

## Coming in 2007...

**May 6: Gen. Meeting**  
**1:30 PM Gates Hall, DBG**  
**Plant Swap and Round**  
**Table Discussion on**  
**Spring Start-up**

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

**July 14/15: Pond Tour**  
**(10 AM to 4 PM) and**  
**Picnic (July 14 at 5 PM)**  
*This year, a special two-*  
*day "tandem" tour with the*  
*Koi Club! CWGS tour in*  
*Lakewood and North*  
*Littleton. Shared picnic to*  
*follow. Koi Club tour on*  
*July 15.*

**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**



# The Water Garden

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## New Plants for Old: Plant Swap on Agenda for General Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Blubaugh

Responses to last fall's Member Survey indicated there's a desire to have a Plant Swap separate from the June CWGS Plant Sale. In light of this preference, CWGS will hold a Plant Swap at our General Meeting to be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in Gates Hall at DBG.

Members are asked to bring plants they wish to trade in sealed plastic bags so that spillage will not be a concern. The Plant Swap will allow members to find plants they wish to introduce to their pond in trade for plants they have brought. No money will be exchanged. To avoid creating a mess, it will not be possible to divide plants in Gates Hall. Please do that before arriving.

The Plant Swap is intended to be a fun way to find plants that will enhance your water garden without digging into your pocketbook.

Following the Plant Swap, a round table discussion will enable members to ask questions regarding concerns they have about their water gardens during the spring startup. Topics will include dealing with algae bloom,

fish problems, dividing water plants, placing tropicals in the pond, and introducing new lotus.

These subjects -- plus any additional questions members may have -- can be discussed so everyone feels confident about getting a good start with the 2007 gardening season. See you there!

**Program May 6, 1:30 PM in Gates**  
**Hall, Denver Botanic Gardens**

**Plant Swap and Round Table**  
**Discussion on Spring Start-up**



## 2007 Lotus Sale A Great Success

Vicki Aber

Wow!... I think of the beautiful leaves and, hopefully, blooms in the ponds of all the people who bought lotus and it makes me smile.

We had a number of pre-orders and those people got the exact lotus they ordered. We still had a large number of lotus available at the Get Wet Event and were mobbed with

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## Large Turnout Enjoys New Pond Ideas at “Get Wet!”

*Jim Arneill*

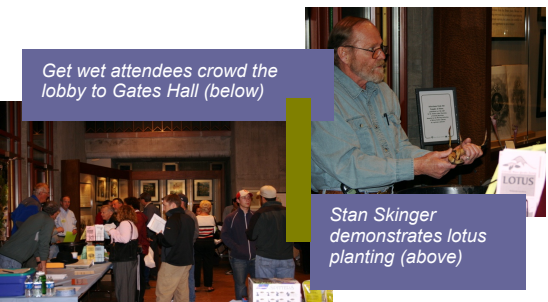
On the eve of this year’s most miss-  
predicted snowstorm, approximately sixty-  
five water gardening enthusiasts and  
experts assembled in Gates Hall for a fun  
and informative evening. After nearly two  
hours of humor and practical tips on  
enhancing water features, everyone  
seemed to leave with a feeling of  
enjoyment and new ideas to apply at home.  
Many also left with some outstanding door  
prizes provided by Keith Funk, and still  
others took home a brand new lotus to  
feature in their ponds!

As our keynote speaker, Keith highlighted  
many new products that would benefit our  
water features or would be just fun to add!  
He demonstrated many reasonably priced  
mechanical and biological filters to improve  
water clarity. ...And he showed several  
types of fountains and misters -- some with  
Las Vegas-style lighting that would  
definitely turn a pond into a show palace for  
those wanting a colorful, glitzy look.

Other information helped participants to  
understand indicators to look for and which  
actions to take in response to this past  
harsh winter. Special thanks to Cyndie  
Thomas for all her photographs of plants

and fish, as well as knowledge and research  
on this topic!

Joe Tomocik, Curator of Water Gardens at  
Denver Botanic Gardens, also provided  
helpful information. Special thanks to Stan  
Skinger who demonstrated how to plant and  
care for lotuses. Another “expert-on-hand”  
Bob Hoffman handled the questions at our  
Ask the Experts table and also assisted  
Stan’s demonstration.



*Get wet attendees crowd the  
lobby to Gates Hall (below)*

*Stan Skinger  
demonstrates lotus  
planting (above)*

Joe Mascarenas demonstrated how to take  
great pictures of water features. Joe’s  
handout sheet contained many helpful tips  
that were clearly manifest in his incredible  
photographs. What a great inspiration to  
encourage us all to get out there and  
photograph! Although Joe does process  
some of his photos at home, he uses Costco  
and other commercial resources for most of  
his production and even for his over size  
prints. His results are spectacular and still  
reasonably inexpensive to produce.

Vicki Aber brought pre-ordered lotuses for  
pick up. An additional 16 lotuses were

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# Features

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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](mailto:splaash@comcast.net)



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VOLUNTEER APRIL 11  
AT “GET WET”

...TO HELP WITH  
GET WET

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Arvada, CO

**Cara Ablin**  
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