

Mike's Minutes

It doesn't seem possible that it is already January. Didn't we just have tornado season? Oh, that was the December tornado season. I guess now it's time for the cold weather to set in. We had such mild weather in November and December that I'm not certain our ponds are ready for this cold although they sure are clear right now. That's one of the side benefits of cold weather, not much algae growing now. If you're like us, you are itching to get out there and do something in the pond, even if it's just dip out the few

leaves you missed earlier. Jay did some vacuuming while the Sun was out.

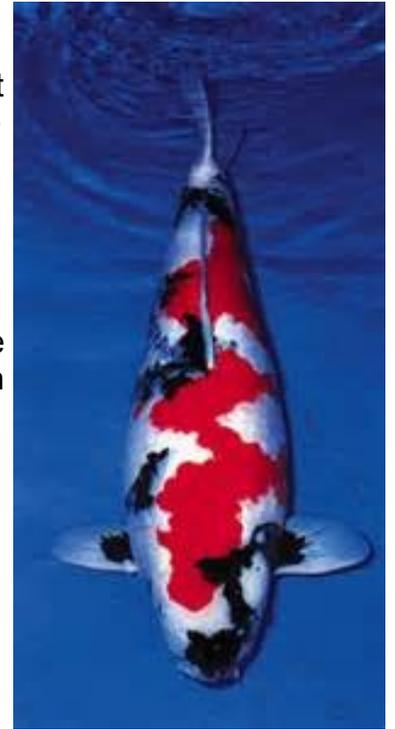
As we suffer through the cold here in Oklahoma, it's a good time to start thinking about the pond plants you'd like to see



us bring in this year. Do some research and let me know by the middle of February what you would like and we'll try to get it for you. I try to have my order in during March so it can ship the third or fourth week of April and we can have it ready for spring planting around the 15th of May. Last year we brought in lilies, both hardy and tropical, day and night bloomers, Japanese Iris, both plain and variegated. Red Bog Lily, Sweetflag, Water Celery, Taro in three colors, Parrot's Feather, Lemon Bacopa,

Sensitive Plant, Creeping Jenny, Hornwort, Moneywort, Salvinia, Saggitaria, Umbrella Palm, Anacharis, Hyacinths, Lizards Tail, Horsetail Rush and a host of others but if I've missed something you'd like, let me know.

We should have our fish in stock by the middle of May as well, and if we all keep our fingers crossed the ponds will be warm enough to transfer them from our tanks to your pond. Even though we buy from reputable breeders, whatever is going on in their ponds may be a lot different than in our tanks and sometimes the stress



of moving the fish can cause an outbreak of something that has been lurking just below the surface but the immune system has been able to fight it off. Stress can cause the immune system to degrade to a point where harmful bacteria can do their thing.

We are into the inclement weather season again, with the probability of ice and snow always on the horizon, so remember to call before you drive out just to make sure we made it in that day...Mike



Tips and Tricks

Believe it or not using 2 pumps in your pond can cost you less in operating costs than using a single pump! Let me explain how this works. You use a smaller pump that runs continuously to supply your pond filter 24/7, while using a second pump to power your waterfall or fountain. The pump supplying the waterfall or fountain can be switched off when you are at work or asleep. The smaller pump uses less electricity and keeps the filter working and there is no harm to your fish or the health of the pond. There are even remote controls available so you can easily turn that second pump off and on.

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
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www.stillwaterwatergardens.org for more info
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**March
5th
2016
10:00am**

Spring Startup

What can you do to make your pond season
better? How can you help your fish come into
the spring with outstanding immune systems?
Should I fertilize plants now? Come to class to
find out.

**April
2nd
2016
10:00am**

Pond Filtration

Along with circulation and aeration, filtration is
one of the big three factors in a healthy pond.
Come learn about the different types and why
you need filtration for your fish and plants.

**April
16th
2016
10:00am**

Pond Build

We will be using the Atlantic Water Gardens
equipment for this build. If you're considering
a pond in your yard, come watch and learn.
You'll be glad you did!

If you have an idea for a class, please share it



Come visit me in booth 547, Cox Pavilion at the
Oklahoma City Home & Garden Show

January 15-17.

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Sunday, 10:00-6:00

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