

2016 Colorado Water Garden Society Pond Tour Pond Descriptions

1. Don Stoltz, 11671 E. Colorado Drive, Aurora

I have 5 water features, including a pond and 9' waterfall. My Koi range in size from 8" – 30". There are 2 bridges and numerous plants throughout the water features. I built my first feature in 2008 and have gradually expanded my features and they now take up most of the yard. I have done all the work myself.

2. Andi Sahlen & Dan Fyles, 12328 E. Bates Circle, Aurora

Due to a serious illness, Pond #2 will not be available to tour. The owners sincerely apologize for any inconvenience.

3. Lynn & Nancy Jewett, 14406 E. Warren Place, Aurora

We have an older pond (1980) that was built before CWGS was started. Its three 1/2 whiskey barrels serve as the ponds waterfall. The rocks placed around the pond are from California, Nevada, and other states. We like to collect them as we travel. An herb garden replaces a much later pond that was shut down some time ago. Enjoy and take pictures.

4. Bob & Jill Cartmell, 16392 E. Hialeah Drive, Aurora

We have a 5-tiered waterfall that flows into our 700-gallon pond. The pond contains 4 large Koi and 4 baby Koi. The pond is surrounded by rock and vegetation. The pond has a very naturalized appearance. It was built in 2010 by Will Hyde at Mile High Landscape.

5. Rebecca Nash, 5284 S. Jericho Street, Aurora

My garden is my retreat and sanctuary, after a long workday. It is shady and relaxing in the late afternoon. My pond is a series of three pre-formed pools that flow together. It was installed in 1997. It is approximately 600-gallons, 2-1/2 feet deep, and has never frozen to the bottom. I grow water lilies (hardy and tropical) and marginals. I also have a container water garden in blue ceramic pots on the patio. Most of my pond knowledge has come through volunteering at DBG, I highly recommend it!

6. Tom Gebhart, 6868 S. Irvington Court, Aurora

Our pond has a backdrop of 100-year-old ponderosa pines. It is fed by an eighty-foot stream leading to multiple falls, a small pool and a 3,000-gallon oval pond. The pond and stream have many marginal plants, lilies, iris and grasses. After 2 tries with Koi and them being continually eaten, we gave up. I had a general idea of the design we were after and BR&D helped improve upon and build it. The idea was a shaded area between 2 Austrian Pines and an Ash tree fed by a stream and a patio next to it. Seemed to be a good idea when the trees were small, now there is only 1 pine and Winter & Spring-clean up is a chore. The pond was built in 2008. Minor work has been done with the removal of one pine tree and addition of another patio. Note, please stay on paths and patios.

7. Jennifer & Brian Friend, 27546 E. Elmhurst Place, Aurora

I designed and built my pond in 2011 to be unobtrusive. We wanted a natural backdrop in our yard not a standout feature. It is approximately 8 feet in diameter and 250-gallons. There is a gentle stream and spillway into the pond, which creates the perfect sound to relax and unwind. We enjoyed the pond so much we refocused that corner of our yard, added some Adirondack chairs and often sit with a glass of wine and enjoy the outdoors.

8. Sherry & Pat Myers, 26114 E. Peakview Place, Aurora

We have a waterfall but no pond that is visible, just a holding tank below ground level. We have small grandchildren, so we thought this was the best way to have a water feature but one that no one could get in trouble with. Hearing the waterfall is very peaceful and relaxing to us.

The builder/designer was Hipolito with Zaga Landscaping. It was built in 2011.

9. Art & Michelle Wolfe, 6394 S. Millbrook Way, Aurora

Our pond was established in 2009. It's a little over 3,000 gallons with the deepest point being five feet. It is the complement to our native plant yard, designed to attract as many of nature's creatures as possible. The pond has many Shubunkin goldfish (depending on predation), is surrounded by native plantings, has a full rock border, and is planted extensively with hardy marginals with a few non-hardies. There are two filters in the pond, the largest driving the waterfall, off the bottom drain. We have introduced spring peepers, but they must taste good, because none make it to the spring. The pond is adjacent to our 'Wine Patio' where many hours are spent enjoying quiet time. We are lucky to live adjacent to the Aurora Reservoir and have many terrestrial and flying species that enjoy our haven. We look forward to seeing and meeting you all.

10. Darrell & Kelly Meyer, 6265 S. Millbrook Way, Aurora

Our pond is kidney shaped and contains lilies and other plants. There is a waterfall at the top and the deepest part of the pond is 3 feet deep. We currently have four large Koi and one large goldfish in the pond. The pond is approximately 8' by 14' and 1,200-gallons. We designed and built the pond in 2009.

11. Beth Morganfield, 26465 E. Walker Drive, Aurora

The pond less waterfall was built in 2007. It was part of the original landscape design. It was built by Jared Landscaping Design. Overtime the plants and trees have filled in surrounding the waterfall.

12. Teri & Brian Weiher, 26861 E. Arbor Drive, Aurora

Our pond is actually a river that expands 50' through our backyard into a 6' x 6' x 4' basin hidden under flagstone. While there are no Koi or other animals, we are starting to add plants up and down the river and are open for any suggestions. The river holds 500-gallons of recycled water; we rarely have to put tap water in our river. It was first a thought in Brian's head in the Spring of 2009. Then a simple drawing on paper and off to work on building the river. While it takes one person several very long weekends to complete it was all hand built and no changes since.

13. Christine Treat, 26761 E. Arbor Drive, Aurora

A wonderful waterfall cascades down the side of the house from street level, down 1 1/2 stories, under a bridge, and empties into a beautiful Koi pond, backing up to the reservoir

14. Robert Kahn, 26401 E. Arbor Drive, Aurora

The backyard is designed to be an Asian Botanic Garden, with a path that winds through it. The pond, waterfall and stream are close to the patio. The pond is approximately 500-gallons, with a waterfall emptying into it. It's about 6' x 4' oval and 3 feet deep. There are about 40 nice sized fish; it's cleaned twice a year. I have an ion generator to keep it clean of algae and an aerator. The pond was built in 2010. I worked with a certified landscape architect and a landscape company. I designed the back yard and the landscape architect helped me choose plants, shrubs, trees, and colors, etc. This winter, I added a stream that winds under a bridge. The stream was built by Mark Russo's Rocky Mountain Waterscapes, and, while it is its own installation, it has the appearance of emanating from the pond.