Coming in 2007…

April 11: Gen. Mtg.
7:00 PM Gates Hall, DBG
Program: Keith Funk hosts "Get Wet – Water Gardening Fun in 2007"

1:30 PM Gates Hall, DBG

June 10: CWGS Annual Plant Sale -- 9 AM to 3 PM Morrison Ctr., DBG

July 14: Pond Tour (11 AM to 4 PM) and Picnic (beginning at 5 PM)
Location to be announced

Aug. 11: Water Blossom Festival 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monet Pond, DBG

Sep. 9: Annual Mtg.& Board Elections
1:30 PM Gates Hall, DBG

Dec. 1: Holiday Banquet: 6 to 9 PM
Morrison Ctr., DBG

Spring ahead with new ideas at
Get Wet – Water Gardening Fun in 2007!

By Jim Arneill

Are you looking for ways to get your pond looking even better this year? On Wednesday, April 11, "Get Wet – Water Gardening Fun in 2007!" will offer a fun and informative program to help kick-off the upcoming season.

At this event held in Gates Hall at the Botanic Gardens, you will be among a multitude of water gardening experts and enthusiasts who will share lots of helpful information and practical tips on how to improve your water gardens.

Admission to Denver Botanic Gardens for the program is free, as is the program itself! When you arrive, walk past the main entrance gate, enter the building, and walk straight to the north end to Gates Hall.

From 6:30-7:00 pm in the foyer outside Gates Hall, representatives from the major garden centers in the metropolitan area will be set up with displays and information about the resources related to water gardening they can provide for you.

Then, a very special program inside Gates Hall begins at 7:00 with KEZW’s "Garden Wise Guy" Keith Funk, who will provide valuable information about new products to enhance your water features.

Afterwards, past CWGS President and water gardening expert Cyndie Thomas will share practical information about how our ponds, plants, and fish have been impacted by this past unusually cold and snowy winter and ways to respond to it. In addition, Joe Tomocick, Curator of Water Gardens at Denver Botanic Gardens, will address important water gardening issues.

Program April 11, 7:00 PM in Gates Hall, Denver Botanic Gardens


From 8:30-9:00, you may take part in several demonstrations on topics that range from digital photography of water features, planting and dividing lotuses, and “Ask the Experts” for any of your own water gardening questions, or again visit with the major pond centers and businesses in our area.

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The evening promises to be one of fun, education, humor, and even door prizes. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for this special evening!

P.S. A limited number of lotuses will be available for sale at this event. Many water gardeners consider the lotus as the central focus of their ponds, and you can learn how to plant and care for your lotus at the demonstration offered at the conclusion of the formal program.

It was a pleasant surprise to see such a large turnout for Professor Whitney Cranshaw’s presentation, “Aquatic Insects And The Water Garden Ecosystem” held March 11 at Denver Botanic Gardens. CWGS members, Master Gardeners, entomologists, and the general public crowded Gates Hall to learn the results of Cranshaw’s recent fieldwork. His study, which was partially funded by a $1000 grant from CWGS, focused on CWGS member ponds.

If you missed the presentation, you missed an opportunity to learn about midges, mayflies, stoneflies, damselflies, dragonflies, and their larval and nymph stages. Yellow jackets, wasps, and bees were described as pond visitors who play an important role in the pond ecosystem.

Time was allotted for attendees to ask Whitney questions about their pond’s resident aquatic insects. Photos helped
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answer the question “How do you tell the
difference between a damselfly and a
dragonfly?”

Professor Cranshaw explained that even after a year of careful observation his study remains a work in progress. Fieldwork will continue. Various options are possible for distribution of the data and conclusions. Eventually the results may be published, or a website may be developed.

After Whitney’s presentation, the 60-plus attendees had an opportunity to enjoy refreshments, order lotus plants, and visit with Whitney. (By the way, the lotus plants can be picked up at the upcoming Get Wet Event in Gates Hall - 7 to 9 PM April 11. Lotus plants are still available for purchase, too! See page 10 of this newsletter.)

While a few lucky individuals left with door prizes, everyone walked away with a better appreciation for the role aquatic insects play in a water garden ecosystem.

How YOU can participate in Professor Cranshaw’s study:
Whitney’s study of aquatic insects and water garden ecosystems will continue. If you are interested in volunteering your pond, and perhaps your own involvement in insect collection, contact Cyndie Thomas at 303.755.1885 and via splaash@comcast.net

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