

Mike's Minutes

The season is ending soon, the weather has turned cooler and we're putting nets on our ponds today in preparation for falling leaves. If you haven't netted your pond in the past and then fussed and fumed over the mess in the bottom come Spring, you might want to consider coming in for a net this year.

Remember, your Pond Dollars are redeemable during the month of October here in the store. Pond Dollars are worth up to 50% off of any in stock item up to the amount of Pond Dollars you have earned through purchases in the store and classes you've attended. See the example on the back page.

Our last class of the season will be October 7th at 10am. We'll help you understand what you need to do in Oklahoma to get ready for the Winter and how to make your Spring startup a little easier.

We go on Winter hours November 1st, closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Open regular hours Wednesday through Saturday. Probably should call if there is inclement weather. Sometimes we close early if it's icy (or might not open at all).

This month is the end of our fiscal year and as always, we're trying to reduce inventory to save taxes. If you're in the market for patio furniture or a small bistro set, come take a look at what we have left and make me an offer.

It is the time of year for you to be watching water temperatures in your pond. Ours today are still at 70 but have been as low as 65 recently. Stop feeding your fish when water temps fall to 55 and don't start again until they reach 55 in the Spring. Your fish become torpid as the water cools and their digestive systems slow down dramatically so any food you provide in cold weather tends to take longer to digest and that isn't good for them.

Always be humble and kind ~~~Mike



Nathan's Nook before netting and ...after



Do something magical this month.

TIPS and TRICKS

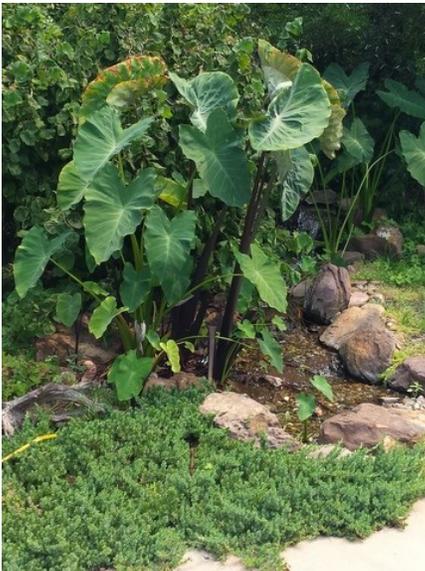
Atlantic Water Garden Pond Protectors come with their own shock-corded fiberglass poles that form an "X" over the pond and keep the net from drooping down to the water when covered with leaves. If you're using a different type of netting system, you might want to experiment with 1/2" PVC pipe as a support. We will have some examples to show you a little later this month as we cover some of our bigger ponds. These nets may be of an open weave design with holes in the 1/2 to 3/4 inch range or our premium nets that stop even the smallest seeds from falling into the water. Several sizes are now in stock and prices range from \$7.99 up to \$575.99 based on size and style.

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.

POND DOLLAR EXAMPLE

You earn 120 pond dollars. You may buy something for \$240 dollars and only pay 120 out of your pocket. Or...you earn 120 pond dollars and buy something in the store for \$90 dollars, you pay only \$45 dollars, we'll use 45 of your pond dollars and you'll have until October 31st to use the other 45 pond dollars. The slate is wiped clean November 1st and we start over for the next year.



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Who knew Taro bloom? This is at my house in a waterfall. They're about 6' tall now and have lots of runners with small plants all over the streambed. This bloom came on three days ago. Did yours bloom this year?



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 go on Winter hours as of November 1st: Wednesday thru Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. **Closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.** Phone 405-273-8363.

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

October 7th 2017 10:00am **LAST CLASS-Winterizing Your Pond**
 Need to know what to do about fish and plants? How to prepare your filters for cold weather? This is the class you should attend. We'll discuss some ways to help you prepare your pond or water feature for a good Winter and maybe save you some time in the Spring.

New Class Schedules

New class schedules will arrive sometime the end of the month.

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

AWG Pond Protector

This is the ultra pond net for your pond. Two sizes for the small (7 x 9) and medium pond (9 x 12). Easy to install and compact to put away.



10% off w/coupon

Valid for retail store purchases only.

Not valid with any other discount

Only the largest discount will apply.

Build a pond today!
 We'll show you how!

Sludge Away

Microbe-Lift's Sludge Away is specifically formulated to work on those organics at the bottom of the pond that decompose slowly. Completely safe for fish and plants, SA works at any temp although it likes warmer water best. 100% active ingredients.



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