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Annual Pond Tour/Picnic
Saturday, July 21st
Tour: 11:00 am – 4:30 pm
Picnic: 5:00 pm
INCLUDES SPECIAL TOUR/PICNIC
MAP

Numbers on map and associated
directions are tied to pond
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Pond-Side Program
Neupert Residence

Sunday, August 5th
2:00 pm

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Pond at Mark Russo's, Site of the 2012 Picnic, (photo courtesy of Mark Russo)

CWGS' Annual Pond Tour & Picnic by Dorothy Martinez

It's that time of year again: Our annual Pond Tour & Picnic will take place on Saturday, July 21st. Can you think of a better way to spend a hot summer afternoon than touring cool water gardens?

This year's tour covers the northwest part of the Metro area around Northglenn, Westminster, Broomfield, Louisville, and Erie. Seven ponds and water features of different types and sizes are featured. There will be large and small water gardens, pondless installations, as well as various types of fish and water plants.

New this year, we are also teaming up with the Rocky Mountain Koi Club's Pond Tour. Their tour will take place on Sunday, July 22nd from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and is in the Southwest Denver area including Glendale, Aurora, Cherry Creek Dam area, Centennial, Highlands Ranch, Littleton, and Elizabeth. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.rmkc.net/PondTour.html>.

Descriptions of the CWGS Pond Tour sites, a "take along" area map, and suggested route are included with this Newsletter. Three of the ponds are in close proximity; the final pond is where the picnic is; and three are in outlying areas so you may want to start with those. The suggested route starts with the two southern most ponds in Northglenn and Westminster, then move northward towards Broomfield, then westward towards Louisville, and finally northeast to Erie. The first pond is located at approximately I-25 and 104th and the last pond is located at approximately E. Baseline Road and County Road 3 (Bonanza Drive/Lowell Blvd.).

The tour will operate from 11:00 am through 4:30 pm and is self-guided. It's free to all CWGS members and their guests.

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Dennis Coombs & Carla Mascarenas at the Aquatics Division of the 2012 DBG Plant Sale, (photo courtesy of Joe Mascarenas)



Doris Freestone with Bird Bath, (photo courtesy of Katrina Freestone)



Vicki Aber, Teresa Burkert, Brenda Parsons-Hier, Doris Freestone, Janet Bathurst, & Lois Mayerchak at the 2012 CWGS Plant Sale, (photo courtesy of Bill Powell)

DBG Plant Sale – a late, but heartfelt, thanks by Bill Powell & Marge Oleson

Co-chairs Marge Oleson and Bill Powell thank the volunteers – mostly all CWGS members – who helped to stage and operate the Aquatics Division booth at the May DBG Plant Sale. Although the final results are not in yet, the Gardens report, despite the weather, 2012 produced the largest gross (\$235,769) and best attendance (8,779) to date. Volunteers helped with planning, ordering, setup, staffing, and even propagation of plants from “garden-grown” specimens. We owe a special thanks to Tamara Kilbane, DBG’s Senior Horticulturist in charge of Aquatics. Tamara, although new to DBG, went out of her way to help volunteers and the Gardens achieve the goals of this annual event.

Doris Freestone Wishes to Express her Thanks to CWGS

It was so very kind of the members of CWGS to present me with a beautiful bird bath. There have been so many people who have sent cards and offered to help during the very difficult time when Len was sick and also when he passed away.

I would like to thank each and every one of them. I am grateful I have made so many friends through the Society. Volunteering when needed was something Len and I both enjoyed.

I feel very sad that Len is no longer amongst us to continue to do this, as he was always dedicated to doing his best no matter what was asked of him. Life is not the same now, but the memories are good.

Thanks again for the gift. Thanks also to Bob and Fran Hoffman for hosting a beautiful afternoon in their lovely garden.

See related article about Len Freestone on Page 4.

Thanks from the CWGS Plant Sale Committee

The 2012 Plant Sale Committee (Vicki Aber, Janet Bathurst, Dorothy Martinez, Brenda Parsons-Hier, and Bob & Fran Hoffman) would like to express their gratitude for all the CWGS volunteers who gave their time to help make this year’s Plant Sale such a success. We want to say thanks to those who helped set up on Saturday, June 2nd and staffed the sale on Sunday, June 3rd.

Since we had so many experienced volunteers on Saturday, we were able to get things set-up in record time – we were finished before noon.

Again, a big thank you to everyone who put in the many hours needed to make our Sale successful.

