



Hello everyone. The older I get, the faster time seems to fly by. Why is that? Summer's end is creeping up on us and I wonder where it went?? This summer has been a real challenge for us, but also very exciting! I can finally see light at the end of the tunnel with our new construction and expansion project.

One of our goals this year was to drastically increase our selection and inventory of pond products for all levels of pond owners. Having a diverse selection and price range of components and products for everything from small container water gardens, pre-formed tubs, lined ponds, as well as earthen pond management products was a major focus for me. We currently have a broad range of exceptional products, but at the same time we have had to keep our inventory levels down because of limited space during our construction. Everything is finally coming together, so when you stop in you will see a huge face lift! We still have a few more changes and surprises to come. I want to thank everyone for their well wishes in our endeavor, but also for your patience through the mess and chaos.

Ok, back to ponds. It's still quite warm, so keep using your bacteria for now. We have found a couple new pond care products this year that have proven to be exceptional. Aquaclear Extreme liquid bacteria used in conjunction with the new Matala mat material has been incredibly effective in full sun ponds that have been hard to keep crystal clear in the past. Ask Barb or Cris if you are having any challenges with your pond. Please remember that the pond products we use are natural, not chemical. This is our philosophy and approach to pond keeping. It's not like taking an aspirin and everything is fixed in a few minutes. Our ponds are balanced ecological environments utilizing nature and nature's techniques of eco-management. So be sure to approach your pond that way and enjoy all the incredible sub-cultures your pond is composed of. It's not a hot tub!

### Store Hours

Monday	10:00 - 5:00
Tuesday	10:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 5:00
Thursday	10:00 - 7:00
Friday	10:00 - 5:00
Saturday	9:00 - 4:00
Sunday	Closed



Hey, I gotta go, so have a great end of summer. With the middle east crisis escalating, Barb and I are keeping all of you in our prayers. If you're interested read Ezekiel 38 and 39, check out the news, and keep looking up. Interesting stuff. God Bless - Gary

*(Part of Diane Belding's Awesome Back Yard)*

## Container Water Gardening Seminar . . .

You will create your own water garden container or fountain in this class to take home for your enjoyment or give as a gift. Bring your own container or we will have some available. We will add pumps, water plants, water wheels, foggers, spitters, stones and other cool accessories. Let your creative ideas flow and bring anything you would like to decorate and create your own personal water feature. Please call for a reservation as class size is limited. There is no fee for the class. We have materials and accessories available at the shop, so come and join us for some fun and get your hands wet!

## Landscape Lighting Seminar . . .

Finding the right products and the right contractor to install a landscape lighting system doesn't have to be a headache. Let us help you make the right decisions and know what to expect and the right questions to ask. We will show you the newest and coolest and the traditional in lighting fixtures and techniques. If landscape lighting is something you've been wanting to do, don't miss this informative seminar!

## **NEW PRODUCTS . . .**

Stepping stones, glow in dark gazing globes, table and wall fountains, copper bird houses, Make-Your-Own Stepping Stones kits and accessories, holiday lighting, artificial ornamental trees and shrubs, artificial greenery and flowers and so much more. Stop by for all you daily and holiday gift items!

## **GRAND RE-OPENING PARTY!!!**

**SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

Come join us for the unveiling of our new Garden Gift Shop, Seminar Room & Indoor Fish Shack! Catch some fantastic deals on pond supplies and check out our specials on new product lines!

Fri., Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m.- 9:00p.m.  
Wine & Cheese Social

### **Calendar of Events**

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday 10:00 a.m.)  
Container Water Gardening

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday 10:00 a.m.)  
Landscape Lighting Seminar

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
Grand Re-Opening Party

September 29<sup>th</sup>  
(Friday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00p.m.)  
Wine & Cheese Social

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday 10:00 a.m.  
& 2:00 p.m.)  
Closing the Pond Seminar

## **TECH TIPS**

### **FINDING A POSSIBLE LEAK**

First, not all water loss is due to a leak. Many times it is simple evaporation, so for you beginner ponders, a few inches of water lost during the week is quite normal. We are filling our ponds twice a week during the hot summer months due to our large waterfalls. The bigger the waterfall and stream, the more evaporation you will have.

