

Ahead in 2007...

July 14: CWGS Annual Pond Tour – (10 AM to 4 PM) Lakewood and Littleton.

See descriptions and maps in this issue of The Water Garden

July 14 @ 5 PM: Picnic
Share supper with the Rocky Mountain Koi Club at Vicki Aber's home in Arvada. Details in this issue.

July 15: Rocky Mountain Koi Club Annual Pond Tour. – (10 AM TO 3 PM)
You're invited! Roster of ponds included in this issue.

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



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NEW: Two Pond Tours + A Shared Picnic with the Koi Club

by Gary Blubaugh

This year we are joining with the Rocky Mountain Koi Club to open our pond tours to members of both societies. The tours will fall on successive days, and we'll share a joint picnic.

CWGS pond hosts are busy readying their ponds for our portion of the tours. Nine CWGS ponds will be featured this year in Lakewood, Littleton and Arvada (Picnic site). Descriptions of the ponds are included later in this article.

The tour begins Saturday July 14th starting at 10 AM. Plan on leaving the last pond by 4pm. This will allow you and the pond hosts to make the joint CWGS / Rocky Mountain Koi Club Picnic by 5 PM.

The cost of the picnic will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Pay at the picnic. Maybe win a door prize! An RSVP is not required, but if you know you'll be able to make the picnic, call Gary at (303) 989-4464.

Get a good night's sleep and attend the Koi Club's Pond Tour the following day Sunday, July 15th! Both pond tours are free, of course.

In this newsletter you will find a schematic route map showing the relative locations of the CWGS ponds. On the flip side of the schematic are eight individual pond site



maps that zoom-in on the location of hosts' houses, showing the immediate streets in greater detail. A map of the picnic location (and ninth pond site) is included at the end of this article. For directions or additional information on the day of the picnic, call Gary at (720) 560-8544.

Because these newsletter maps are not comprehensive, be sure to bring a street map that includes Lakewood, Littleton, and Arvada. You can start at either the north or

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since then sarassas and shubunkin have found a home here raising two batches of young last summer.

This almost half acre backyard is home to large, well-established trees and flowerbeds. You are welcome to visit the greenhouse and see Georgia's orchids.

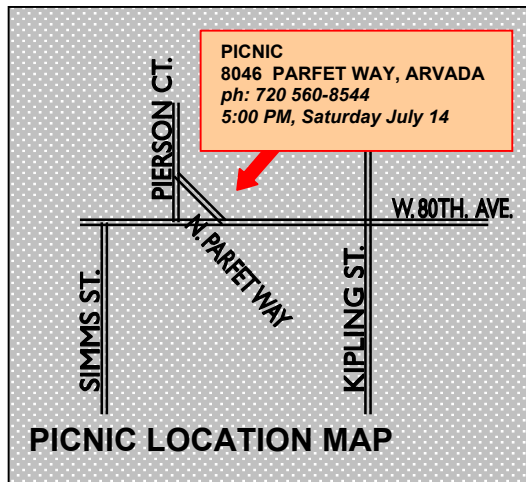
Picnic Site: Dan & Vicki Aber 8046 Parfet Way, Arvada

Our picnic this year is at Dan & Vicki Aber's home. Vicki is a CWGS Board Member and a member of the Koi Club. Dan & Vicki have a case of pond multiplication. It started with the pond next to the house about 20 years ago. It was in progress for at least three years. There is an upper pond with a "weeping wall" waterfall and a stream spilling into the lower pond. Combined they are about 5,000 gallons. This kept the Abers happy for a while but it was too shady for lilies to do well. Time to get the shovel out again.

The back pond is also about 5,000 gallons and a lily haven. It was completed five years ago. Some large koi were adopted and they think it is a great place to raise the kids the kingfisher doesn't get. See how many you can count. Isn't this a wonderful spot for a picnic!



Picnic Site:
Vicki and Dan Abers'
many ponds – A
profusion of bloom!



