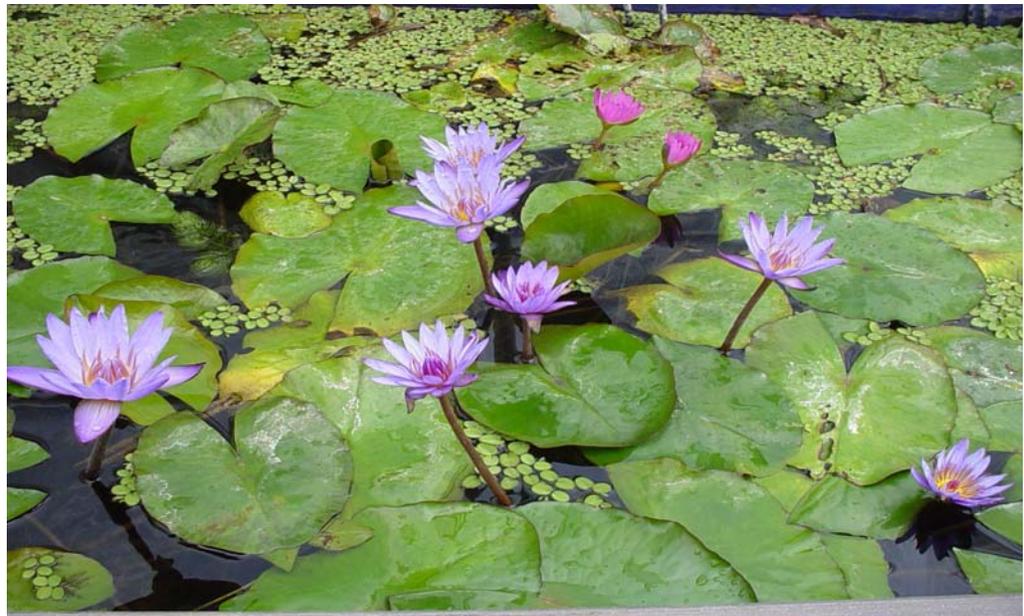




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Outdoor tropical lilies in Colorado in February. How did they do it; come to the March meeting and find out!

Water Gardening in the Library

Deb Golanty
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Water gardening is a passion that encompasses botany, technology, horticulture and art as well as an understanding of how all these elements interact in this special ecosystem.

The traditions of water gardening are venerable. You can witness this with the unassuming book written in 1907 by Henry S. Conard called *Waterlilies and how to grow them*, with chapters on the proper making of ponds and the use of accessory plants. You can find this on the main shelves of the Helen

Fowler Library at Denver Botanic Gardens. A related title is *The waterlilies: a monograph of the genus Nymphaea* also by Henry S. Conard. It was published in 1905 by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, and its gorgeous printing and binding plus exquisite illustrations has earned it a home in the

Library's Waring Rare Book collection. This magnificent book, which is highly prized by researchers in the field, was donated to the Library recently by the Denver Zoo's Director of Horticulture Merle Moore. Rare or common, the purpose of a Library is to put the titles in its
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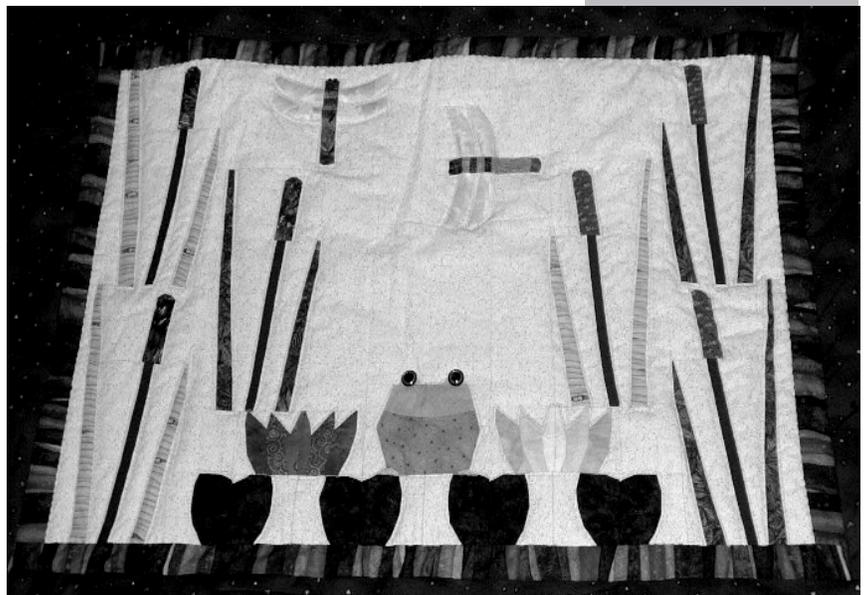
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Frog Fantasy Display Quilt to be given away

Want a unique, exquisite, one-of-a-kind water garden display quilt? Longtime CWGS member and current Treasurer, Gail Goldberg, designed and created this 26"x34" quilt suitable for framing and displaying in a prominent location in any home. Of special note, the wings of the dragonflies were made from kata scarves given to travelers in Nepal, wishing them a safe journey and goodwill. Tickets are available for the drawing, to be held at the CWGS Water Gardening and Pond Expo at DBG on Sunday, April 18. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5, and will be sold at the March meeting, or by mail. Send requests to Frog Fantasy Quilt, 1742 Ivy St., Denver 80220. Include your name and address, phone number, and a SASE.



