



Daybreak Natural Stone and Water Gardens

"Create your own Paradise"

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Who is a Certified Aquascape Contractor?

Loren is now a Certified Aquascape Contractor. For those who don't know, Certified Aquascape Contractors (CAC's) are the most qualified and informed pond installers in the water gardening industry. All CAC's are required to attend continual training and education seminars and maintain a proven record of outstanding work and dedicated customer service and support.

On Nov 7th, their ProPond Distributor, David Smoak, came out and visited 10 of Loren's ponds. He was favorably regarded. This certification is an assurance from the manufacturer of the quality of Loren's business. He verifies that Loren's workmanship has been approved, that he is knowledgeable and trained on all Aquascape Products and has the ability to answer any questions you may have with your pond and he keeps up with the latest water gardening technology. His outstanding customer service met their high standards. It insures that Daybreak is an established dedicated company in the pond building profession.



"It's Time to..." TIPS

Tip#1 IS THERE A LAYER OF "STUFF" ON THE BOTTOM OF YOUR POND? If the answer is yes, you need to drain & clean out or try "Ecoblast" for sediment control if the build up is not too heavy. Best time to do this is when the water is still cold, it will be least disruptive to the pond balance which equals less algae growth.

Tip #2 BREAK THE ICE OR NOT? Fish survive cold climates as long as the water is 24"-30" deep and doesn't freeze solid. A continuously operating pump with a sufficient filtration system is the best solution for keeping oxygen available to your fish. Gases harmful to fish will escape through open holes in the ice. Floating heaters are also available.

Water Garden Spotlights

What's it like to live with a gorgeous stone fireplace?

Greg Thompson says there is a "connection with the earth, nature....and a sense of permanence."

His wife, Sharen says she pictures Loren gathering huge rocks from the nearby mountains with his hands, and how he and his son,

Sean, hoisted the boulders high into the fireplace during the construction phase.

Their three kids talk about the images they've found in the rock face and lichen shapes. There's "slim Jim man" and Lizard-Pig" and "Turtle" and more.

The hearth has become a focal point and gathering place for the entire family, as well as an admired work of art.



"We love it, we sit out there for hours."

Drs. Mimi and Brian Benjamin talk about their 2 ponds and waterfalls.

"We sit out on the stone between the two ponds with our tea at sunset and listen to the water sounds. It's peaceful and very tranquil. We love it. We sit out there for hours."....

"We started by a need to stabilize the slope and I never dreamed of some kind of pond, but Loren had an idea... it ended up much, much better than we ever thought it could be."

"Loren Brown & Daybreak have done a fabulous job with our 2 ponds. Excellent design, installation and maintenance. The product has far exceeded all our expectations."

February is POND CLEAN UP Month

1. **Want to scoop out the “goo” at the bottom of your pond?** WE DO! 

2. **Want slime and mud squishing between your fingers?** WE DO! 

3. **Want to start fresh in spring with clear water and happy fish?** YOU DO! 

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Check the Latest Catalog for helpful maintenance products and use **Keycode #1613793** to order!

Accumulated debris represents nutrients for algae to grow. Best time to do this is when the water is still cold, it will be least disruptive to the pond balance which equals less algae growth. If the water is dark & tea colored and a layer of “stuff” is at the bottom, you need to drain & clean out.

We love to make you and your pond happy. WE DO!

CALL Loren and SCHEDULE your POND CLEAN UP. 540-875-7541

Let's Rock!

Visit our website at:

www.stoneandwater.biz

Links to Aquascapes shopping for pond supplies, and explore other interesting pond links.

!! Celebrating Collaboration !!

Everyone needs a little help from friends

Creating a little bit of your own paradise sometimes takes a little bit of help from friends. Loren and company would like to thank these folks for their good work on collaborations. Whether it is a design for the landscape around the pond, or a source for the perfect feature item at the pond's edge, or simply more mulch, these folks are there when you need them.

◆ **Chris Barlow - GARDEN ARTS**, Roanoke - Landscape designer with residential focus.

◆ **JBL Landscaping, Roanoke** - Commercially focused landscaper, design and planting.

◆ **BLACK DOG SALVAGE**- Memorial Ave, Roanoke- Great place to get neat feature items for around your pond.

◆ **HOLDREN'S** - Corner Rt 122 and Rt 24- Bedford County supplier for mulch, water garden supplies.

◆ **LAKESCAPES**- Old Rt 40 at Union Hall- Franklin County supplier for water garden supplies and nursery stock.

Interested in starting a local chapter of North America Water Garden Society? Get together with others who share the joy of water gardening. Tell us if you think you'd like to join. daybreak@stoneandwater.biz

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