2007 Rocky Mt. Koi Club Pond Tour: Sunday, July 15th from 10am-3pm.

Detailed information will be provided at the picnic on Saturday, July 14th. Or look online at the club's site www.rmkc.org. Nine ponds are on the Koi Club tour:

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| 1. Ed and Doreen Painz
7892 W. 109th Ave
Westminster, CO | 6. Terry Wasley
10398 W. Wesley Pl.
Lakewood, CO |
| 2. Debbie Weingardt
3951 Creek Dr
Broomfield, CO 80020 | 7. Gary Bolduc
4520 E. 109 th . Ave.
Thornton, CO |
| 3. Daren & Wendy Greening
13711 Elizabeth St.
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Westminster, CO 80021 | 9. Duc Ho
4465 Fairway Lane
Broomfield, CO |
| 5. George Stroberg
6960 Nile Ct.
Arvada, CO | |

You're Invited!

Features

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south starting points where all of this information will also be provided to insure that everyone has success in finding all the ponds. Want to plan your own route from your house? You can use Mapquest.

2007 CWGS Tour Pond Descriptions -- Lakewood, Littleton, and Arvada Areas

July 14th, 10am - 4pm
Picnic begins at 5:00

#1. South Starting Point: Don & Sue Elloe at 5472 S Knox Ct., Littleton.

Sue and Don are long-time members of CWGS. To enter the backyard use the side gate on the south side of the house. The sound of the waterfall will draw you into the backyard. The waterfall was made using large boulders, creating its height.

The pond was made by Don and Sue six years ago and holds about 5,000 gallons. It contains many hardy lilies, marginals, two lotus plants, and one cypress tree which survived the past harsh winter. Fish? Yes, many goldfish call the pond home. Water quality is controlled using a UV filter, as well as by a large stock tank bio-filter. Check it out.

#2. Lois Mayerchak 4905 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton.

Please follow these guidelines for parking in order to avoid a ticket. You may park along the front yard of the Mayerchak house from the stop sign at Lakeshore Drive to Larkspur Street. You may also park along the front yard of the house at 5000 Bow Mar Drive and along the right hand side of Prospect Street.

Lois was one of the Founders of the Colorado Water Garden Society in 1983. Bob and Lois built the pond in 1985, making it 22 years old. Every attempt was made to make the pond blend in with the mature landscape, which is highlighted by many towering mature pine

trees. The waterfall was created to fit naturally at the end of a stream, which looks like it belongs in a mountain setting.

An avid water lily cultivator, Lois created the 6,000-gallon pond to showcase her water lilies. Koi and goldfish call the pond home. A unique bio-filter can be found behind the waterfall. It relies solely on lava rock and is pretty much maintenance free. Be sure and ask to be shown the tropical water lily habitat. Be prepared to be taken on a tour of Bob's "real" garden.



Above: Fish amid lilies
at the Mayerchaks'

Right: Waterfall in the
Elloes' backyard



#3. Bob & Fran Hoffman 5110 S. Estes St., Littleton

Bob is a past President of both the Colorado Water Garden Society and the Rocky Mt. Koi Club. As you enter through the gate on the right side of the front yard and follow the brick path you will come upon a flagstone bridge. This intersects two ponds, offering a raised view of colorful koi in a 12-foot-wide circular pond and a three-tiered oblong pond, about 20-by-10 feet, that serves as the main water garden.

The stalks of white rush jut out of the water, adding a vertical perspective to the water garden, which is encircled by day lilies, umbrella grass and papyrus. By the day of the tour the larger pond may be overflowing

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with dark-green, dinner-plate-sized lotus leaves rising above the still water. Look for the train making its way along the track.

#4. Gary & Joyce Blubaugh 3064 S. Holland Ct., Lakewood

In October this 4,300 gallon pond will be four years old. It occupies two-thirds of our small backyard. From the sunroom one can view a small upper pool that has two streams flowing down to the ends of a large kidney shaped pond. Five moss rock boulders are around the pond, and an island overflowing with poppy mallow separates the upper pool from the large pond. Lotuses are in the upper pool and hardy lilies and marginals are in the large pond.

Our resident wet friends will greet you in the large pond, looking for a handout. Three small waterfalls provide white noise, while underwater and above pond lighting provide a treasured nighttime getaway. Before you leave, visit Franklin the Sulcata tortoise behind the glider.

