July 11
CWGS Annual Pond Tour & Picnic
S.E. Metro Area
(Details Inside!!)

August 8
Location TBA
- Landscaping Around the Pond - Blue Lotus Designs

September 12
Location TBA
- Board/Officer Elections
- Design of Japanese Water Gardens - Paul Swenby, APR Landscaping

December 4
CWGS Holiday Party
Morrison Center, Denver Botanic Gardens

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

The status of the Plant Sale will be the topic of future discussions; the format may change, but competition from nurseries and retail stores is making it harder to provide new and unique plant materials each year.

What are all these people doing?
Turn to Page 3 for find out....
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Upcoming Events

--- Coming in December 2004...an exclusive CWGS calendar featuring YOUR photographs.
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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 them to digital format. All photos become property of CWGS.

REMINDER
Pond Tour
Sunday, July 11th 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
Picnic
Scott Eddy’s home, 5790 E. Fair Ave., Centennial - Begins at 2:00 pm

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Membership Fees: $10.00 Individual; $15.00 Family
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Plant Sale successful in slow market

The annual Plant Sale is CWGS’s primary fund raiser for the year. Despite a slow day with fewer shoppers than past years, the sale managed to bring in some profit. Competition is getting to be more of an issue, with nurseries and hardware stores now selling many of the same plants CWGS used to have as exclusives.

Several CWGS volunteers worked the day before the June 6th Plant Sale to get everything ready for the buyers. Each plant was separated and put in its own container, while lilies were sorted according to color, size, and other criteria.

Assisting with the sale Saturday, Sunday, or both days, were:

Vicki Aber
Jim and Tudi Arneill
Bill Bathurst
Moe Belisle
Kevin Burns
Lowell and Larissa Coon
John DuMoulin
Len and Doris Freestone
Gene and Gail Goldberg
Jonathon and April Hough
Chuck Hunt
Ken Lange
Maude Lofton
Eric Martin
Martha Miller
Mary Mirgon
Donna Nelson
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Bill Powell
Chuck and Mary Purdy
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Craig and Millie Russell
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Telephone: 904-783-3321

Idaho Water Garden Society (Idaho)
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10023 W Riplely Street
Boise, Idaho 83704
Telephone: 208-323-8585

Phoenix Pond Society (Arizona)
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7043 N. 41st Lane
Phoenix, Arizona 85051
Telephone: 602-931-8422
Email: ajchurch@msn.com

The Tucson Watergardener Society (Arizona)
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9651 E Watson Drive
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Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345

Water Garden Society of Kansas City (Missouri)
Website: www.kcnet.com/~wgskc

Springfield Watergarden Society (Missouri)
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Springfield, Missouri 65807
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Green Country Water Garden Society (Oregon)
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Delaware Valley Water Garden Society (Pennsylvania)
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Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083

The South Carolina Water Garden Society (South Carolina)
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Simpsonville, South Carolina 29681
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Website: www.ntwgs.org

Lets Talk Gardens
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Email: tomtorton@prodigy.net
Website: clubs.excite.com/letstalkgardens

ILLIANA Garden Pond Society (Indiana)
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St.John, Indiana 46373
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Forest City Pond Club (Ontario)
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Email: fcpcclub@hotmail.com
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FLECKA Water Garden Society (Florida)
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Combined Water Garden and Fish Societies and Clubs
Gainesville Koi, Water Gardens Club (Florida)
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Gainesville, Florida 32602
Telephone: 904-376-4719

Nashville Pond Society (Tennessee)
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303 Appomattox
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Santa Clara Valley Koi/Watergarden Club (California)
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Charleston, West Virginia  25304

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Next Issue:
Fish and Koi Societies and Clubs

POND DROPPINGS
A chance to profit!
by Gail Goldberg, Treasurer
Every year during Spring and Fall cleanup at the Denver Botanic Gardens, volunteer workers find change in the cleaned and drained ponds. This year we are offering CWGS members the opportunity to win a prize - a small pre-formed pond. What you do to win is guess how much money will be collected by the end of Fall cleanup, 2004. The Spring cleanup yielded a total of $2.18, collected after the Gardens drained the ponds before cleaning.

You can submit your guess to: http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/ pondcoinguess.htm
Each member may enter only once. There is a slight advantage to those volunteers at the Fall cleanup; contact Lowell Coon to sign up. The winner will be announced in the November newsletter, with the pond to be awarded at the Holiday Party. All money collected will go back to the Denver Botanic Gardens.
Dan Fyles and Andrea Sahlen
I-225 and Parker Rd
12328 E Bates Circle, Aurora
303-368-4283

Take Peoria St. north from Parker Road (or iliff or Yale to Peoria and go south). Take E. Bates east (the housing development is Dam East); go around the circle/square and 12328 is on the north side of the northeast corner. Peoria St. is the first street north on Parker Road off I-225.