Water Gardening in the Library



Helen Fowler Librarians Alison Graber (l.) and Deb Golanty are ready and willing to help you with your water garden research

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collection into the hands of the patrons who need this information. When it comes to water gardening, we have many books that may be of interest to the members of the Colorado Water Garden Society. Below is a brief overview of what our collection contains:

* Current and past issues of *The Water Garden*, *The Water Garden Journal*, *Pondkeeper* and *Water Gardening*.

* More than 100 books on water gardening, among them the just-released *Water Features for Small Gardens* by Keith Davitt (Timber Press: 2003), Philip Swindells' *Container Gardens* (Storey Books: 1998) and many

useful and inspiring works.

* A small but useful collection of videos, including the RHS-produced *Water Gardening* (1996).

* An authoritative reference collection, including three works recommended by Joe Tomocik: *Hortus third: a concise dictionary of plants cultivated in the United States and Canada*, the *New York Botanical Gardens Illustrated Encyclopedia of Horticulture* and the *Royal Horticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening*.

* Rare books that may be used in the Library by

appointment, generally on weekdays before the Library opens at 11 a.m.

* A staff of librarians (Deb Golanty, Alison Graber and Tammi Moe) whose first priority is helping you find the information you need, whether it's in our collection or not.

Titles in the Helen Fowler Library collection may be checked out for up to six weeks by members and staff, but they are also available to non-members who may use them on-site. We will help you find the book, video, CD or magazine article that contains the answers to your questions.

We can also help you find information on the Internet. For example, all of you are no doubt familiar with the wealth of information on the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society Web site [www.iwgs.org], especially the links in the "Gateway to Water Gardening" section. If you haven't yet sampled this fabulous site, we'll be happy to access it and then let you explore.

In addition to Web site searching, we can also help you use the online databases the Library subscribes to. Just ask, and we'll log on the sites from the Library's

computers and find articles of interest in both current and past magazines. As mentioned, the Library's periodicals collection is a treasure trove of information we can easily retrieve for you. But if the source of your information is not in the Library, we can order it for you via interlibrary loan, usually at no cost. This puts you in touch with nearly all the libraries of universities, museums, botanical gardens and municipalities in the United States and Canada.

We do have a request of you experts in the water gardening field. If you know of an especially significant book, video or even DVD that you would like the Library to have in its collection, please E-mail your request to:

golanty@botanicgardens.org.

The Helen Fowler Library is open 11-5, Saturday through Thursday and is closed on most major holidays. Denver Botanic Gardens members are entitled to check out books, videos and CDs; others may use our resources in the Library.

We welcome your interest and look forward to your patronage.

—Deb Golanty, Senior Librarian, Helen Fowler Library; 720-865-3570 or

golanty@botanicgardens.org.

MARKET PLACE

Upcoming Events

CWGS will appear....at the new Denver Flower, Plant and Landscaping Show and Sale at the Convention Center, April 2-4. If you interested in sharing your knowledge for a short time at the CWGS information booth, or would like to help build the booth and/or take it down, contact Cyndie Thomas, 303-755-1885. Free tickets will be available for those who volunteer.

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Coming in December 2004...

An exclusive CWGS calendar featuring YOUR photographs. The photos that appear in the calendar will be selected by the CWGS Board, and all photos submitted will be put on the CWGS website. Send your pictures in digital format to: michael.thomas@comcast.net If you don't have a digital camera, we can scan photos and convert. All photos become property of CWGS.



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MARKET PLACE

CWGS Members - use this space to TRADE or DONATE water garden plants and supplies. Let us know what you have too much of, don't need anymore, or would like to have. We'll put your request in the next issue.

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Calendar of Events 2004

March 14
CWGS Meeting - Pond Filtration and Prevention of Green Water - Speaker: Damon Ginnow, Ponderings

April 2-4
Denver Flower, Plant and Landscaping Show and Sale, Colorado Convention Center
(volunteers needed to staff booth, assist with set-up/tear-down - call 303-755-1885)

April 18
CWGS Water Gardening and Pond Expo, Mitchell Hall, Denver Botanic Gardens
(volunteers needed for CWGS table, set-up/tear-down, misc. - call 303-755-1885)

May 7-8
Denver Botanic Gardens Annual Plant Sale
(volunteers needed to sell in water garden area - call Bob Hoffman, 303-978-0124)

May 16
CWGS Meeting - To Be Announced

June 6
CWGS Annual Plant Sale, Morrison Center, Denver Botanic Gardens
(volunteers needed for a wide variety of tasks both days, June 5 and 6 - call 303-755-1885)

Board Meetings are held at 12:00 pm prior to general meetings. Members are welcome to attend.



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NEXT MEETING: Sunday, March 14

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