

Mike's Minutes

We're getting our first taste of Fall as I write this morning, 48 degree temps here in Shawnee. As always, our first thoughts went to, "What's this doing to our ponds?" The answer, not much. Checking water temperatures we found 62 and 64 degree ponds. Still warm enough to feed a high quality cold weather food but a warning that it's time to remove the Plecostomus and any other tropical fish to safer waters indoors. We leave the Hi-Fin Sharks in the ponds as well as the koi and goldfish and they all seem to do fine. As the plants begin to show signs of dying out for the Winter, we'll add salt to the ponds to help provide a tonic to the fish to prepare them for their Winter slow-down.



We'll still have enough warm days to cause algae to grow unless your pond is balanced

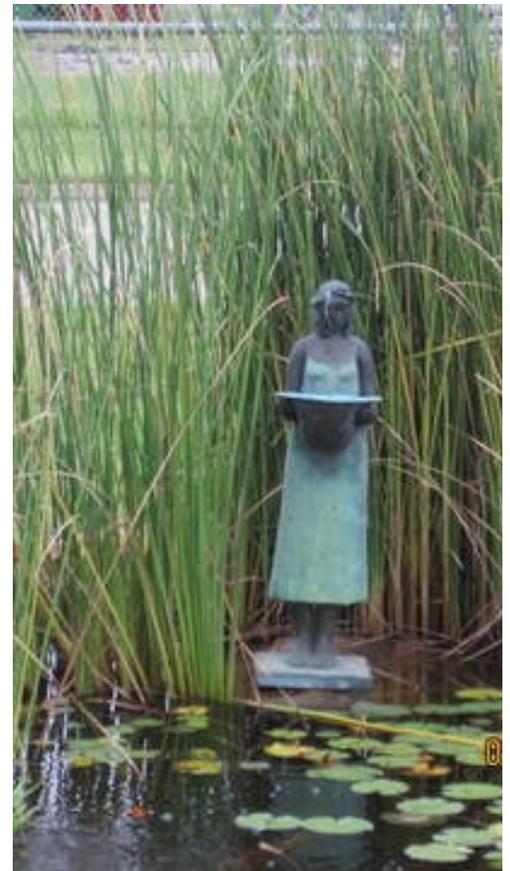
with enough plants and bacteria to out perform the algae for nutrients. Remember, your plants are using less and less nutrient because they are not growing so your pond could see an increase in algae, especially on the waterfall and other shallow areas. We think it is important to continue to feed bacteria, specifically, cold weather bacteria.

It's Pond Dollar time! If you spent at least \$10 in the store this year or attended a class, you have Pond Dollars. You can come in during the month of October and spend your Pond Dollars for up to 50% off any in stock item except liner and Breezesta furniture. Pond Dollars are not to be used with any other discount (military, sale items already marked down, coupons, etc).

Our last class of the season will be October 6th on how to 'Winterize' your pond. No registration is necessary, just show up at 10 am and we'll do our best to answer all your questions.

We still have plants and pottery. All are 50% off. This sale remains in effect until they're all gone.

Always be humble and kind~~~Mike



This is called "Grace". Wouldn't she look nice in your pond?

TIPS and TRICKS

If you allow your net to droop into the pond when leaves gather on it, you have defeated one of the reasons to have a net...not allowing organic matter to decompose in the water. We believe you should create some sort of structure to help prevent net droop. In the yard here, we use 3/4" PVC pipe in a couple of different configurations to keep the net supported. On one we simply wedge the curved PVC hoops into the rocks on the side, stake down the net all around the perimeter and use a leaf blower to remove any leaves that do blow up against it. On the other, we've made a frame of PVC using tee's and elbow's to stretch the net over. Atlantic also provides a net with shock-corded poles similar to a camping tent, that support the net. It comes in a small and a large.

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
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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
U.S.

**Oct 6th
2018
10:00am**

Winterizing Your Pond

Get ready for the Winter in this class. We'll
cover aeration, filtration, plants, fish, equip-
ment and water quality.

Th-TH-TH-That's all Folks!

Classes are complete for the season

If you have suggestions for classes you'd like
us to consider, please let us know. Most any-
thing having to do with ponds, waterfalls, wa-
ter gardening, pond equipment, fish or aquatic
plants is an acceptable topic. If you have a
"how-to-do-it" thing you'd like considered, add
it to the list. If I can't do it, I'll find someone
who can.

We appreciate all who attend class and shp in
the store. Our goal is to provide our customers
with valid information so they can make good
decisions when it comes to their pond.



Get the latest information on our FACEBOOK page. Facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop **Please
note: We will go to Winter hours November 1: Wednesday thru Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Satur-
day 10:00am-4:00pm. Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.** Phone 405-273-8363.

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