

Colorado Water Garden Society
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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 Water Garden

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What are all these people doing?

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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.



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INSIDE:

CWGS POND TOUR 2004
MAPS, DRIVING DIRECTIONS & DESCRIPTIONS

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Upcoming Events

--- 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 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

EXPRESS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Fees: \$10.00 Individual; \$15.00 Family
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Make checks payable to Colorado Water Garden Society;
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(Please Print)

Name(s) _____

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Home Phone () _____

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Signature _____

Date _____

Pond Experience (Beginner) _____ (Some Skill) _____ (Pro) _____

Contact me concerning volunteer opportunities I have checked below:

CWGS Sale (June) _____ Pond Tour (July) _____ Outreach _____

DBG Plant Help (Spring) _____ (Fall) _____ DBG Sale (May) _____



CWGS recently assisted Denver Botanic Gardens in purchasing new liner material for tanks constructed by Len Freestone. Len has also instituted a new labeling

system to track location and growth more reliably, seen on the ends of the wooden framing.



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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
Marge Oleson
Bill Powell
Chuck and Mary Purdy
Steve and Calae Runge
Craig and Millie Russell
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Water Garden Societies & Clubs (eff. June 2004 - USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!!)

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Idaho Water Garden Society (Idaho)
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Phoenix Pond Society (Arizona)
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Phoenix, Arizona 85051
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The Tucson Watergardeners (Arizona)
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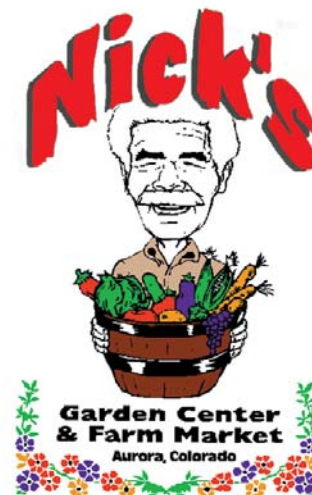
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Water Garden Society of Kansas (Kansas)
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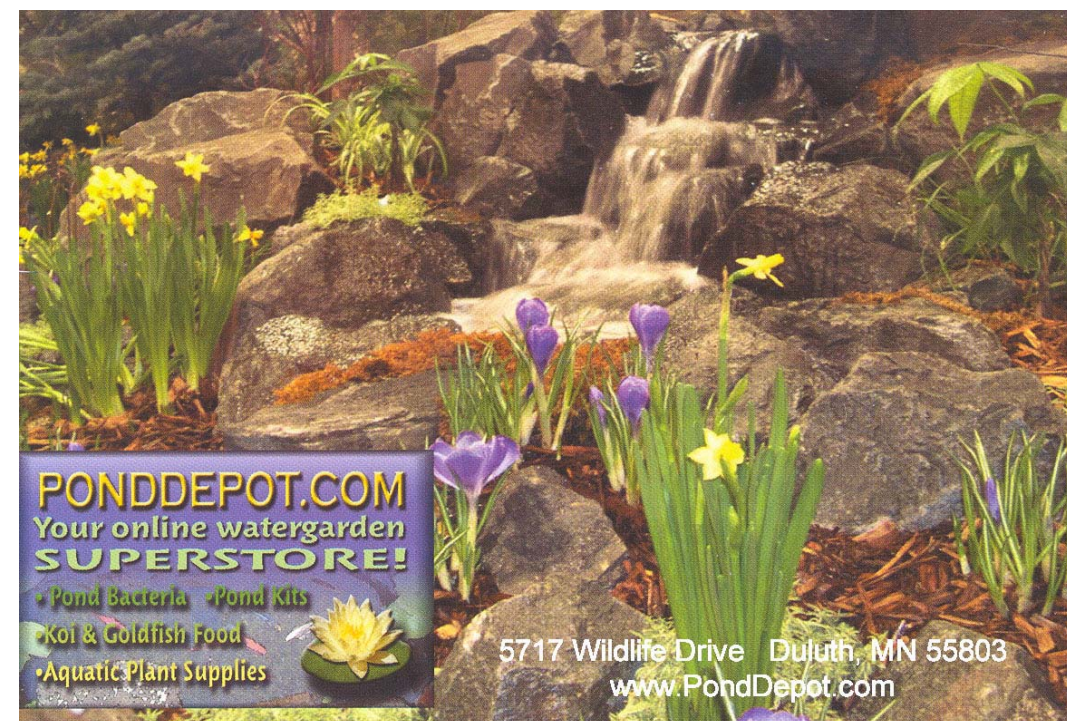


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Assoc. of Pond Enthusiasts (Minnesota)
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16168 Rindahl Ct
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345

Water Garden Society of Kansas City
(Missouri)
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Lets Talk Gardens
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Combined Water Garden and Fish Societies and Clubs

Gainesville Koi, Water Gardens Club (Florida)
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Niagara Frontier Koi & Pond Club (New York)
Contact: Tom Tower
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Piedmont Koi & Watergarden Society (North Carolina)
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Fish and Koi Societies and Clubs



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Upcoming free days are:
April 19,
May 17,
August 16,
October 18
November 1



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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.

Jan Davis*Parker and Arapahoe*7625 S. Yampa St, Centennial
303-699-0317

Go northeast on S. Carson Way toward S. Dawson St. Turn right onto S. Eagle Ct. Turn right onto E. Navarro Pl. Navarro becomes S. Dawson St., then E. Purdue Pl. Turn right onto S. Eagle Ct., then right onto E. Quincy Ave. Turn left onto S. Parker Rd. and go approx. 5 miles to E. Long Ave., then turn left onto Long. Turn left onto S. Yampa St. End at 7625.



Our pond was constructed in 1999 by Paul & Rose Swenby, and is roughly 6000 gallons in size. We have a small splash pool at the waterfall, and then a medium sized pool that feeds into a streambed that cascades into the larger pond at the bottom. Rose started off the water garden for me with a generous planting of hornwort, graceful cattail, Louisiana Iris (black gamecock) and a variety of hardy water lilies. Being a fanatic perennial gardener, the transition into water gardening has been an easy and rewarding experience. My pond is a "water garden" with a hand full of koi to keep things exciting. This summer our son will be married in the back yard, so you will see the garden at its grandest this year.

Scott Eddy*Arapahoe and Holly*5790 E. Fair Ave, Centennial
303-721-8321**Picnic at Scott Eddy's home!**

Go southwest on S. Yampa St. toward E. Long Ave. Turn right onto E. Long Ave., then right onto S. Parker Rd. Take Parker Rd. to Arapahoe Rd., then turn left. Continue to follow Arapahoe approx. 6.4 miles to S. Holly St. Turn right on S. Holly, then right again on E. Fair Ave. End at 5790.



The pond is 15,800 gallons and has several hundred koi, ranging from 4 to 30 inches or more. We have high-tech water quality sensors that work in concert with the filtration to optimize the water clarity. The show pond is about 5' deep and the flow has three speeds ranging from 100 gpm to 300 gpm. There are also 55 underwater lights to illuminate all the water areas. We rely on ozone injection and bio-filtration to achieve the clear water.

CWGS POND TOUR 2004

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, bogs, 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.

