

2010 Demonstration Topics

Springdale holds free demonstrations each month beginning in March until October. The Pond and Waterfall Construction seminar is the best way to get great information and where you can see a hands-on demonstration of installation techniques. Please note that the Pond and Waterfall Construction program is about three hours in length and covers a lot of ground. Some of you may only be interested in one topic or the other. You can attend all or part of the full-length seminar, whichever suits your needs. Our spring and fall topics are timely, discussing care and maintenance of your water garden. These seasonal seminars are helpful to the beginner to understand the timing of pond care and the products that help make your job easier.

Put one of our demonstrations on your calendar before you get started on your new water garden project. After the program, we'll be glad to discuss your specific needs, so be prepared with sketches, dimensions or other data that would be helpful in planning. See page 32 that helps you plan your water garden. Fill out as much as you can so you'll be prepared with enough information to help you choose the correct liners, pumps, skimmers and filters.

Pond and Waterfall Construction is a two-part program (3 hours total)

This program is an expanded version of the previous years' most successful demonstration. Our customers wanted more in depth discussion and we have changed our program to suit. We are extending the time of the demonstrations to a three hour presentation. The topics are divided into two parts with a short break in between sessions. You may attend just one program or both, your choice. Part one is dedicated to pond construction and stocking with plants and fish while part two is covering pump selection and waterfall construction. Read on for the details of each part.

Part One—Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants and Fish (Approx. 1½ hours) Learn where to put your water garden for best landscape effect and enjoyment. We'll talk about shape and size and how to choose and install the correct pond liner size. The program deals with skimmers, how and where to install them and we will discuss filtration options, as well. Topics like placement of stones and making planting areas along the edges of your water garden. We'll show you how to make an effective transition from the landscape to the waters' edge using a planting technique that is much more interesting and attractive. A brief portion of the demonstration will be on how to stock plants, fish and scavengers to establish an ecological balance.

Break for ½ hour

Part Two—Build a Waterfall (includes pump selection) (Approx. 1 hour) Select the right pump for the job before starting on the waterfall. We'll show you how to choose the pump to fit your stream and falls. Once you understand the pump selection, we'll demonstrate waterfall installation techniques to help you build a beautiful natural waterfall.

Spring

Whether you are opening your pond for the season or you are a novice, just starting your water garden, this class covers the basics for the spring and summer care of your water garden. We dig into topics like when and how to feed your fish and plants, when to start adding beneficial bacteria, which products are best for algae control, and how to maintain your pond at its' peak. This program is continued in fall for the maintenance tips on the colder part of the season.

Fall

Know what to do as the cold weather approaches to be sure your water garden is ready to go dormant. Recognizing the signs of change for the season means you'll know when

2010 Demonstration Schedule

March 13	Spring Care and Maintenance Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	11am – 12pm 1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
March 14	Spring Care and Maintenance	1pm – 2pm
April 10	Spring Care and Maintenance New Cork Rafts Available Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	11am – 12pm 1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
April 11	Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
May 8	Lake and Pond Management Solutions Provided by Airmax Solutions Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	10am 1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
May 9	Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
June 12	Fish Day Specials Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	1pm – 2:30pm 11:30am – 12:30pm
June 13	Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
July 10	Tropical Plant Specials this Weekend Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall Special Cooking with Aquatic Plants	9:30am – 11am 11:30am – 12:30pm 1:30pm
July 11	Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
August 21	Frugal Frog Fest Sale Starts Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	9:30am – 11am 11:30am – 12:30pm
August 22	Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
Sept. 11	Lotus Pod Giveaway weekend Come get your free Lotus Pods (limit 15 per family) Fall Care and Maintenance Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	11am – 12pm 1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
Sept. 12	Pond Construction and Stocking with Plants Build a Waterfall	1pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm
October 2	Birding Walk Fall Care and Maintenance	9am 11am – 12pm

to stop feeding fish and plants. We'll talk about the maintenance issues you face and how to make your job easier. Discussion of pond cleaning is covered. How to install a pond net to keep leaves out will be addressed. We will also talk about how to keep some of the ice off of the pond using either a de-icer or a pump. This seminar is continued in the spring for maintenance tips on the warmer part of the season.