

Mike's Minutes

Well, the season is over, ponds are being put to bed for the winter, the fish are in semi-hibernation mode and plants are beginning to wilt or die completely. What a good season it was too. We appreciate all of our customers who have graciously allowed us to serve them this pond season and now begin the process of planning for the next season. Plans are underway for our annual Water Garden Expo for pond professionals held the last full week in February. We've torn out two ponds in the display yard in preparation for their renovation at the Expo by groups of professionals excited to show off their talent. You'll be able to enjoy them in the coming season.



Covered with Cattails-until Jay cut them all off



This is how thick they can get

The new class schedule is finalized and magnets will be in soon. Meanwhile, you can begin your Spring planning by looking at the beginning classes starting in March.

We have a great team of people here in the Unit Liner family of companies. Here's a picture of some of them at their goofiest best for Halloween. I failed to take pictures of the cauldron feast (crockpot luncheon) because I was too busy tasting all the good stuff. Enjoy the picture though, we had a lot of fun judging the best individual and group efforts. Lori from the Pond Pro Shop was the first place winner in the individual contest and the Ghostbusters won for best group.



Halloween fun

Just a reminder that beginning today, November 1, we transition to Winter hours. That means we will be closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday until March. Still open Wednesday through Friday 9-6 and Saturday 10-4 through the winter although I caution you to phone ahead during periods of inclement weather. If it's icy on the roads, we won't normally ask our employees to come in.

Always be humble and kind~~~Mike

TIPS and TRICKS

Here are four things you should remember for the Winter:

1. Stop feeding your fish at water temps below 55. Start again when water temps go above 55.
2. Run an aerator from a shallower part of the pond to help keep ice open for gas transfer and to keep from moving warmer water in the deep up to the surface where it cools.
3. Use a bacteria specifically designed for cold weather to help keep organic materials that are decomposing from building up into the awful sludge you have to deal with in the Spring.
4. Net the pond against leaves and predators

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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Garden Club members**

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10% discount**

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The pond at the Botanic Garden at OSU from my recent visit there at the end of September. Still looks good, amazing what good filtration will do for the water quality and clarity. The plantings are awesome.



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.

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