst problem so we try to get you started right early in the season. Come find out how.

June 6th 2015 10:00am **2nd Pond Build**
 This class will feature OASE products for power and filtration. These products are the best selling in Europe and of the highest quality. They're especially suited to add to an existing pond or on a small pre-formed pond.

June 27th 2015 10:00am **2nd Pondless Build**
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If you have an idea for a class, please share it



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