

## Mike's Minutes



It's Spring! How do I know that? The local weather people have started talking about tornadoes already. Seriously though, hail is what I worry about the most with our ponds, not that the hail stones would do so much damage, although that is possible, but what is in the atmosphere that has been accumulated in that hailstone that falls into your pond and melts and releases all that stuff is what worries me.

Additionally, I worry about the amount of rain we're going to get (or not get) and how it affects our ponds and last, but not least, I worry about the safety of our employees who are working outside and I know whether it's rain, lightning, hail, wind, or heat...something is going to affect our work day. I guess I've always been a

'weather watcher' in order to be prepared for what is to come. Thank goodness I live in Oklahoma where the weather people generally know what they're talking about.

Several attended our Spring Startup class last weekend and we expect a good turnout for Pond Filtration coming up on the 7th. For those of you who might have missed the class, feel free to come by the store and pick up a copy of the slides and we'll give you a quick briefing on what they cover. Or better yet, come to class Saturday and learn about pond filtration and then ask your questions about startup for the season. We think the better educated you are about the functions of your pond, the happier you will be with the way your pond looks and operates. We like happy customers!

April 21st will be our first pond build of the season. We'll be showing some new products and how they can be installed in your pond even if you've already had it in the ground for a while but are not getting the results you wanted. As an add-on, extra filtration can make a big difference in water quality which is good for your fish and your plants. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss this class. We'll start at 10 and have it finished at noon.

We started Summer hours March 1st so we're open five days a week now, Tuesday through Friday 9-6 and Saturday 10-4.

Always be humble and kind~~~Mike



### TIPS and TRICKS

*A pond vacuum may be just what you need to kick off this season. Oase Pondovacs are an excellent means of removing sludge and debris from the bottom of your pond. The model 3, 4 and 5 work continuously discharging at the same time they are removing debris. You don't have to stop and wait for the tank to drain like you would with a shop vac or other brands of pond vacs. The newest model, the Pondovac 5 has an internal motor as well that allows you to pump the discharge water UP away from the unit. So if where you want the water to go is uphill from the pond, this model is for you. The 3 and 4 drain via gravity with some assistance from incoming water.*

## Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr  
 www.gcwgs.com for more info  
 OKC 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm (New Location)  
 Grace UMC, 6316 N. Tulsa, OKC  
 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.

**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 2018 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*

**April 7 2018**  
**10:00am** **Pond Filtration**  
 When you started, the filter you had was just right for the few fish you had. Now they've grown and had babies. What can you do to insure your filter will keep up with the new load your fish place on it?

**April 21 2018**  
**10:00am** **Pond Build**  
 All Winter you've been dreaming of and re-searching the perfect pond for your yard. Let us show you how easy it is to achieve success on your own with a few simple steps

**May 5 2018**  
**10:00am** **Pondless Build**  
 Want the sound of a waterfall but don't care about the fish or water plants? A pondless feature gives you all the beauty and sounds of the waterfall but there is no pond at the bottom, so it's 'pond less'. Get it?



Come see the latest in our aquarium line, the OASE biOrb. Acrylic aquariums that come in several different styles. Lots of different decorations to put inside. Don't have a place for a pond? This is the next best thing. biOrbAIR terrariums available too.



Prices from  
 \$99 to \$349



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 biOrb FLOW, and  
 biOrb HALO

Get the latest information on our Facebook page. Facebook.com/pages/  
 Pond-Pro-Shop **Please note: We are on Summer hours as of March 1st: Wednesday thru Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.** Phone 405-273-8363.

### 15% off MicrobeLift PL

Beneficial bacteria that helps break down debris from your pond, improves oxygen levels, seeds bio filters and reduces odor.

Available in four sizes to fit your pond. 8, 16, 32 oz and 1 Gal



### You Should See These!!!



Build a pond today  
 We'll show you how  
 Free !!!!  
 See the Class Schedule  
 above for more information

### OASE PondoVacs

Come in and let Jay give you a demo on the newest Pondo-vac, the model 5. I'm sure he would let you clean a pond with it. Take 10% off all Pondo-Vacs after your demo.

