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Please join us for our annual “Holiday Volunteer Recognition Banquet” on Saturday, December 3, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Morrison Center at Denver Botanic Gardens. All members and their families are welcome to this fun-filled evening to honor volunteers throughout the past year and to meet the new Board members. You are encouraged to bring one (or more) picture(s) of your water feature to share with members at your table.

The program will include a “Recap of the July, 2005 International Waterlily & Watergarden Society (IWGS) Symposium held in Bethlehem, PA, by Mike and Cyndie Thomas. Mike, Editor of CWGS newsletter, was honored at the Symposium for the best of seven entries in the first International Waterlily and Watergarden Society’s (IWGS) Newsletter Competition/Critique. He will serve as one of the judges in this year’s competition.

Dinner will be catered by Boston Market at a cost of $8 per person ($4 for children under 10), to be paid at the event on December 3. RSVP to Joyce Blubaugh at 303-989-4464 or April Hough at 303-499-6578 by November 26.

The Morrison Center is located at the southeast corner of 11th and York. We look forward to seeing you there.
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**CWGS’ Role in the DBG Fall Water Garden Cleanup**

*by Gary Blubaugh*

What better way to get my feet wet than to join the CWGS members who volunteer at DBG every Sunday. That’s exactly what I did over five weeks this fall. I joined a group of hearty, experienced volunteers who eagerly closed ranks to assist Joe Tomocik, the Aquatics Curator at DBG, in the annual task of cleaning, inventorying, and storing valuable water lilies, lotuses, tropics, and marginals.

This is done to insure the beautiful water plants will survive the winter months when the pools are drained and cleaned. With the help of CWGS volunteers next Spring, the water gardens will again greet the public in all their royal splendor.

I found working with this enthusiastic group of volunteers to be a rewarding experience that availed me the opportunity to learn how to safely clean valuable water plants and to store them outside a water feature, if I choose to. I also learned about water plants that I may try and introduce in my own pond.

I encourage new and old members who are interested in learning more about opportunities to volunteer at DBG to contact Bo Lindsey, the CWGS Volunteer Director.

**Electronic version of “The Water Garden” will be available in 2006**

“The Water Garden,” CWGS’ award-winning newsletter, will be available to members in a special pilot program via e-mail beginning in 2006. Delivered in “.pdf” format, it will require Adobe Acrobat™ or Acrobat Reader™ to view. Members may select one of three options for delivery:
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Donated storage space being sought by CWGS - can you help?!?

by Bill Powell, Secretary

CWGS has need for a small secure and dry storage space in which to keep the Society’s supplies. For many years, long-time member Mo Belisle has generously allowed us to use a corner in the basement of his store, Antiques, Etc. Mo is selling his business and CWGS needs new storage space by the first of the year.

We could probably manage with as small as 10 ft. X 10 ft. of floor space. Most of the items are boxed goods used at the Society’s events. Materials include picnic and holiday party supplies, banners, several folding tents, and inventoried pots and plant tabs. We access the goods perhaps four to six times a year. The space needs only be secure, dry, and accessible with reasonable notice.

If you have some free space to donate, please contact either President Gary Blubaugh, gblubaugh@comcast.net, (303) 989-4464 or Bill Powell, wbpow@comcast.net, (303) 355-8098.

Thanks, and we hope to see you at the Holiday Volunteer Recognition Banquet on Dec. 3.

THANK YOU!!

The Pond Tour Committee would like to thank all the tour hosts for their enthusiastic participation in this year’s Pond Tour. We would also like to thank all those who helped with set-up, ticket-taking, serving, and take-down at the picnic site, as well as those who helped along the way.

Thanks also to Debbie Weingardt for her gracious offer to host the picnic at her home.

Finally, we would like to recognize King Soopers for their generous contributions.

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