CWGS Volunteers Recognized by Denver Botanic Gardens – *Jim Arneill is awarded “Volunteer of the Year” and we remember Len Freestone*

by Bill Powell

Earlier in June, Denver Botanic Gardens held its annual volunteer recognition dinner held at the Denver Loews Hotel. Hundreds of volunteers were celebrated with festive treats for their contributions to the Gardens' many horticultural and programmatic needs.

Volunteers who contributed over 200 hours during the past year were given gift bags in recognition of their contribution. Three CWGS members – Ken Burkert, John Bayard, and Jim Arneill – received gifts for their hours given in support of DBG's water gardens, carnivorous plant program, and general operations. Jim was also awarded a special recognition.

Jim Arneill's many contributions to DBG include working with the Sunday Aquatic work brigade. This group helps in Spring and Fall to set up and retire the seasonal Aquatics display. However, Jim's volunteering is not limited to horticulture. He also works behind the information desk, hosts public tours of the Gardens, and he also trains other volunteers and docents in the many aspects of the Gardens and its collection. In recognition of the diversity and scope of his effort, Jim was selected DBG's "Volunteer of the Year".

The evening's recognition also included personal memories of three volunteers who died during the past year. Len Freestone, a longtime volunteer at the Gardens and member of our Society, was remembered by CWGS President Bob Hoffman. Bob's touching memorial recalled Len's many contributions. Over the course of decades, Len and his wife Doris volunteered weekly at DBG, helping with the Sunday workdays, running the tropical lily propagation program, and tackling infrastructure needs. Len even designed and built the lily propagation tanks currently in use at the Aquatics greenhouse. Len's extensive contributions to both the Gardens and the Club will be missed.

August Water Blossom Festival to Feature Noted Speaker

by Bill Powell

Be sure to save Saturday, August 18th to attend the annual Water Blossom Festival at the Denver Botanic Gardens. In addition to the usual tours and demonstrations conducted by the Society members, this year our featured speaker will be Brandon Mclane from Florida Aquatic Nurseries. Brandon's presentation will focus on water lily hybridization, particularly the hybridization of a purple hardy water lily. Look for more details about the Festival in next month's Newsletter.

Upcoming Pond-Side Meeting at Nancy & Werner Neupert's Residence in Boulder, CO

by Nancy & Werner Neupert

Do plan to attend the Water Garden Society's second pond-side meeting and pot luck of the season, coming up on Sunday, August 5th at 2:00 pm – rain or shine. Hosts will be Nancy and Werner Neupert at their home located at 333 S. 68th Street, Boulder, CO 80303.

We have a large, spring-fed pond with lotus, hardy water lilies, and a variety of marginal plants. A small boat will be available to row around (and around) among the water lilies. For a change of pace, you can also see Nancy's extensive garden of native flowering plants, with many species of penstemons, or you can wander through their xeric, native tall grass prairie. There is no organized program, but if you have a topic that you would like to share with the group that would be welcome.

CWGS Pond Tour

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Along with the provided insert, you will probably need a good metro area map or GPS. The tour covers a lot of area and contains numerous cul-de-sac neighborhoods where streets are discontinuous and meandering. The tour insert should help orient yourself, but due to its small scale, it can't show detail. To assist, we've provided some written directions for approaching each of the stops from major intersections. See the keyed directions associated with the insert map.

You'll also want to bring along sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. Please remember, only the gardens are open; the houses and facilities are not. If you need a bathroom break, take time to stop along the way.

The picnic which begins at 5:00 pm, will be held at Pond #7, the home of Mark Russo, owner of Rocky Mountain WaterScape. If you can, bring a chair or beach towel to help with seating. We will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, bratwursts, side dishes, drinks, and dessert – all for only \$3 a plate for adults. Children under 12 are free. Your plate charge also buys you a ticket for door prizes, which will include a range of plants and maybe a few other items.

Pond Tour Descriptions *(Numbers refer to locations and directions on insert map)*

1 Ken & Teresa Burkert – 9862 Alamo Drive, Northglenn

My "Water Bowl Garden" consists of over 30 ceramic and plastic containers, ranging in size from 8" to 32" in diameter. I have 18 different hardy water lilies, 2 different lotuses, 3 different irises, white and yellow Snowflakes, Water Hawthorn, and a few marginal plants. Four containers are linked together to create some waterfall effects, with a duck spitter and a water bell. I purchased the containers over several years and can place and maintain them myself. The Water Bowl Garden is integrated into Teresa's huge terrestrial plant garden. Park along the street and enter the back yard through the gate on the North side of the house.

