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**Peter Hier and Brenda Parsons-Hier at Their Pond in Golden, CO,**  
(photo courtesy of Bill Powell)

## Go "Beyond the Backyard" by Bill Powell

*"This is the time of year we enjoy all of our efforts put into our water features. Yet, we do have to leave this beauty and go other places for various reasons. Let us take you "Beyond the Backyard" on September 18<sup>th</sup>." – Brenda Parsons-Hier and Peter Hier*

Brenda and Peter travel Colorado looking for out-of-the-way water features that include aquatic plantings. Some are small, manmade features, often of a practical nature. Storm water detention ponds and those bogs that drain large areas of pavement are sometimes deliberately planted or they may have become inadvertent homes to water plants. Other found gardens may be altogether naturally occurring - a lake or wetlands nestled in the mountains, for example.

These wetlands, whether manmade, native, or a happy accident are home to a wide range of plants and animals that would not otherwise flourish in the dry steppe that is Colorado. The niche environment provided by these pocket bogs house many native aquatic species, including Nuphar lutea, the Rocky Mountain Cow-Lily or Spatterdock.

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## A Note from the Vice President . . .

### by Vicki Aber

It has been quite a Summer and hopefully everyone's water features have done well. I saw many of you at our various events this year. We will soon be in the process of planning for next year so any input our members can provide would be appreciated.

The IWGS Symposium was a big success. I spoke with many of the attendees and they were very happy with both gardens (Denver Botanic Gardens and Hudson Gardens) as well as the hospitality the Club provided. Kudos to Tamara Kilbane for doing the lions' share of organizing the events and the cat herding during all of the various events. Our annual Water Blossom Festival was in conjunction with the Symposium and many of you helped with various tasks, including staffing the Club booth and giving tours. A special thanks to Jim Arniell for getting vendors to come and set up booths at the last minute.

The Annual Plant Sale was a huge success. Hudson Gardens was so accommodating and the area where the Sale was held was very pleasant. We have been in contact with Hudson Gardens to host the 2015 Annual Plant Sale again and they have agreed. We will be holding our Annual Plant Sale at Hudson Gardens on June 7, 2015, so mark your calendars now!

This year we did not host our own Pond Tour. It is getting harder and harder to find someone willing to organize it and to find people willing to open their ponds to visitors. We instead, encouraged people to go to the Pikes Peak Pond Tour. I was out of town that weekend and was not able to go. I hope that some of you went and had a great time. For more information, please see Dorothy's article about this year's Pond Tour in the August 2014 edition of *The Water Garden*.

For anyone unhappy about not having our own Pond Tour this year, we are open to suggestions on how to plan and organize it. We are planning to host a Pond Tour next year and have discussed hosting it every other year. We are still looking for someone to take on the planning and organization of future Pond Tours. Dorothy is very willing to share her knowledge about planning previous Pond Tours with her potential successor.

Our next meeting on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> will be a program Brenda and Peter have been working hard on. They will show us where you can find water plants and water features where you least expect them, it sounds like a great program! We will also have our elections that night.

Sadly, Bob Hoffman had one more year on his term for President, and unfortunately, we can't rely on his excellent leadership anymore. We will need to elect a President for a one-year term. The other positions up for election are listed below, as well as the current holders of that position. Each executive position is for a 2-year term with the possibility of having 2 consecutive terms. After that, we have to elect a new person to that position. Positions for "Member-at-Large (MAL)" are also for 2 years but there is not a term limit. Please consider joining the Board. We meet infrequently, do a lot of the business via e-mail, and have a great time.

Positions in red are up for election this year:

President	Open	MAL (4)	Open
Vice President	Vicki Aber eligible for 2nd term	MAL (5)	Brenda Parsons-Hier
Secretary	Bill Powell eligible for 2 more terms	MAL (6)	Janet Bathurst eligible for 2 year term
Treasurer	Dorothy Martinez	MAL (7)	Peter Hier
MAL (1)	Open	MAL (8)	Bill Bathurst eligible for 2 year term
MAL (2)	Jim Arneill eligible for 2 year term	MAL (9)	Fran Hoffman
MAL (3)	Ben Coleman		



## Beyond the Backyard

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Learn about the aquatic treasures that live “Beyond the Backyard” during Brenda and Peter’s presentation on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The program will follow the Annual Elections at 7:00 pm in the Plant Society Building at Denver Botanic Gardens.

