



BR&D FALL 2005 NEWSLETTER

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Would you mind returning the enclosed Confidential Survey?

PHOTO CONTEST

Winners of our first annual Photo Contest are Pat Skinner who was awarded \$250 for her superb shot of her backyard pond and surrounding flowers backing onto forested open space. Second place goes to Gary Blubaugh who won \$100. We really liked his before and after pictures which showed an incredible transformation. Other winners were Ron Satha and Drew Brunetti who each won \$50. We will be running the same contest again this coming year. The deadline is March; see our website for details on entering.

Holiday Lights and Décor: We are once again offering these services on a limited basis. We do very custom, boutique-type decorations, such as interior plantscaping, mantels, and banister lighting. Exterior decorating is limited to entryways, walkways, some trees, and what can be reached with a step stool. Reservations must be made by October 22nd and will be installed in the order of the requests.

Extreme Christmas—Give a gift certificate for a pond in one day. The idea is to have the recipient leave for the day and come home to their new pond. This would be a mini (4x5') size.

We hope all the homeowners who attended the Homeowner Appreciation Dinner on Saturday night of the Parade of Ponds had a great time. They were treated to a catered barbecue and won prizes like free koi, rock planters, hypertufa gardens, and more. We hope you can all join us again next year the weekend of August 26th and 27th. We want to thank each of you for your participation. See you in 2006.

This is a great time of year to install low-voltage lighting so you can see your home when you come home at night. Call us to do a complimentary demonstration of a high-quality, powder-coated lighting system.

Pond Service: Do it yourself or let us do it for you...

- Be sure to see our website for two articles—one is on winterization and one is called Pond Pointers.
- Fall cleanings and winterization are being scheduled now on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Our service hour rates are \$80 per man-hour (so two technicians for one hour would be \$160), plus the price of any water treatments or other supplies, with a one-hour minimum charge.



Have you seen the new pond we installed inside Park Meadows Shopping Center below the foodcourt? It was quite a feat to do this inside while no shops or customers would be disturbed. Including demolition of the old "dribble" mountain, it took over three months with over 15 crew members working most of the night.

We are currently considering adding the service of koi treatment. Zach Kiebler, who is a molecular biologist, will be training with Dr. Erik Johnson this spring. Dr. Johnson is the foremost koi veterinarian in the country. You can benefit from his knowledge right now by checking out his website at www.koivet.com. In the meantime, because spring is the most critical time for koi as they are emerging from winter with a compromised slime coat, call us this spring if your koi have issues such as blisters, red spots, waxy areas, sores, or fungus, and we will let you know if we are yet able to test or diagnose your koi.

Did you hear? BR&D is now the 7th largest Aquascape contractor in the nation. Thank you to all our loyal customers and our fantastic team of crewmembers for their splendid handwork!!!

Remember to stop feeding your koi when the water temperature goes below 50 degrees.



Confidential Survey: Would you mind taking a couple minutes to complete the enclosed survey and returning it to us this month. We are really striving to improve everything we do. There is also a question we have about taking credit cards and your input on this issue would be very helpful. Thanks!



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Many thanks to Park Meadows Shopping Center for their generous donation of the coins from their pond to our charities during the Pa-



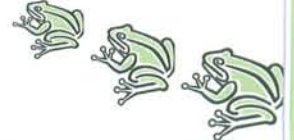
Maryann Leake-Baisley, a local koi artist whose work was shown during the Parade of Ponds, has offered to donate 10% of the proceeds to our charities from any sale that is identified through BRGD. Her email is artist@baisley.org or phone 303-978-1352. She does watercolor, watercolor pencil, and acrylics. They're really gorgeous and very reasonably priced. Her next show is the Watercolor Exhibit at Denver Botanic Gardens 10/24-11/2.

Winter discounts of 5% on new projects for December-February.

Fall Cleanings and Winterizations

What's included?

- Clean out large debris such as fallen leaves.
- Clean skimmer net and mat.
- Test water quality.
- Check fish garage.
- Check pump operation.
- Check fish health.
- Top off water.
- Check for leaks or potential ice dam areas.
- If sprinklers are already off, drain autofill.
- Remove tropicals. You can either keep them as houseplants, or we can toss them out, but please let us know your preference.
- Cutting back foliage of hardy plants just above water level so the dead plant material won't decay causing harmful gases. Lilies should be cut back to 2-3 inches above crown of plant.
- If you netted your pond to keep out most fallen leaves, we can remove that for you.
- You may choose to shut down your pond for winter if you'll be out of town for an extended period. If so, then additional steps should be taken to remove the pump and add a bubbler. If you decide to do this, the pond cannot be restarted until all the water in the pipes is thawed. We recommend against shutting down your pond for winter because it is still beautiful with its ice sculptures, and the only disadvantage is having to manually add some water every couple weeks due to evaporation. Also watch for "ice dams" that can kick water over the edge of the stream.



If you are one of our pond customers, are you getting a pond product catalog? It includes every product offered, including fish food and water treatments. Items will be drop shipped directly to you, making it very convenient. If not, call us to get added to the list.