

Our June Plant Sale Is Coming.. Saturday June 6 At Hudson Gardens

By Vicki Aber, Board President
& Plant Sale Chairperson

Our annual plant sale is almost here. The plants have been ordered and will be ready for your purchasing pleasure sooner than you (or we) expected.

The sale will begin a day earlier than we announced previously. Because of a scheduling conflict we've had to move the sale to Saturday June 6th instead of Sunday.

The venue remains the same as previously publicized, but remember: Because of ongoing construction at Denver Botanic Gardens, this year for the first time we're holding the sale at The Hudson Gardens & Event Center.

The Sale begins at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 6 and ends at 3:00 PM or earlier if we sell out. The Sale operates for just this one day, although we will be setting up the day before. More about that later in this article.

We'll be set up on the north end of the Gardens. Follow the maps and directions you'll receive upon arrival...or look for our white tents!

For additional detail on Hudson Gardens, visit www.hudsongardens.org.

The Plant Sale Committee is excited about the selection this year. We're offering a new sedge that turns orange in the fall. We'll have a Cypress tree, something we haven't had in awhile. How about a hardy water lily that is so red that it's almost black?

Saturday, June 6
CWGS ANNUAL PLANT SALE
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Hudson Gardens
6115 South Santa Fe Drive
Littleton, CO



And we'll have tropical water lilies; very few garden centers carry a selection of these. Small, medium, and large varieties of hardy water lilies will be represented in a variety of colors.

We'll carry carnivorous plants, bog lilies, taro, cannas, and water hibiscus. And of course we'll have old standbys like iris, cattails, rushes, and sedges.

We're selling submerged oxygenating plants. We're even inviting the wrath of the plant police

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Our June Plant Sale...

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by ordering water hyacinth and water lettuce despite their invasive reputation in other climates.

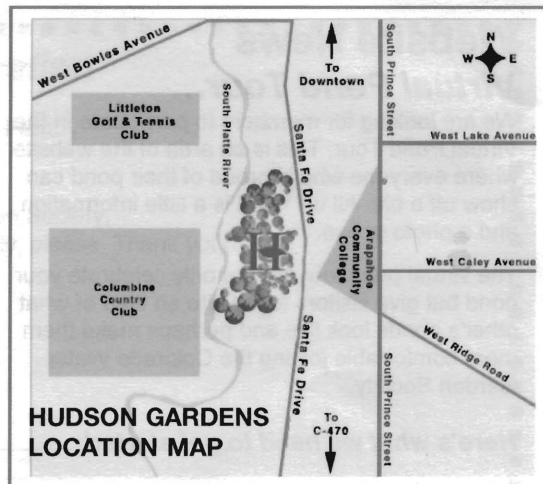
A complete plant list (as accurate as such things can be, given last minute changes in plant availability) is on CWGS' new website. Just go to www.colowatergardensociety.org. Select "Event Calendar" from the left hand index on the home page. The event is listed at the beginning of the calendar. Click on the associated photo and you'll be carried to active links that will lead you to the plant list as well as a detailed map showing the location of Hudson Gardens.

We've not forgot the critters. We'll have tadpoles, goldfish, and (we hope) gambusia. Come early for the best selection.

As always, it takes a village to put this on. We need help setting up on Friday June 5th. Because resolution of the scheduling conflict has moved setup for the sale into the workweek, we may not have some of our usual helpers.

If you have any free time to give Friday, let us know. Contact names and numbers follow at the end of this article.

The great part about helping the day before is that you get to see the plants early and start your wish list. But, we'll need lots of help Saturday also. Our greatest need for help that day is during setup and the initial couple of hours of the sale.



**HUDSON GARDENS
LOCATION MAP**

We'll start setting up both days at 8:00 AM.

We will have donuts in the morning and lunch later so you don't need to worry about starving.

An added bonus is your chance to accumulate "lily bucks." For every hour you help with the sale you'll get a "lily buck" worth one dollar towards your purchases at the sale.

For those of you who'd like to donate divisions and spare plants, please do! But because of the unusual logistics this year, you'll need to contact Vicki, Janet, or April to discuss how, when, and where to donate your plants.

Hudson Gardens will be charging their usual admission, but they'll waive admission for volunteers helping with our setup and the sale's operation. Just tell anyone you see at the front that you're helping to staff the

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Website News

Virtual Pond Tour...

We are looking for members to participate in the Virtual Pond Tour. This is an area of the website where everyone who is proud of their pond can show off a bit! All we need is a little information and a photo or two.

The virtual pond tour will not only celebrate your pond but give visitors to the site an idea of what other's ponds look like and perhaps make them more comfortable joining the Colorado Water Garden Society.