#5. Marge Oleson 5852 W. Pacific Circle, Lakewood
Marge is a CWGS Board Member. Her pond is about 600 gallons in size. It was remodeled a year and a half ago to incorporate a waterfall and a small stream. A larger pump and a skimmer completed the renovation.

There are a variety of hardy lilies and marginals in the pond, as well as frogs, goldfish, and three koi. Five whiskey barrels house tropical and hardy lilies, marginals, and goldfish. Surrounding the pond is a garden railroad layout. The train just might be running.

#6. Joe & Carla Mascarenas 145 Field St., Lakewood
Joe and Carla volunteer at DBG, working hard to make sure the water gardens are displayed in all their splendor. On entering the gate on the left side of the house you will discover a raised pond with overflowing pots. It's an Asian setting complete with a full size (metal!) palm guarded by a Samurai Warrior seated in a massive pergola just beyond the pond. The sides of the pond are covered by bamboo and are capped with flagstone.

A new addition is a smaller raised pond that has been named "Le Petit Monet." Look for the "meditation bell," which you may ring. See if you can find the "Secret Garden".

right:
Keith Funk's cascade
creates a soothing sound
for his outside room

below:
Pots "float" in the
Mascarenas' raised pond



#7. Keith Funk 10081 W 9th Dr., Lakewood
(Late change: Keith's garden will be accessible only from 12:30 – 4:00.)

Keith Funk is one of the Gard'n Wise Guys. His backyard is a real treat to visit. Keith has created a gardener's retreat that will draw you in. Three years ago he fashioned an outdoor room with two sitting areas, a stream and a waterfall. The rock waterfall is designed to project the soothing sound of falling water to help mask traffic noise.

Plants and fish occupy the 1,500 gallons of water. The pond is used to research pond products that are sold through the company that Keith works for.

#8. North Starting Point: Georgia Keller 10550 W. 13th Place, Lakewood

Georgia is a long-time member of CWGS. Her 10-year-old pond is about 8 X 6 feet with a small upper pond that creates a small waterfall. The pond is situated next to a greenhouse from which in the winter a great view is provided. A heron took three fish two years ago and

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"Hotcakes" Sell Quickly: Special Feature Plants Prove Popular at the CWGS June Plant Sale

Our membership came through again and helped make the 2007 plant sale a great success. The weather was wonderful. The plants tried their best to show their best side, some succeeding better than others. The 'special plants' that we ordered went like hotcakes and (hopefully) by now are the centerpieces of members' gardens.

We had a great group of volunteers who made the sale happen and stayed on to clean up afterward. Several people spent the majority of Saturday and Sunday at the Morrison center, and their help is greatly appreciated. Others were available as much as their individual schedules would allow; their help was invaluable. And...we can't forget the individuals who worked to select, order, receive, and transport the plants to the sale.

More members, still, worked diligently to get the word out so folks would come. Then there are those who were so generous with plants from their own ponds. I am not going to list names because I would miss someone, but you know who you are! Thanks, also, to the volunteers who cleaned and prepared surplus plants that were generously donated by Denver Botanic Gardens.

Two names I *will* specifically mention because several people asked, "Who brought all the lotus?" Werner & Nancy Neupert divided their lotus and donated quite a few very nice tubers so the people that didn't get their fix of lotus at our spring sale were satisfied. Anyone who saw the Neuperts'

pond on the tour last year know these people can grow lotus!

Last and most important, thanks to everyone who came and bought plants. This is a community-based fundraiser, after all. (I know we need to make money to keep the club solvent, but the fun of finding new plants and helping people find the right plant for them is more important to me.)

The plant sale committee consisted of Janet Bathurst, April Hough, and myself. Although not officially a committee member this year, Cyndie Thomas provided much support from her years of experience.

Next year YOU, the member reading this, need to think about being on the committee. You don't need to be a Board member. The process and event are fun, and if we had a larger committee, we could each do just a little piece of the work. Think about it; you have a little time.

Vicki Aber

for the 2007 Plant Sale Committee

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