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White Elephant Gift Exchange
Plant Society Building, DBG**

Thursday, December 20th

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Member Introductions &
Volunteer Recognition
7:45 pm – 8:30 pm, White
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'Tropic Punch' - 2012 IWGS Best New Overall Water Lily and First Place Tropical Water Lily, Florida Aquatic Nurseries, (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

IWGS 2012 Waterlily Competition Winners

by Tamara Kilbane

Denver Botanic Gardens hosted this year's IWGS New Waterlily Competition, which drew 24 entries from hybridizers around the world. These entries were divided into the following categories: Hardy, Day-blooming Tropical, and Intersubgeneric. The intersubgeneric category consisted of crosses between hardy and tropical water lilies, many of which boasted purple blooms on plants exhibiting hardy water lily characteristics such as rhizomatous rootstocks and smoothly edged leaves. These particular entries will be overwintered here in Denver to determine if they are truly hardy to our Zone 5 climate.

Photos were taken throughout the summer of each entry's first, second, and third day blooms, along with each second day bloom with a ruler and each plant with a yardstick. Grower's notes were maintained throughout the season as well to record growth characteristics which were not clearly visible in the photos, such as duration of bloom, average height of blooms above the water's surface, rate of growth, and any issues noted, such as petals which burned on the hottest days.

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'Kiss the Sky' – 2012 IWGS First Place Intersubgeneric Water Lily & 2012 IWGS Second Best Overall Water Lily, Mike Giles, West Virginia (Photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



'Manee Red' – 2012 IWGS First Place Hardy Water Lily, Pairat Songpanich, Thailand, (Photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



'Pink Pom Pom' – CWGS People's Choice First Place Hardy Water Lily & 2012 IWGS Second Place Hardy Water Lily, Tony Moore, Ohio, (Photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

Waterlily Competition

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In mid-September, after taking the photos and grower's notes under careful consideration, an international panel of judges provided scores for each new hybrid in the following categories: Flower, Foliage, General Impression, and Unique Characteristics. The judges' scores were then combined and the hybrid receiving the highest number of points in each entry category was awarded first place for that category. The entry receiving the highest overall number of points was named the Best New Waterlily of 2012 and the Second Best New Waterlily of 2012 went to the entry with the second highest number of points overall.

The IWGS and Denver Botanic Gardens would like to congratulate Florida Aquatic Nurseries for their winning entry, 'Tropic Punch.' This tropical day-blooming water lily boasts vibrant, fuchsia-colored blooms and striking pads mottled with bright green and deep burgundy. Its compact growth habit and uniquely shaped flowers add to the overall beauty of this brand new hybrid.

The public was also invited to vote for their own favorite new waterlily hybrids this summer in the "People's Choice Awards." Visitors to Denver Botanic Gardens were invited to cast their votes via text message, while those unable to visit DBG to see the entries in person were able to vote for their favorites on the IWGS website. Over 400 votes were cast.

This year's judges included James Allison of Aquatic Solutions, Craig Presnell of Luster Aquatic Nurseries, Tim Jennings of Longwood Gardens, Jim Purcell of Oregon Aquatics, Kelly Billing of Maryland Aquatic Nurseries, Stu Schuck of Charleston Aquatic Nurseries, Deb Spencer of Water's Edge, Dave Brigante of Hughes Water Gardens, and Danny Benjamin of Hazorea Aquatics.

Winterizing Your Pond

by Bob Hoffman

I have two ponds, one is a Koi pond in which I have some water plants and the other is a water garden pond. I pull all my water plants from my Koi pond and put them in my water garden. I stop the flow of water from my water garden to the Koi pond so the two ponds become independent, and if I wish I can salt my Koi pond without salting the water plants. Since I have a bottom drain in the Koi pond, I prevent the water from going out of the bottom drain and instead drain my filtration system. I place a pump on a shelf and run 200' of sprinkler line through my crawl space and back to the pond. I then place a pool cover (large bubble wrap) over 80% of the surface of the pond, this way my Koi pond never freezes.

My water garden pond is where I relocate all my water plants. I first remove the stands I have in the middle of my pond and then I lower all my water plants to the bottom. I remove all the leaves and flower buds from the plants, but I keep new leaves that are just forming. My hardy marginals are placed on the shelves. I continue to run my small waterfall, but I put my pump under the water fall. Because, I have goldfish, if the pump is placed somewhere else in the pond the cold water from the waterfall will be drawn to the pump and cool the water in the entire pond which could kill the fish.

If you have tropical plants the marginal plants should be removed before the first frost. Tropical water lilies can stay in the pond awhile longer. If you have a location for them, i.e. a greenhouse, I would remove all the leaves except the new ones just starting and place them in a heated tub. The temperature can be adjusted so the plants will continue to leaf and flower or go dormant. The other option for tropical lilies is to harvest tubers from the mother plant. The tubers can be stored in a cool location or started in warm water to begin a new plant.

Upcoming Annual CWGS Holiday Banquet

by Dorothy Martinez

Please join us in kicking off the holiday season in style by attending the CWGS Annual Holiday Banquet. This year the banquet will be held at the Plant Society Building at the Denver Botanic Gardens, 1007 York Street, Denver. The Plant Society Building is located at the West end of the staff parking and drive. The building is immediately adjacent to the the new Bonsai Garden and Pavilion. From inside the pedestrian area of DBG, the Plant Society Building can be reached by walking past the greenhouse structure and West Terrace.