2 Rene Potter – 11236 Raritan Street, Westminster

In 2011, we incorporated our two ponds into one large one. The overall size is about 12' x 18', its about 3,800 gallons, and has two heavy duty pumps to create lots of white water for the waterfall. The design and construction were done by Rocky Mountain WaterScape. The new result is a large pond, fed by a long, multi-tiered waterfall. The large moss rock boulders and driftwood really help to naturalize the perimeter. The pond includes two large fish caves for the Koi along with a wide variety of marginal plants placed strategically around the edge. There are also several large viewing rocks to admire the Koi. Our professionally landscaped backyard is just under ¼ acre with many trees and flowers. Park along the street and enter through the South gate.

3 Pamela & John Subry – 14842 Falcon Drive, Broomfield

Our water feature is an 8' pondless waterfall. The basin holds 125 gallons of water. I really enjoy the sound of moving water, it is very calming and relaxing. The water feature was designed and built by Rocky Mountain WaterScape in 2011. Please park on the street and enter on the right side of the house to view the feature in the backyard.

4 Dave & Theresa Rounds – 315 S. McKinley Court, Louisville

We have one pond, which is fed by a waterfall and winding stream. It is about 1,000 gallons and is 3 feet deep in the center. We have several fish (both Koi and Goldfish) as well as water lilies, Arrowhead, Thalia, and Zebra Bullrush. The pond has a unique back drop of contorted willow fence which helps to frame and separate it from the adjacent vegetable garden. We designed and built the pond ourselves in 2003. We live on a cul-de-sac where parking is difficult, so if the driveway is full, please park around the corner on Lilac Circle, so as to not block our neighbors' access to their homes. Please enter the backyard through the gate on the West (left side of the house).

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CWGS Pond Tour

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Pond Tour Descriptions *(continued)*

5 Martha Miller & Joel Waszak – 943 W. Yale Court, Louisville

Our pond is kidney shaped and contains lilies, marginal plants, and a biological filter to keep the water clean. There is a waterfall at the top and the deepest part of the pond is 3 feet deep. We currently have eight small Koi in the pond. Our pond is an integral part of our “Switzerland Trail” garden railroad. The pond is approximately 8’ by 11’ and 900 gallons. We designed and built the pond in 1992. It has staired ledges, so different plants can be placed at the appropriate depth. Please park on Dahlia Street or W. Chestnut Circle. No parking on the cul-de-sac please. Handicapped persons may park on the driveway. Enter through the gate on the right side of the house.

6 Bill & Brinda Henley - 449 W. Harper Street, Louisville

Our pond has a natural stream that flows into it down a naturally occurring slope in our backyard. The pond is approximately 1,400 gallons. It was constructed by Grizzly Creek Water Designs in 2003 and we have been tweaking it ever since. Numerous Goldfish and 2 Bullfrogs call our pond home. We have hardy water lilies and some marginal water plants. We have on street parking in front of our home. Please follow the flagstone walkway on the East side of the house and enter the backyard through the gate.

7 Mark Russo – 285 Skylane Drive, Erie

My pond is 18’ x 30’ and holds 9,000 gallons. It is populated with over 40 Koi, ranging in size from 6” to 22”. I designed and built my own pond through my business, Rocky Mountain WaterScape. It was built in 1999 with a Wetlands Filter added in 2004. There is plenty of parking in the driveway or you can park in the cul-de-sac. When viewing the ponds, make sure to walk all the way around the house to view the 3 different water features. The Koi pond is to the left of the driveway, the pondless waterfall stream is on the right side of the driveway, and the spouting rock is at the front door.

Upcoming Pond-Side Meeting

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We live just outside of Boulder. General directions are: coming into Boulder on Route 36, turn East on the Table Mesa Drive/S. Boulder Road exit. Take S. Boulder Road East to S. 68th Street. S. 68th Street is exactly one mile East of the traffic light at Cherryvale Road (the tiny street sign is on the median strip).

If coming from the East on S. Boulder Road, S. 68th Street is one mile west of the traffic light at 76th Street. Park on the grass by the driveway on the North side of our house, the side of the pond, or the street. Those who have difficulty walking may wish to park on the front driveway and walk around the South side of the house. For further information or directions, please call (303) 543-0228.

Since this is a pot luck, please bring either a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert. The club will provide drinks.

