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*Anna's Overlook Pond at DBG, (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)*

## Get Wet 2013 to Feature Program Presented by Experts from Local Garden Centers and Pond Businesses

by Jim Arneill

If you have been thinking about ways to make your water feature even more spectacular, this year's Get Wet 2013 will provide a diverse palette for adding color, shape, texture, and overall splendor. Aquatic experts will present "Bringing the Tropics to your Backyard Pond!" from local garden centers and pond businesses.

In our Rocky Mountain region, most pond owners rely on hardy water plants to beautify their ponds and water features. Many water gardeners have also learned to use a wide range of bright, colorful, and sometimes-fragrant tropical plants for enhanced color and display.

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**Get Wet 2013**  
**"Bringing the Tropics to Your Backyard Pond!"**  
**Gates Hall, DBG**

**Thursday, April 18th**

**6:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Meet the Vendors**  
**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Presentation**  
**8:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Meet the Vendors**

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*'King of Siam' Tropical Water Lily, (Photo courtesy of [www.texaswaterlilies.com](http://www.texaswaterlilies.com))*

## Get Wet 2013

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Join us on Thursday, April 18th, from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm in Gates Hall at Denver Botanic Gardens as staff members from local garden centers and pond businesses share their expertise on selecting, growing, and maintaining tropical water plants. Also contributing to the tropical theme of the program, some experts will share information on incorporating Koi or other fish, while others will give tips on adding fanciful lighting and fountains to your backyard pond.

Tamara Kilbane, Senior Horticulturist of the Aquatic Collection at Denver Botanic Gardens will also share an up-close view of the IWGS New Waterlily Competition that she oversees at the Gardens. This year's newly hybridized water lily entries should be just as stunning as last year's!

Admission to Denver Botanic Gardens for the evening program is free, as is the program itself. When you arrive at the Gardens, enter through the after-hours entrance gate to the north (right) of the Visitor Center. Look for CWGS signs that will direct you to the main education building. Walk through the double set of doors and Gates Hall is in the back on the left.

From 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm in the foyer of Gates Hall, representatives from major garden centers and pond businesses in the Denver metropolitan area, as well as CWGS and DBG, will have displays and information about local water gardening resources and services.

At 7:00 pm, CWGS President Bob Hoffman will provide a welcome and introduction to this year's program. From 8:30 pm – 9:00 pm, you can visit again in the foyer of Gates Hall with representatives from the local garden centers, the Colorado Water Garden Society, and Denver Botanic Gardens.

And, along the way just for fun, we'll have complimentary refreshments and drawings for several fun pond-related door prizes. We hope you will join us for an entertaining and informative evening.

For more information about Get Wet, please contact Jim Arneill at (303) 843-9619.



## Thoughts from the President

by **Bob Hoffman**

First, I would like to thank Bob Meade for his excellent presentation on the *Victoria amazonica* water lily and the Amazon River Basin. Bob did a great job sharing his slides and discussing his many trips to the Amazon to specifically seek out and find the *Victoria amazonica* water lily.

CWGS has many events planned throughout the year and I hope many of you will participate in some or all of them. Without member participation and involvement, our various events and activities would not be possible, nor would they be successful.

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the Aquatic Plants Booth at the upcoming Denver Botanic Gardens Annual Plant Sale. We are looking for volunteers to help pre-set up on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Also we need help setting-up on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Set-up includes labeling, pricing, and staging plants for the sale. Shifts on Thursday include 8:00 am – 11:30 am, 11:30 am – 3:00 pm, and the Patron's Preview Party from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Volunteers on Friday and Saturday will talk to customers and help them make various plant selections. If you don't have much experience, that's okay as there are plenty of knowledgeable people on hand to answer any questions that may arise. There are several shift choices available on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Shift times on Friday include 7:00 am – 10:30 am, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm, and 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Shift times on Saturday include 7:00 am – 10:30 am, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm, and 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm.

To volunteer, please contact Bob Hoffman at (303) 978-0124 or Bill Powell at (303) 355-8098.

We are also looking for volunteers to help at the CWGS Annual Plant Sale to be held on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will need help setting up for the Sale on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Set-up will consist of unpacking, inventorying, labeling, pricing, and staging the various plants we will be offering for sale. Volunteers will also help to accept, identify, label, and price various donated plants. Set-up on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> will take place from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. We also need help from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> to assist customers with plant selection and purchases. Again, if you don't have experience, there will be plenty of people there to assist you and answer questions.

To volunteer, please contact Vicki Aber at (303) 423-9216.