Dan and Andi have used a pre-formed pond and lined whiskey barrel to create a just-the-right-size pond and waterfall in their small front courtyard. They started with one whiskey barrel and seven fish (which immediately died) in their back yard 5 years ago and have moved from the back to the front.

The challenge has been to keep the movement of the waterfall from the water lilies. That has been addressed using natural wood barriers and plants. A raccoon problem has been partially solved by the use of old, hand-made strawberry cages, which fit over the pond at night.

Dan and Andi feel that their pond is just the right size for a small area and for the beginning enthusiast.

Mike and Cyndie Thomas
Mississippi and Chambers
1023 S Kittredge Way, Aurora
303-755-1885

Go west on E. Bates Circle toward S. Peoria St. Turn left onto S. Peoria St., then left onto S. Parker Road. Merge onto I-225 N via the ramp. Take the Mississippi Ave. exit. Turn right onto E. Mississippi Ave. and head east 1.3 miles. Turn left onto S. Kalispell St., then right onto E. Tennessee Ave. Make a quick right at the next corner (S. Kittredge Way) and go to 1023 on right hand side before circle.

Our feathered friends enjoy a drink or dip in their small pond near the front drive. Two sunken tubs near the pond feature small and miniature hardy water lilies. A dozen container water gardens with tropical lilies and plants are scattered throughout the front yard.

Entering the back yard through the vined arch, you will find an eclectic array of ponds, bog, terrestrial beds, containers, with garden art in abundance. Our original pond (now the koi pond) features over a dozen koi less than a foot long and most over 10 years old. Our second pond, built after the koi ate all our lilies, is the goldfish pond and lily pond. An above-ground heated tropical pond had blooms all winter under a plastic cover.
Dennis Martin and Diane Thompson
Buckley and Iliff
2823 S Pagosa St, Aurora
303-690-3992
Go north on S. Kittredge Way, left at Tennessee, then left again on S. Kalispell back to Mississippi Ave. Turn left on Mississippi and go east to S. Buckley Rd. Turn left onto E. Bates Ave., then left again onto S. Pagosa St. End at 2823.

Allen and Andrea Schultz
Buckley and Iliff
2525 S Pagosa St, Aurora
303-695-1850
Go north on S. Pagosa St. toward E.Amherst Dr. End at 2525 S. Pagosa St.

Rebecca Nash
5284 S. Jericho St, Centennial
303-768-2863
Go south on S. Pagosa St. toward E. Vassar Ave. Turn right onto E. Yale Ave. Turn left onto S. Buckley Rd. and go south to E. Hampden Ave. Turn left onto E. Hampden Ave. and go east to S. Tower Rd. Turn right onto S. Tower Rd. Tower becomes S. Reservoir Rd. and then S. Himalaya St. Turn left onto E. Progress Circle/E. Progress Ave. Turn left onto S. Ireland Way, then right onto S. Jericho St. End at 5284.

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Diane is a pioneer in her approach to water gardening. She faced a bigger problem than raccoons and algae-destructive teenagers poking holes in her liner! She creatively tackled this problem by embedding 3 horse troughs in the ground. Lots of digging here as Diane has done all the work herself. She enjoys lots of lilies, bog plants, and roses. A newly added stream is now out front. Diane has made many changes to her water gardens over the years and continues her broaden her love of the garden.

Our ponds are about 10 years old. Approximately 8000 gallons of water is shared by nearly 30 turtles, a couple of bullfrogs, and lots of fish. The ducks eat every water plant except the Iris and Cattails. We couldn’t grow duckweed fast enough! Although we enjoy lily blooms, we cherish the wildlife more. The turtles have us trained to feed them hot dogs, and will beg at your feet and at the back door when they think they are being neglected. The backyard is truly an oasis for homeowner and wildlife alike.”

We have a small pond, approx 5’ x 10’ with a flagstone patio and a 2’ waterfall. The water is natural (so you can’t see the bottom) with lots of little goldfish. The pond is located in the backyard.

Good tour, good food, good company - a great way to spend a quiet Sunday afternoon....
Please join other CWGS members and guests for a delicious barbecue dinner after the tour, only $7.00 per person. Picnic will be at Scott Eddy’s home, the final address. Door prizes and special drawings for great gifts, too! See you there!!