New & Returning Members for June

Gabriella Bertelmann Denver, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>	Scott Garber Denver, CO	<i>(NEW!)</i>	Lois & Jeff Meinerz Denver, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>
Robert & Janice Bowland Idaho Springs, CO	<i>(NEW/Returning)</i>	Randall & Janis Hanson Centennial, CO	<i>(NEW!)</i>	Charles & Jean Mitton Englewood, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>
Mary Brengosz & David Fifield Aurora, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>	Jeff Kohlman Centennial, CO	<i>(NEW!)</i>	Teri O’Sullivan Denver, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>
Dennis & Martha Coombs Highlands Ranch, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>	Kristian Lovlie Golden, CO	<i>(NEW!)</i>	Louise & Leon Thomas Centennial, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>
Deb & Craig Dawson Highlands Ranch, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>	Carolyn Lupe Denver, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>	John & Ann Ver Linden Brighton, CO	<i>(NEW/Returning)</i>
Don & Sue Eloe Littleton, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>	Joe & Carla Mascarenas Lakewood, CO	<i>(Returning)</i>		



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 CWGS Plant Sale (June) ____
 Pond Tour (July) ____
 Water Blossom Festival (August) ____

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THIS YEAR

A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

July 21 (Saturday): Annual Pond Tour & Picnic
Northglenn, Westminster, Broomfield, Louisville, & Erie

11:00 AM – 4:30 PM – Pond Tour

5:00 PM – Picnic

August 5: Pond-Side Program – Neupert Residence, 2:00 PM

August 18: Water Blossom Festival, Monet Water Garden, DBG,
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sept. 20: Potluck & Annual Board Elections – Plant Society
Building, DBG, 6:00 PM

Oct. 18: Potluck & Planning Meeting – Plant Society Building,
DBG, 6:00 PM

Dec. 20: Holiday Banquet and Volunteer Recognition – Plant
Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM



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■ Pond Tour General Directions

This graphic and directions show only the relative proximity of tour sites. You will need a detailed city map or mapping program to determine your route because roads are discontinuous and there are multiple, alternative (and often circuitous) routes. Because of the tour map's scale, only major roads are shown. Directions at right are generally given from the nearest major intersection and are keyed to the numbers on the map. If you visit the sites in the order given, your last stop will be at the picnic site – stop number 7.

Two sites are near I-25 and 104th Avenue, one site is close to W. 144th Avenue/W. Dillon Avenue and Sheridan Parkway, three sites are close to W. Cherry Street and McCaslin Blvd., and the final site is near E. Baseline Road and Bonanza Drive/Lowell Blvd./County Road 3.

The route takes approximately 1 ½ hours to drive without stopping at ponds and is approximately 34 miles in length.

1

9862 Alamo Drive Northglenn

From I-25 North, take Thornton Parkway West to Huron Street North. From Huron Street, take W. 99th Avenue East and turn North (left) onto Alamo Drive.

2

11236 Raritan Street Westminster

From the intersection of W. 99th Avenue & Huron Street, take Huron Street North to W. 112th Avenue West to Raritan Street. Turn North (right) onto Raritan Street.

3

14842 Falcon Drive Broomfield

From the intersection of Raritan Street and W. 112th Avenue, take W. 112th West to Sheridan Blvd. North, which becomes Sheridan Parkway after crossing Dillon Road/W. 144th Avenue, take Sheridan Parkway North to Eagle River Loop East to Falcon Drive. Turn Northeast (right) onto Falcon Drive.

4

315 S. McKinley Court Louisville

From the intersection of Eagle River Loop and Sheridan Parkway, take Sheridan Parkway South to Dillon Road/W. 144th Avenue West, staying on Dillon Road Westbound and not exiting onto Northwest Parkway; continue West to S. 96th Street North, to County Road West/Northwest(left), to Bella Vista Drive West to South Hoover Avenue South (Centennial Valley subdivision is on the North side of Bella Vista Drive) to Juniper Street West to Lilac Circle South to S. McKinley Court. Turn North (right) onto S. McKinley Court.

5

943 W. Yale Court Louisville

From the intersection of S. Hoover Avenue and Bella Vista Drive, take Bella Vista Drive West, which becomes W. Cherry Street, to W. Dahlia Street North to W. Yale Court. Turn West (left) onto W. Yale Court.

6

449 W. Harper Street Louisville

From the intersection of W. Dahlia Street and W. Yale Court, take W. Dahlia Street North, which becomes Polk Avenue, to W. Pine Street West to Via Appia Way Northeast to W. Harper Street. Turn West (left) on W. Harper Street.

