

Mike's Minutes

We've had Second Summer (or is it Third?) for the last few weeks but the weather people are predicting rain and cooler temps for the next week or so. Let's keep our fingers crossed. Water temps are still in the high 80's to low 90's, depending

on the shade, so you can keep feeding. However, with cool nights coming our way, it will lower the temps dramatically. It wouldn't be a bad idea to switch to a cold water food now if you have some on

hand. If not, we currently have it in stock. This food is lower in protein and higher in carbohydrates so it is easier for the fish to digest and the first ingredient is usually wheat germ or spiroulina .

I'm going to leave this picture again as a reminder that now is the time to net your pond to keep leaves from accumulating and decomposing all winter long. "How do I get rid of the leaves in the bottom of my pond?" is the number one question raised at Spring Startup Class. If you let them fall in the water, you are creating work for yourself or driving up the cost if you have someone else do the work of opening your pond for the season in the Spring.

Speaking of classes, our last one of the season is this coming Saturday, October 5 at 10am., "How to Winterize Your Pond". As always, there is no need to register in advance and there is no fee. Since we train indoors, it's going to happen rain or shine.

It's Pond Dollar Redemption time! Throughout the entire month of October you may redeem any Pond Dollars you have earned this past year. Currently, you may earn one Pond Dollar for every ten dollars you spend in the store and ten Pond Dollars for every class you attend. We are changing the rules for 2020 and will be announcing them in the November issue of this newsletter, we're still working out the details.

Our Fiscal Year ends on October 31 so we will be closed Thursday the 24th through Saturday the 26th for inventory. We will reopen for business on Tuesday October 29. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but it is a necessary part of doing business.

Always be humble and kind~~~Mike



TIPS and TRICKS

I try to keep up with what people are doing to solve their pond problems by following several groups on Facebook and through the internet. An interesting tip I ran across was to use a large, thick sheet of Styrofoam on the pond to provide shade when you remove all your floating plants and cut back the others. This can also be helpful in holding the net up to keep it from sagging down into the water when heavy with leaves. Has anyone ever tried this?

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

Closed October 24, 25, 26 for inventory



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

MicrobeLift Autumn Winter

Helps maintain a healthy system for your pond. Contains a hydrophilic bacteria specifically for cold water. Good at water temps under 40 degrees.



You Should See These!!!



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

Crystal Clear Muck Off

Helps reduce muck, leaves and other organic matter in the bottom of your pond with regular use. Does not replace the need for a net or manual removal of detritus



Classes - SPRING/SUMMER 2019 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 5
2019
10:00am** **Winterizing Your Pond**
Need to know what to do with your pond, filters, UV lights, Fish, and plants for the winter? Come to class this Saturday and we'll discuss it with you. Some things you do now will make your next season with the pond more enjoyable.

Leave here after class and enjoy the afternoon at the OSU Botanical Garden. They are having their Garden Fest and I can guarantee a good time. I've been for the last several years but this year is just to booked up to get away.

I will have our new 2020 class schedule out soon. I expect the first class to be March the 14th so mark you calendars accordingly. You don't want to miss "Spring Startup".

Now that's some clear water. Unlike in your pond, we purposely display some of the parts to show how they're used. I want you to see the tubing and diffusers.