Here's what we need to get started:

Your name

(We don't have to use your full name if you are uncomfortable with that.)

Your general locale

(Again, you don't have to be specific..."West side, Arvada, North," ...whatever.)

Type pond or water feature you have

(Whiskey barrel? natural? neoprene liner? etc.)

If it's a pond, what's its size?

(Everyone seems to want to know this!)

Photos

(A few shots of your pond. Any size photo will do! If you want to include a picture of yourself, that's great too!)

To view an example of this new website feature, visit the site at:

<http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/>

If you would like to participate please email me, Bill Bathurst, at bbathurst@aol.com. And If you are unable to take digital pictures of your pond, just let me know and I can drop by and take some for you!

...Volunteers Needed!

The web site needs two or three volunteers to monitor our CWGS BLOG... The name of this feature may change, but we need a few pond intellectuals to answer questions posted by the public.

We are planning on setting it up so that you would be notified automatically by email when someone posts a question. In reality every club member will be able to access this area and help answer questions, but we need a few courageous people who will be on call. To participate, please email bbathurst@aol.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of April 30
\$13,833.10

Link to Events:

A calendar of non-club water garden related activities

July 18/19	Rocky Mountain Koi Club Tour	www.ppwgs.org
July 25/26	Pikes Peak Pond Tour	www.rmwaterscape.com
Aug 8/9	RMW Water Garden Tour	www.brdlandscape.com
Aug 22/23	Colorado Parade of Ponds	

CWGS-sponsored activities are listed in the club calendar on the outside of this newsletter.

Our Annual Swap: We Swapped Everything... ...food, stories, and plants.

On May 18th about two dozen members and members-to-be (we hope!) attended the Club's plant swap at our temporary home in Arvada. The laissez-faire potluck worked out surprisingly well. A collection of wonderful entrees and salads appeared quickly, but then we noticed an alarming gap in the food chain – no dessert! Just as the grim news spread about the tables, a pie arrived. Then, in quick succession, plates of brownies and cookies completed the menu.

After dinner we assembled for show and tell followed by a free-for-all (literally.) Each member described the plant(s) he brought, sharing growing tips, propagation history, and surprisingly detailed observations about plant habit, blooming periods, and serviceability for use in different scales of water features.

This year's swap included a wide array of plant categories – floating and submerged plants, emergent plants (both tropical and hardy), water lilies of every color and size, and even lotus! Smaller water lilies were particularly well represented.

It appeared that most of the plants found homes. Leftovers were either saved for the CWGS sale or donated to a 10,000 gallon pond that's just been constructed by a novice water gardener who club members Janet and Bill Bathurst are advising.

For those of you who couldn't make the swap and are just now thinking "*what can I do with all these divisions left from repotting?*," remember the Club happily accepts donations for its June Sale. For more information on the Sale and how to donate plants, read the article on the front page of this issue.

2009 Water Blossom Festival Speaker Announced

Every year CWGS helps to stage the Water Blossom Festival at Denver Botanic Gardens. The event, which celebrates DBG's water gardens at the height of their bloom, is also an occasion for education and outreach.

The 2008 Festival was notable because it coincided with the Club's 25th anniversary. This year we draw attention to the 25th Anniversary of the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS) 25th Anniversary. Jim Wulschleger, a long-time member of CWGS and current Board Member of the IWGS will have just returned from the 2009 IWGS Symposium in St. Charles Ill. Jim will speak to the club about the IWGS, its history, this year's symposium, and recent waterlily hybrids that will have been discussed during the three day event.

More detail on the daylong Water Blossom Festival will be published in the August issue of The Water Garden. Mark your calendars now to reserve Sunday August 16 to admire the beauty of DBG's water gardens and learn about the IWGS' summer symposium.

High Plains Drifting

Terry and Keith Grisham open their Elbert County pond and wildlife habitat for our first WaterSide program of the season

By Bill Powell

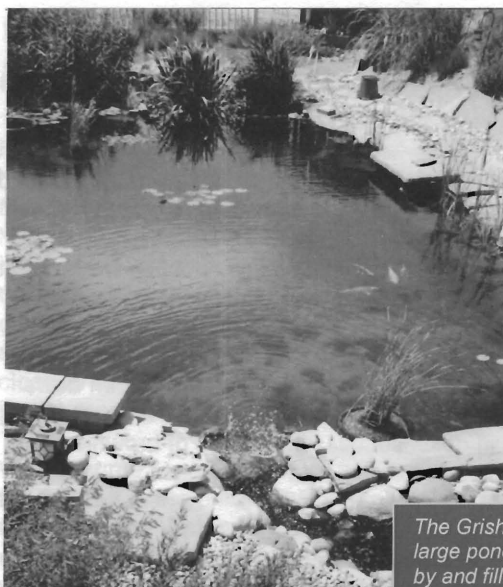
Need a getaway for a lazy June Sunday Afternoon? Join us at the Grisham home June 28 at 2:00 PM for a look at their 17,000 gallon pond and the certified wildlife habitat that surrounds it.