7 / Picnic

285 Skylane Drive Erie

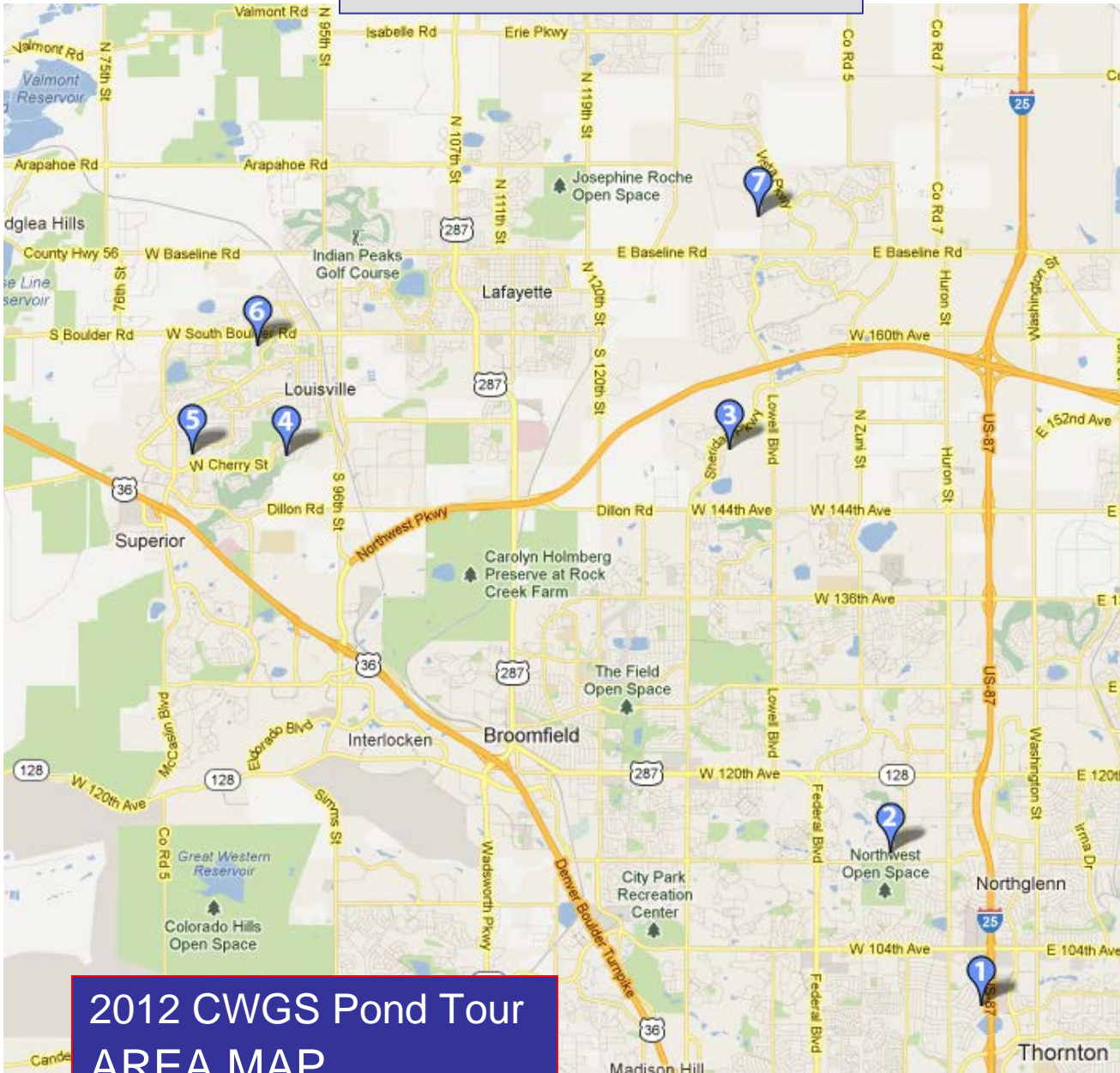
*From the intersection of W. Harper Street and Via Appia Way, take Via Appia Way Northeast to South Boulder Road East to US 287/107th Street North to Baseline Road/State Hwy. 7 East to Bonanza Drive/Lowell Blvd/County Road 3 North (**not** County Line Road). Turn West (left) onto Skylane Drive.*

NOTE:

There may be additional ponds added to the Tour between the publishing of this Newsletter and the Pond Tour on July 21st.

Please check the website: www.colowatergardensociety.org before the Pond Tour for updates.

Numbered balloons on this map show relative locations of Pond Tour sites. For addresses and a suggested tour itinerary, see the Pond Tour General Directions included with this insert.



2012 CWGS Pond Tour
AREA MAP