



The Water Garden

September 2006

Join us at the September 10th Annual Meeting and Pot Luck

You are invited to a CWGS Pot Luck on September 10th. Join us at Vicki Aber's house for the Pot Luck starting at 12 Noon. Directions to Vicki's house are included below.

Please bring a side dish or dessert. CWGS will furnish bottled water, soft drinks, and barbequed hot dogs and hamburgers. Plan on staying until around 4pm so you can enjoy Vicki's pond tours and help to elect new Board Members.

Driving Directions:

1. Take Kipling Street North to 80th Ave. and turn West.
2. Go WEST on 80th Ave. to Parfet Way and turn RIGHT.
3. Continue on Parfet Way to 8046 Parfet Way.

CWGS will be electing a Vice President (2 year Term), a Secretary (2 year term), two Members-at-Large (2 year term) and one Member-at-Large (1 year term). The proposed candidate slate is posted on page 3 of this newsletter.

If you are interested in any of these positions call Gary Blubaugh (303) 989-4464 or Jim Arneill (303) 843-9619. Novice and experienced members welcomed!

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John and Charlotte Knudson's water course

Rain Did Not Dampen the 2006 CWGS Pond Tour and Picnic

Despite the intermittent showers, everyone enjoyed seeing the nine water features on display at this year's CWGS Pond Tour/Picnic.

The CWGS Board would like to thank the pond hosts: John & Terri Rowe; Martha Miller & Joel Waszak; Bill & Brinda

Henley; Werner & Nancy Neupert; Gary & Judy Reid; Pat Weis-Taylor & Rick Hinrichs; Dave Zeckser; John & Charlotte Knudson; April & Jonathan Hough. Without your help the pond Tour would not be a reality. Everyone appreciated the hosts' hospitality, cookies and drinks provided at the pond sites. Thank you.

Fortunately, we had the Martin Park Shelter to protect us from the rain that fell frequently at the Picnic. Picnic attendees received several water plants at the door prize drawings. We all enjoyed the camaraderie. To top it off, the day was also our Treasurer's birthday, and Ken Lange walked away with a rather large chocolate chip cookie.

The CWGS Pond Tour/Picnic is an annual event many members enjoy. Please consider opening your pond next year. See you at the 2007 CWGS Pond Tour/Picnic!



Dave Zeckser's pond (pictured above) and
Werner and Nancy Neupert's (below)



CWGS Slate of Directors for 2007

The following two-year positions
are open for nomination and
election at the Sept. 10 Annual
Meeting

Officers:

Vice President – Jim Arneill
Secretary – Bill Bathurst

Members at large (MAL):

MAL (2) – Bill Powell
MAL (4) – Janet Malcom
MAL (6) – Marge Oleson
MAL (8) – no nomination

MAL (1) is also open for a one-
year appointment to fill a
position that was vacated mid-
term.

Nominees identified at the time
of publication are shown above.
Additional nominations in
advance or from the floor are
encouraged!

Each Fall volunteers sponsored by CWGS return to Denver Botanic Gardens for four Sunday mornings beginning in late September. The water gardens have faded. Cold is approaching, and the plants must be readied for winter.

Under the direction of Joe Tomocik, the Sunday crew removes pots of hardy lilies and lotus from the ponds. We clean the plants of dying vegetation and bed them under a blanket of leaves. Hardy marginal plants are generally clustered within the ponds and similarly protected.

Tropical marginals must be moved indoors. Len and Doris Freestone carefully supervise the harvesting of tropical waterlily corms for propagation in the spring.

There's a lot to be done...and a lot to learn as the summer winds down. It's fun, too! Why not join us this fall?

**Contact Bill Powell (303) 355-8098.
e-mail: wbpow@comcast.net.**



Lotus in the Monet Pond

2006 Water Blossom Festival Provides Learning Opportunities

Shimmering reflections from the Monet Pond greeted visitors at this year's Water Blossom Festival held on Saturday, August 12th at Denver Botanic Gardens.

Lotuses grabbed the attention of visitors and evoked a multitude of questions that CWGS members eagerly answered. Visitors watched demonstrations on

planting and caring for water plants, and they signed up for guided tours of the beautiful water gardens.

Each year CWGS members devote more than ten Sunday mornings to planting, growing, and maintaining tropical and hardy lilies and sundry marginals at DBG.

The annual Water Blossom Festival offers DBG and the Society an opportunity to recognize these members' contributions to the year's display. The Festival also attracts newcomers to water gardening.

Several of our tireless Sunday crew were on hand to answer questions and to hand out free water plants to delighted visitors.

For a portion of the morning we were joined by DBG Water Garden Curator Joe Tomocik and Sarada Krishnan, the new Director of Horticulture at the Gardens.

Hopefully, water garden novices walked away excited about starting their very own backyard water garden, and old hands were made more confident about nurturing their treasured water plants.



Gail Goldberg, CWGS member and DBG volunteer gives a demonstration of plant division



Would You Like To Be The Next CWGS Newsletter Editor?

You may have noticed a change in the look of "The Water Garden." This issue reflects the loss of our award-winning newsletter team Mike and Cyndie Thomas.

Thanks, Mike and Cyndie, for all you have done to establish the high publishing standards our members have come to enjoy.

Unfortunately, Mike and Cyndie are not

standing for reelection and will not continue publishing the newsletter.

By the beginning of the 2007 season we hope to have a new editor in place. It could be YOU!

If you have a computer and you feel comfortable learning how to produce an informative and educational print communication, please consider helping CWGS by becoming the editor of our newsletter. You don't have to be a Board Member in order to serve as Editor, although we'd be happy to have you on the Board!

**For more information contact:
Gary Blubaugh (303) 989-4464 or
Jim Arneill (303) 843-9619.**

PS: Apologies to those of you who elected to receive "The Water Garden" electronically. Logistics necessitate that we mail all the newsletters for the remainder of this year.

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CWGS Members -- do you have a water-garden-related item to trade, barter, or donate? Tell us and we'll mention it in upcoming newsletters.

CWGS needs...

...some space in which to store the Society's goods. Do you have a spare room or shed? Space 5 ft. X 5 ft. would do.

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September 10

12 Noon – CWGS Annual Meeting and Pot Luck

Late September

Volunteer Sundays at DBG. Join us! For more information, contact Bill Powell via 303.355.8098 or wbpow@comcast.net

December 2

Volunteer Recognition and Holiday Party

'06 Board of Directors

Officers:

President – Gary Blubaugh
Vice Pres. – Jim Arneill
Secretary – Bill Powell
Treasurer – Ken Lange

Members at Large:

Mike Thomas
Marge Olsen
Cyndie Thomas
Joyce Blubaugh
April Hough
Jonathan Hough
Vicki Aber