To fix a leak, first we must narrow down where it might be. First, turn off your waterfall and fill the pond to the proper level. Leave the waterfall off overnight and see if the pond level drops. If the pond does not drop then you have narrowed the leak to the stream or waterfall. If the pond does go down, it will stop right where the hole or edge is that is leaking. Check for liner edges that may have settled.

If the leak is in the stream, check for water running off the edge or off stones. Also check the back of the biofall box to make sure floater plants are not forcing water over the back of the box.

Lastly, give us a call if you can not find the leak. The above steps will allow us to find and repair the leak faster, thus saving you time and money.

Woodland will be closed on Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> to observe Labor Day.

### **AWESOME AWARDS TOP FROGS FOR 2005**

#### **Woodland Water Gardens**

**#10 of 255 For  
Water Garden Excellence**

**#13 of 277  
Certified Aquascape Contractor**

**#20 in Sales for  
U.S. & Canada**

## **Barb's Koi Corner . . .**

With all of this hot weather we have been having I hope you are taking extra good care of your finned friends. Keep doing water exchanges or add ice blocks and only feed them once a day, best in the morning hours if possible.

I know it seems premature to be talking about this but we do have some of our fall pond netting in. Whether you have trees in your yard or not, I highly recommend everyone cover their ponds though out the entire winter season. When your fish go dormant, they are easy pickings for hawks, heron and other predators. The netting will certainly give them that much needed protection from any animal. And speaking of predators, we have been having good luck with the Heron Decoy to date, except for one. Be sure the decoy is in the pond, not beside the pond and do move it around frequently. One of our clients gave us another good tip she had gotten from an environmentalist. Placing a helium balloon by your pond will keep predators away as well. You will need to replace it at least once a week, but they claim it really works. (Thanks Maxine for that tip).

Also once your water temperatures begin to drop below 70 degrees start feeding your fish with the wheat germ or Autumn fish food. Our indoor fish shack is 90% done and the fish bins are all now inside! AMEN!!! We have new shipment of Butterfly Koi and Golden Orfes in.

Cris and I attended one of Doc Johnson's wet lab training while at Pond College last month. We have been seeing outbreaks of flukes and fish lice in ponds this year. If you have sick fish or losing fish, bring us in 3 live fish and we can do a microscopic analysis to see what's going on with your pond.

Woodland Water Gardens  
1950 S. 500 E.  
Columbia City, IN 46725

PRESORTED STANDARD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT # 305  
COLUMBIA CITY, IN. 46725

*Creating a little piece of paradise, one pond at a time!*

[www.woodlandwatergardens.com](http://www.woodlandwatergardens.com)

260-244-0050

***Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>***  
***SPECIALS***

**BUY 3 PLANTS  
GET ONE  
FREE!!**

Free plant will be of equal or lesser value  
(Excludes Lilies & Lotus)

**Receive a Free Sample  
Pack of Hikari  
WheatGerm and  
Hikari Gold Fish Food  
with any Koi Fish  
Purchase**

Limit One Per Customer

## **New Products . . .**

### **Aquaclear Extreme for those trouble ponds.**

Aquaclear Extreme is a cold water bacteria that works better in high PH levels (if you live near here, you have high PH) If the regular dry bacteria does not seem to be doing the job, switch to the liquid Aquaclear for faster results!

### **Our dry Beneficial Pond Bacteria & Enzymes get a Boost!!**

We are now purchasing the dry bacteria with activated barley for an added bonus! Barley is an additive that will also help achieve clear water. Prices will not go up this year but we do expect it to go up a few dollars next year, so stock up now as the dry bacteria has a shelf life of 3 years if kept in a cool dry place.