If you have a Pond and live in the Southwest Denver area (Lakewood, Littleton, and Denver), we need you! Our Annual Pond Tour and Picnic will be taking place on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. The Pond Tour is a great way to spiff up your pond for the season and get it ready to show off and share with others. For the Pond Tour to be a success every year, we really need and encourage member participation. It's a lot easier than you may think.

If you are interested in being included in this year's Tour, please contact Bob Hoffman at (303) 978-0124.



## ***Nymphaea* 'Pink Dawn' Named 2013 Collector's Aquatic Plant of the Year**

by Tamara Kilbane

The International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society (IWGS) announces *Nymphaea* 'Pink Dawn' as the 2013 Collector's Aquatic Plant of the Year. This hardy water lily boasts uniquely variegated blooms of pink and white held above leaves ranging from green to bronze in color. 'Pink Dawn' was introduced by Dustin Machinsky, a water lily hybridizer and owner of Midway Gardens in Columbus, Texas. This noteworthy hybrid won First Place in the Hardy Water Lily category at the IWGS 2011 New Waterlily Competition.

The International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society is proud to feature *Nymphaea* 'Pink Dawn' as this year's Collector's Aquatic Plant of the Year. This is an exclusive arrangement, which means IWGS will be the only source for limited supplies of *N. 'Pink Dawn'* in 2013.

The Collector's Aquatic Plant of the Year program provides a limited opportunity to purchase new and/or rare aquatic plants prior to widespread distribution while also serving as a fundraiser for the Society.

To purchase *N. 'Pink Dawn'*, visit the IWGS website at <http://iwgs.org/2013-collectors-aquatic-plant-of-the-year-pink-dawn/>. Shipment dates will be as follows: April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and June 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, would like information regarding shipment outside of the United States, or would like to place your order over the phone, please call Tish Folsom at (540) 337-4507 or send an e-mail to [info@iwgs.org](mailto:info@iwgs.org).

The International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS) is a non-profit organization of multinational membership dedicated to the furtherance of all aspects of water gardens and their associated plants. The IWGS supports and promotes education, research, and conservation in these areas and serves as the official registrar of Nymphaeaceae and Nelumbonaceae.



*Nymphaea* 'Pink Dawn', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



*Nymphaea* 'Pink Dawn', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

## Upcoming CWGS Events, be Sure and Mark Your Calendars!

by Dorothy Martinez

It's that time of year again! Our Annual Plant Swap will be taking place on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm. Do you have an over abundance of a specific plant in your pond? Here's a great venue to share that plant with others.

The Annual CWGS Plant Sale will be taking place on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> for Members from 9:00 am – 10:00 am and for the general public from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

There will also be a Pond Side meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in Arvada, CO.

The Annual Pond Tour and Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm in the Southwest Denver area. We are collaborating with the Rocky Mountain Koi Club, so several Koi ponds will be included as well. The Picnic will be held at Hudson Gardens starting at 4:00 pm.

Look for more details in future editions of [The Water Garden, Journal of the Colorado Water Garden Society](#).

### New & Returning Members for March 2013

#### March

**Joanne Bowen** *(Returning)*  
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## THIS YEAR

*A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:*

**April 18: Annual CWGS Get Wet Event**  
**Gates Hall**  
**Denver Botanic Gardens**

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Meet the Vendors

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Presentation by Local Garden Centers and  
Pond Businesses on “Bringing the Tropics to Your Backyard Pond”

8:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Meet the Vendors

**May 10 & May 11: DBG Annual Plant Sale** – DBG, 8:30 AM –  
6:00 pm on Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM on Saturday

**May 16: Potluck & Annual Plant Swap** – Plant Society Building,  
DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**June 2: Annual Plant Sale** – West Terrace, DBG, Members only  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, General Public 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**June 22: Pond Side Program** – Bathurst Residence, Arvada, CO,  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**July 20: Annual Pond Tour & Picnic** – Southwest Littleton,  
Lakewood, and Denver, Tour 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM, Picnic 4:00 PM  
at Hudson Gardens

**August 10: Water Blossom Festival**, Monet Water Garden  
Area/Plant Society Building, DBG, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**August 17: Leaf Casting Seminar/Class** – Martinez/Funk  
Residence, Golden, CO, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**August 24: Pond Side Program** – Martinez/Funk Residence,  
Golden, CO, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Sept. 19: Potluck & Annual Board Elections** – Plant Society  
Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Oct. 17: Potluck & Planning Meeting** – Plant Society Building,  
DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Dec. 19: Holiday Banquet and Volunteer Recognition** – Plant  
Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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