

Mike's Minutes

My favorite meteorologist asked today for new ways to describe 'Hot.' I didn't tune in to find out what everyone said but I'll bet there were some doozy's. Remember back in January and February when we were all anxious for the spring and warmer weather? Well it's here, in spades. The good news is, it is good for your plants, the bad news is it's good for the algae. More bad news is that it makes the water hold less oxygen so the fish are stressed. Overcome this by adding an aerator to your pond. I recommend you put the aerator on a separate GFCI breaker so if the pump should happen to trip the one it's on, the aerator keeps running on the other one. We have aeration on all our ponds and believe it helps during this hot summertime.



I just got word we will be on *Oklahoma Gardening* this weekend. 11am on Saturday and 3pm on Sunday on your local

OETA channel. Tune in and watch my minute of fame; I'll be talking about koi and goldfish and some new products you might like.

Above and below are pictures of our newest pond we call 'Living the Pond Life'. It was built last February by over 100 of our contractors from all over the country who



came together to create a truly great pond that represents something we all love, living the pond life. It's coming along nicely going through that 1st year balance thing.

The other picture is some of the koi in the Renaissance Pond that was built back in 2015 the rocks you can see are 54" deep. If it wasn't cloudy today, you'd be able to see a dime on the bottom, but the reflection of the clouds off the water makes it appear darker than it really is. It's a hybrid pond filtered by an under gravel grid, an Ultima II external filter and a Helix moving bed filter. If you're looking for a pond with easy maintenance, come see this one and let us tell you about it.

Do something magical this month. Always be humble and kind~~~Mike



TIPS and TRICKS

Customers always ask why our ponds are so clear. The simple answer is because Jay and Jakob work at it regularly. The long answer is what they do during those days. Water changes; at least 10% per week. Regular vacuuming of the sludge that builds up on the bottom. Weekly treatments with bacteria. Removal of dead or dying organic matter. Fresh UV bulbs every season. Aerators. Limited feeding of high quality food. Limited fish loads in each pond. Attempts to contain runoff from the surrounding areas. All of this equates to two things...lots of work and clear ponds. They are taking care of twelve ponds, you can do the same for yours. Try it, you'll see.

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
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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.

**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.

**August
 26
 2017
 10:00am**

Pond Build

We think everyone wants a pond, they just
 don't know it yet. Come to class and figure out
 how easy it is to do it yourself or if you'd ra-
 ther, have one of our contractors do the heavy
 lifting for you. We'll show you what they
 should be doing.

**Sept 9
 2017
 10:00am**

Disappearing Waterfall

Many of you want the sounds of water without
 a pond at the bottom. We'll show you the
 'magic' in creating one that truly disappears
 into the ground. Your guests will be amazed
 that you did it yourself and it's so magical.