

Mike's Minutes

Fall, finally. Temps in the 80's. Ah-h-h-h. Oops! Fooled you. Back into the high 90's this week. I hope you all had a great Labor Day weekend.

It's that time of year when we get rain and heat and wind sometimes. I think you should start preparing to cover your ponds with nets to catch those leaves before they become water logged and sink to the bottom. Once that happens, your work to remove them is multiplied ten-

fold. We have nets of various sizes on hand. Atlantic makes a nice shock-corded pole system similar to a camping tent structure to support their net on two sizes of ponds. You can also support the net using PVC pipe to build a framework. We try to keep the net from bagging down in the water when weighted with leaves or snow and ice.

I know many of you are seeing string algae pop up on the rocks and along your stream. It's to be expected this time of year. Especially in those ponds that are over crowded. While you might not think you have too many fish, I'll bet if you take a good look at the quantity and size compared to what your filter can handle, you are

maxed out. That, the daily feedings, and the heat we're experiencing are a recipe for string algae. You can treat it with algaecide although you run the risk of depleting too much oxygen from your water and causing stress or worse to your fish. As I said previously, water changes, shade and patience are the keys to overcoming this unwanted growth. It seems I'm always talking to you about algae in one form or another. I guess it's the nature of the business. I have this conversation at least two or three times a day and sometimes much more of-

ten. The plague of pond owners I guess.

I was surprised recently at the number of calls we received about fish deaths caused by lightning strikes during the thunderstorms we've been having. One customer even thinks their electrical fixtures were damaged as a result of nearby strikes. If you've had a similar experience, let me know. I haven't heard of this happening before; that I've been informed of anyway.

Always be humble and kind~~~Mike



TIPS and TRICKS

Heaters vs. aerators; which is best for the winter? Either, neither or both? I'm a fan of both. Remember the purpose of a heater or aerator is to keep a hole open in the ice for gas transfer. In that case, either will work fine. Both is better. You might want to relocate your aerator if it is in the pond of the pond so you are not super cooling the deepest part of the pond. Move it to a shallow shelf or set it on a block or upside down plant pot. If you're using a heater, put it out now and tie it off so when the freeze comes you'll be ready.

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
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**Sept 7
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10:00am In our indoor training area, we'll start at
10am, go step-by-step and show you how a
pond can be built. At noon, we'll turn on the
water and let it flow. All your questions will
be answered if not, we'll stay longer.

**Sept 21
2019** **Pondless Build**
10:00am Want a waterfall? This is the class for you.
We'll start at 10 and finish at 12 after an-
swering all your questions. You'll know then
how to build your own beautiful feature and
be able to have the sights and sounds of
water in your yard.

**Oct 6
2019** **Winterizing Your Pond**
10:00am Need to know what to do with your pond,
filters, UV lights, Fish, and plants for the win-
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