Board member Bill Bathurst will be giving a pondside presentation on a passion of his – frogs and other amphibians. ...And Terry and Keith will tell us something about the history of their pond, their clever use of a bog garden, and the wide range of wildlife that enjoys their oasis.

The Grishams installed their pond when they moved to the property in 2005, but they were experienced pond keepers even then. They brought ten of their largest koi from their previous pond, keeping the fish alive in a 300 gallon stock tank until the new pond was ready.

Terry and Keith's large water garden includes a waterfall, small stream, two pumps and a bog garden that serves as the installation's natural bio-filter.

Terry says, *"The wind and the wildlife have made it challenging to grow plants. I have*



The Grisham's sun large pond is surrounded by and filled with w

Photos by Terry G

almost all perennials, water lilies, cattails, iris, ornamental grasses. I am trying my luck with a lotus this year. Plants have to be tough to survive out here. The elevation is 1000 feet higher than Denver.

We are certified with the National Wildlife Federation as a wildlife habitat."

Bill Bathurst's program will focus on a major attraction of the Grisham's pond – its wildlife. Bill will speak on amphibians and frogs in the garden pond. He'll have informational handouts and maybe even a recording of frog sounds.

Terry recommends we bring hats and sunscreen. There's little shade. Also, you might want to bring a blanket or folding chairs to sit on. The club will supply refreshments.

The Grishams have provided a map (below) and a telephone number to call if you're lost – (303) 692-8147.

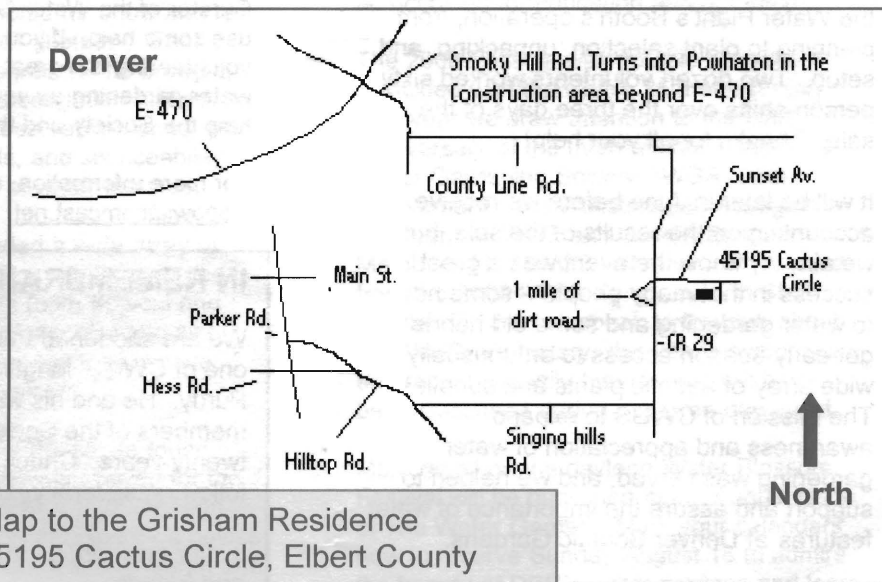
There are two general approaches by main roads from SE Denver and E-470. One is from Parker via Singing Hills Road. The other approaches from the north via Smoky Hill Rd. and County Line Rd. Either route

involves some transit over gravel on County Road 29 until you reach Sunset Avenue.

Terry warns that some maps are incorrect. The Grisham's street address is 45195 Cactus Circle.

An interesting detail: Guess how Terry and Keith met? Terry was on the 2002 CWGS Pond Tour when Keith dropped by and liked what he saw.

Do any of you singles out there want to get on this year's Tour? There's still time!



Map to the Grisham Residence
45195 Cactus Circle, Elbert County

If you have any problems, call 303 692-8147

DBG Plant Sale Concludes

Because of many CWGS members, some of whom worked multiple shifts on multiple days, operation of the Water Plants Booth at DBG's 60th spring sale came off smoothly. Despite the inevitable glitches, including a last minute problem with delivery from one of our suppliers, we were able to offer almost all of the plant selection we'd ordered. The plants were of unusually good quality and condition this year, and new signage made shopping easier for the customers and staff.

