

## Mike's Minutes

Ah-h-h-h, the heat is here. I don't know about you but I was tired of the cold and wet weather we've had and I know it has affected your pond. If we can go without too much rain for the next couple of weeks things should start to settle in, plants should really start growing and the fish will be out and about and hungry. Water temps are climbing over 80 and pretty much staying there. If you haven't fertilized your lilies or lotus, now would be a good time.

Here's a picture of the new pond installed the last week of February. We're continuing to add plants



and rocks to give it that finished look. It's got eight pretty good sized koi, three Hi-Fin Banded Sharks and one huge Plecostomus. So far they're all getting along and the algae eaters are doing their jobs. It's been too windy to have the rain shed on but we'll turn it on when the wind's not blowing. It adds a nice touch to the east end of the pond and offsets the big waterfall on the west end. If you haven't been out yet to see it, come on out. Spring is here and the temps are still nice enough to enjoy a walk around the yard.

Harmonia Living this year. There are four different sets each made with tubular aluminum frames for durability covered in a faux wicker made of recycled high density polyethylene (HDPE) so it's really

We've brought in a new line of wicker furniture from weather resistant. UV inhibitors have been added so it won't fade or crack. The structurally reinforced seats mean there won't be any sagging or stretching as you use it. The cushions are covered in Sunbrella fabric, a



Made-in-America acrylic, for superior quality. Zippers allow you to remove the covers for cleaning if necessary. Glass tabletops are made of tempered glass for safety. There's no assembly required and they're ready for you to pick up and move to your outdoor kitchen or patio.

We have another pond build class coming up Saturday so if you've been dreaming all winter and are ready to start digging, this is the class for you. We'll start with a hole in the ground in our indoor training area and explain step-by-step as it goes together. We'll fill it with water and turn it on about 12:00. Class starts at 10am, gates open at 9:45. I'll bring donuts.

Do something special for someone you love this month. Always be humble and kind~~~Mike

### TIPS and TRICKS

**Make sure your aerator is working to full capacity. Most manufacturers recommend replacing the diaphragms annually. An aerator is an integral part of your pond's filtration system supplying oxygen for all the living things as well as providing circulation to insure no part of the pond can become stagnant. A waterfall may not provide sufficient oxygen for the pond and the bacteria and fish may suffer as the water warms up. Warm water holds less oxygen than the cool water they've been used to. An aerator is also another line of defense in the event of a pump failure.**

## Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr  
[www.gcwgs.com](http://www.gcwgs.com) for more info  
 OKC 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm NW Church of Christ  
[www.wgso.org](http://www.wgso.org) for more info  
 Stillwater Meetings on hold until further notice  
[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.

**Military (Active or Retired) and Water Garden Club members**

**receive a  
 10% discount**

**(If you remember to tell us up front!  
 Not after you've already paid.)**

**Valid for Pond Pro Shop purchases only**

**Classes** - SPRING/SUMMER 2017 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.*

**June 3  
 2017**

**10:00am**

**Pond Build**  
 This will be our 2nd build of the season in our indoor training area. We're moving the classroom around this year so it will be a new look. We start with a hole in the ground and go step by step through the processes.

**June 24  
 2017**

**10:00am**

**Pondless Build**  
 Disappearing waterfalls are becoming more and more popular. The sight and sounds of the waterfall without a pond at the bottom. Come see how easily you can construct one of these in your yard.

**July 8  
 2017**

**10:00am**

**Controlling Algae**  
 Maybe not now but by the time this class rolls around you'll be looking for answers and we'll answer them. All ponds have algae, how bad, depends on stocking rate, filtration, circulation, aeration and amount of food each day.



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Get the latest information on our Facebook page. [Facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop) **Please note: We are on Summer hours as of March 7th: Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.** Phone 405-273-8363.

### Just arrived-OASE Pondovac 5

**OASE Pondovac 5 now in stock** It features an internal pump that allows water to be pumped out of the reservoir rapidly making cleaning your pond even faster. For limited time get a free Microbel-Lift Flocculant plus 32 ounce with your purchase.



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### \$799 Pineapple Chat Set \$799

This is another of the beautiful HDPE wicker sets we just got in. It fits perfectly on an apartment patio or any small space you have. It would be great for lounging and watching your fish swim around the pond. Add an umbrella and you're all set for a summer of fun. 2 chairs plus table.



**10% off**