

Mike's Minutes

It's Summertime! And the living is easy. That is if you have the right equipment, the right number of fish and some patience. The next class of the season will be July 8th from 10-12, "Controlling Algae". It is usually one of our most sought after classes since algae is one of the biggest problem people with ponds have. We'll share information and answer all your questions, then I'll have some of my own. Like, how big is your pond, how many fish do you have, what kind of filter and pump system are you using? Without good answers to questions like this we're just shooting blind. It's like calling your doctor and asking for something to help with pain. He needs more information to even begin to diagnose what ails you. Class starts at 10am, gates open at 9:45. I'll bring donuts.



I can't tell you what a great job the crew has done both in the store and outside in the display yard.

You'll just have to come see it in person. These pictures don't do it justice. The ponds look great, the landscaping is pretty and growing and the shelves and furniture in the store look really good.



I'd be interested in knowing how many of you participate in any form of social media, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or any other. We're getting more and more questions and requests via some of those and I wonder if I'm not spending enough time on them. If this is a way you prefer to communicate, let me know, either on our Facebook page or an email detailing what you do and what you'd like to see us do. It's not that I don't have enough to do, I just want to make certain we're responsive to your needs and if that means regular posts on one or the other type of media, we'll gear up and do it.

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

TIPS and TRICKS

A customer has made a 'safety' cover out of vinyl coated nylon fencing with 2" x 3" holes. It comes in a dark green color and can be found at most hardware stores. He supported it with PVC pipe bows over the top of his pond and stream. All of the PVC is painted dark green to match the fencing and pretty much disappears when you look at his pond. He says it is guaranteed protection against the Blue Herons which try to make his pond their favorite dining spot. If you're interested in something like this, ask to see the pictures when you come in next. We may not sell the parts but we'll 'give' you the idea. Just a little tip to save your koi from becoming breakfast or dinner.

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 Meetings on hold until further notice
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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Classes

This could be you learning how to build or maintain your water feature. From ponds, to waterfalls, to bubbling rocks, we'll help you figure out what you need.



A Shot from way up in the air (drone)

Here's a recent shot from a drone to show you how the yard is greening up. We'll be highlighting various features from overhead in the future. Assuming



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.

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 have them. All ponds have algae, how bad, depends on stocking rate, filtration, circulation, aeration and amount of food each day.

July 22 2017 10:00am **Bubbling Pot or Rock**
 Not everyone has room for a pond. If this is you, come to this class to find out about bubbling features perfect for the patio, entrance, circular driveway, or just about any place you want to put one for a little sound and beauty.

August 12 2017 10:00am **Waterfalls and Streams**
 This is a classroom class designed to help you figure out your waterfall or stream and how to make it look like Mother Nature did it. After we talk for a while, we'll go into the yard to see and discuss the principles we just learned.

Get the latest information on our Facebook page. [Facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop](https://www.facebook.com/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.

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Model 5 shown

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