Club members helped in every aspect of the Water Plant's Booth's operation, from planning to plant selection, unpacking, and setup. Two dozen volunteers worked sixty person-shifts over the three days of the sale. Thanks for all your help!

It will be later in June before we receive accounting on the results of the sale, but we already know the event was a great success in that many people – some new to water gardening and some old hands – got early-season access to an unusually wide array of aquatic plants and supplies. The mission of CWGS to expand awareness and appreciation of water gardening was served, and we helped to support and assure the importance of water features at Denver Botanic Gardens.

Marge Oleson and Bill Powell

Volunteer Sundays at DBG End... ...'Til Fall!

Hard to believe, but our CWGS volunteers have already worked seven Sundays since March despite weather cancellations and Holidays off (for good behavior!) The group has helped with a particularly wide range of tasks this spring. We tackled the usual pond cleaning, inventory, culling, division and repotting. But this year we also helped with cleanup and moving that's been necessitated by the massive renovations at the Gardens.

We'll resume our formal volunteer sessions in the fall, but in the meantime Joe Tomocik, the Curator of the Water Gardens, could always use some help. If you have some spare time, volunteering is a great way to learn about water gardening as you work with friends to help the Society and the Gardens.

For more information, contact Bill Powell at wbpow@comcast.net.

IN REMEMBRANCE:

We are saddened to note the passing of one of CWGS' longtime members Chuck Purdy. He and his wife Mary have been members of the Society for more than twenty years. Chuck died in April following several years of declining health.

...Our sympathies to Mary, their family, and friends.

Express Membership Application

Membership Fees: \$15.00 Individual; \$20.00 Family
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Check one:

- ☐ I would like my contact information included in a membership list that will be distributed only to the members.
- ☐ I do not want my contact information published in the membership list.

* Note: Providing your e-mail address authorizes and enables CWGS to send you notifications of interest from time to time. CWGS does not share e-mail addresses with other entities.

Contact me concerning volunteer opportunities I have checked below:

DBG Volunteer Sundays _____ **Water Plants booth, DBG May Sale** _____

Hudson Gardens _____ **Newsletter** _____ **CWGS Plant Sale (June)** _____ **Pond Tour (July)** _____

Water Blossom Festival (July/Aug) _____ **Holiday Party (Dec.)** _____

Membership

Our June Plant Sale...

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CWGS Sale. Arrive before 9:00, and you will be admitted free of charge.

If you are coming just to shop on Saturday and you don't happen to be a member of Hudson Gardens, cut out and use the enclosed coupon(s) below to gain admission. CWGS will pay Hudson Gardens the cost of one adult admission for each coupon presented. Two coupons are printed below. Please use only what you need. Don't present both coupons if there's only one of you. The Club will be charged unnecessarily.

Sorry about all the complications this year and the last minute shift in the Sale day. But look at it this way: Holding the sale a day early on Saturday leaves you Sunday to plant all your new babies! ■

The Plant Sale Committee:

Vicki Aber 303 423-9216
Janet Bathurst 303 421-1144
April Hough 303 499-6578

Cut out coupon(s) and bring to sale

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WATERSCAPE

Water Garden Tour

Saturday, Aug. 8th, 9-5

Sunday, Aug. 9th, 10-5



Visit Beautiful Water Features
Call (303) 666-5430 for details

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2009:

June 28, 3:30 PM – Grisham residence
July 19, 1:00 PM – Lange residence
Aug. 16 – Denver Botanic Gardens, time TBD
Sept. 20, 1:00 PM – Oleson residence
Oct. 18, 1:00 PM – Weber residence

Club members are welcome to attend

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Admit One Adult

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THE HUDSON GARDENS
& EVENT CENTER

Sunday June 28:

Waterside Program

2 PM – Tour the high plains water garden and wildlife sanctuary of Terry and Keith Grisham. Board Member Bill Bathurst will give a program on frogs, amphibians, and their habitats.

July 11: Pond Tour/Picnic

11 AM to 4 PM, Picnic at 5:00

Aug. 16: Water Blossom Festival

Featured Speaker Jim Wullschleger

10 AM to 3 PM - program at 1 PM
Denver Botanic Gardens.

Aug. 30: Waterside Program

2 PM at the home of Doris and Len Freestone

Sep. 21: Annual Meeting, Elections, & Pot Luck

6 to 8:30 PM, ACC, Arvada

Oct. 19: Program & Pot Luck

6 to 8:30 PM, ACC, Arvada

Dec. 7: Holiday Banquet

6 to 8:30 PM, ACC, Arvada