The evening promises to be a great start to the holiday season. The party will start at 6:00 pm. There will be time to socialize, see old friends, and make new ones. This is a great opportunity to meet other people who are interested in water gardening. You can share stories with others about your successes and challenges you have had with your water feature.

Dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 pm. After dinner, there will be some announcements, introduction of Board Members, and recognition of volunteers.

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Holiday Banquet

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Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, or side dish to share. CWGS will provide the main dish, dessert, and drinks free of charge!

The main event is the annual white elephant gift exchange. Since this is a Water Garden Society, the gifts should have a water gardening theme. Be creative! The gift can be serious or silly, anything that adds to the entertainment of the evening. Gifts should be wrapped and worth no more than \$10.00.

Come and enjoy good friends, good food, and a good night for all.

We are looking for some help with setting up for the party. If you are available to arrive at 5:00 pm, please call Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137.

If you have any questions, please call Dorothy at (303) 279-3137 or Fran Hoffman at (303) 978-0124.

Remembering Our Friends Marge and Neil

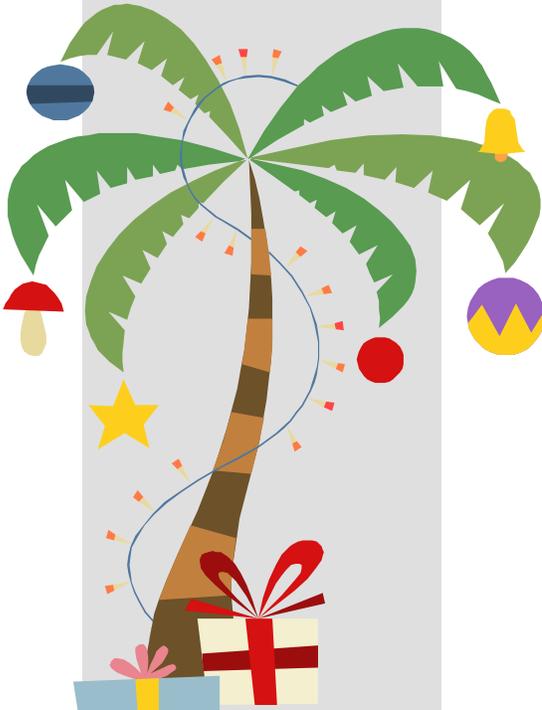
by Bill Powell

Marge Oleson, long-time member of CWGS, died the evening of October 21 from sudden heart failure.

Marge had been a Club member for decades and was serving on the CWGS Board at the time of her passing. She was also very active in the volunteer efforts at Hudson Gardens and at Denver Botanic Gardens where she's been Co-Chair of the Water Plants Division of the May Plant Sale for a number of years. Marge served as Co-Volunteer Coordinator for CWGS-sponsored volunteer effort at the Gardens, and she also planned a number of special events, including the Garden's annual "Water Blossom Festival."

Marge had recently retired from her profession as an Intensive Care Nurse at Rose Hospital where she worked for 43 years.

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Marge Oleson at the Denver Botanic Gardens 2012 Plant Sale, Aquatics Division,
(photo courtesy of Bill Powell)

Marge Oleson and Neil Littlefield

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In addition to Marge's many accomplishments for CWGS, DBG, and Hudson Gardens, her friends and associates recall her generosity and unfailing good humor. If she may have frequently been a bit late arriving, Marge's appearance always lit the room.

In addition to her interest in water plants and gardening, Marge enjoyed tap dance and was involved in various animal care organizations. She is survived by her husband Charlie (who's also active in CWGS) and by her brother, her step-son and his wife, as well as grandchildren and cousins.

Neil Littlefield died on November 3 following complications arising from a recent fall and health problems related to a stroke some years ago.

Through the years Neil was active as a volunteer both at Denver Botanic Gardens and at CWGS volunteer efforts where he often accompanied his wife Carla, a past CWGS Board Member and Co-Chair of the Water Plants Division at the DBG May Plant Sale.

Neil retired from the University of Denver in 1999 after a long and distinguished career in Law and Education.

Aside from his interest in plants and volunteerism, Neil was an avid stamp collector, voracious reader, and Thespian, having appeared onstage at the Bonfils Theater in the 1970's.

Neil is survived by Carla his wife of 35 years, three sisters, his first wife, three daughters, and two grandchildren.

New & Returning Members for November and December

October

Jana & Lew Artelli *(Returning)*
Littleton, CO

Werner & Nancy Neupert *(Returning)*
Boulder, CO

Dorothy Martinez & John Funk *(Returning)*
Golden, CO

November

Dennis Albrecht *(Returning)*
Aurora, CO

Michael & Bonnie Collins *(Returning)*
Denver, CO

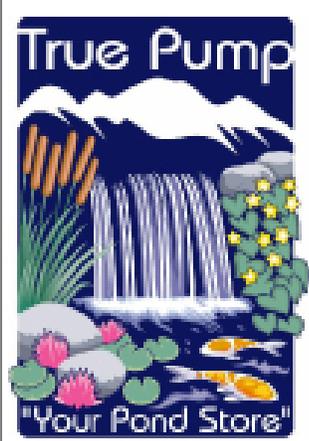
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CWGS Plant Sale (June) ___
Pond Tour (July) ___
Water Blossom Festival (August) ___

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