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Ponderable Reflections with Rick Rick Bartel most notably is recognized throughout the pond and water garden industry for his development of The R.I.S.E. Method, a natural approach to rock and boulder placement techniques, which was published in a book that reached best seller status in 2010. Bartel holds a Master of Science degree in wildlife biology, with an emphasis in habitat management. As a water feature designer, Bartel has been published internationally more than 300 times for articles on the subject of quality water feature design and installation. Bartel and his water features have been featured on the DIY Network's Waterscapes Workshop and Animal Planet as well as HGTV's Extreme Landscapes, which resulted in more than 1,800 national and international awards and recognitions for Bartel's work. He also is a design consultant for the National Wildlife Federation's Habitat Program with more than 250 certified wildlife refuges centered on his water creations. Bartel serves as the Program Administrator and Primary Instructor for the Savio Water Feature Institute and was named Water Garden News' 2010 Pond Builder of the Year. In this blog, Bartel addresses important news and tidbits for pond and water garden businesses as well as generates conversation among professional peers. Read the blog »

Pondspectives with Mike Mike Garcia, founder of Enviroscope Inc. in Redondo Beach, Calif., serves on the board of directors for California Landscape Contractors Association and Manhattan Beach Botanical Garden as well as an advisor to International Professional Pond Companies Association. Garcia began his career in ornamental horticulture more than 25 years ago as a licensed contractor. Since then, he has earned his Certified Professional Pond Contractor certification and holds a National Association of Pond Professionals certification in pond building. Under his leadership, Enviroscope has won local, state, national and international landscape awards from associations including NAPP, the IPPCA and the CLCA. Garcia's work has been featured in Landscaper Magazine, Pondkeeper Magazine, Water Garden News, Ponds Magazine, Pond Trade Magazine, Landscape Contractor and South Bay Homes and Gardens, and it has appeared on HGTV's Landscaper's Challenge and ABC's Extreme Makeover, Home Edition. On this blog, Garcia discusses significant trends and issues within the pond and water garden world and generates conversation among professional peers. Read the blog »