Join us earlier at 6:00 pm for a Potluck also to be held in the Plant Society Building. As usual, the Club will provide tableware and drinks. Bring your favorite dish and your enthusiasm for any “found” water features you’ve stumbled upon. Brenda and Peter hope to assemble a directory of these interesting aquatic destinations.

For more information, please contact Brenda or Peter at (303) 278-2106 or moose.4bph@q.com.



**Nuphar lutea** also known as **Spatterdock**, (photo courtesy of [http://tcf.bh.cornell.edu/imgs/jdelaet/r/Nymphaeaceae\\_Nuphar\\_lutea\\_30334.html](http://tcf.bh.cornell.edu/imgs/jdelaet/r/Nymphaeaceae_Nuphar_lutea_30334.html))

## IWGS Symposium Wrap-Up by Tamara Kilbane

This year’s International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society Symposium took place in Denver, CO from August 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. Denver Botanic Gardens, Hudson Gardens, and the Colorado Water Garden Society served as hosts for a diverse crowd of approximately 80 Symposium attendees from Canada, Mexico, Australia, Germany, China, Belgium, and around the U.S.

As attendees arrived into town on the 14<sup>th</sup>, they were welcomed by CWGS board members Brenda Parsons-Hier and Peter Hier, who carried out the registration and check-in process at the host hotel. Attendees were treated to tours of the water gardens on the campus of DU by CWGS board member Jim Arneill and his wife Tudi. These tours proved to be popular and many people commented on how impressed they were with the water features.

The following morning, talks were given at the host hotel by speakers Demi Fortuna of Atlantic Water Gardens and the International Lotus Registrar, Daiké Tian of Shanghai, China. Peter Hier was kind enough to film the talks given at the Symposium. Once the presentations were completed, attendees boarded buses to Denver Botanic Gardens, where they spent the remainder of the day and evening.

The CWGS Water Blossom Festival was a highlight of their visit and included guided tours of the water gardens and aquatics greenhouse offered by CWGS board members and DBG docents, Bill Powell and Jim Arneill, as well as DBG’s Senior Horticulturist of Aquatics, Tamara Kilbane. Ebi Kondo, Curator of the Japanese Garden, along with a few of his volunteers, offered popular tours of the Japanese Garden as well. Special thanks goes to CWGS member and DBG volunteer Ken Burkert, who spent hours in the pools before the group arrived that morning doing final cleanup and “tweaking”.

The weather was hot and the sun intense, but all of the attendees seemed to enjoy touring the gardens and many were overheard planning to come back to spend more time exploring on their own (two attendees from St. Louis made a special trip back the following evening to see a *Victoria cruziana* bloom open).



**2014 IWGS Symposium Attendees at Hudson Gardens**, (photo courtesy of IWGS Facebook page)



**2014 IWGS Symposium Cocktails at the Orangerie at Denver Botanic Gardens**, (photo courtesy of Bill Powell)

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## IWGS Symposium

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**2014 IWGS Symposium Dinner at the West Terrace at Denver Botanic Gardens, (photo courtesy of Bill Powell)**

As the afternoon wound down and thunder clouds moved in, the group enjoyed the cooler temperatures accompanied by drinks in the Orangery followed by dinner on the West Terrace. The keynote talk was given after dinner by Curator of Plants at Longwood Gardens, Tomasz Anisko. Anisko is the author of the newly published book *Victoria: The Seductress* and his talk focused on the historical details surrounding the discovery and naming of this South American water lily.

Saturday's schedule included more talks given in the morning including a popular presentation given by Boulder resident and aquaponics expert Sylvia Bernstein. Her expertise on growing plants and fish together was well received by the group and she reported it was a fun crowd to speak to. The morning talks concluded with a presentation by water lily hybridizers Tony Moore, Brandon McLane, and Mike Giles, who shared photos of their newest hybrids with the group.

After traveling to the Platte River Grill for lunch, the educational session was continued at Hudson Gardens, where the same panel of hybridizers offered a hands-on demonstration of their hybridizing techniques while wading among the lilies in the newly renovated water garden named in honor of former CWGS President, Bob Hoffman. Guided tours were offered by Hudson Gardens' staff and volunteers. Attendees were given maps to wander the gardens on their own. The gardens' beauty was appreciated by everyone and the tours proved to be very popular.

A catered dinner in the Welcome Garden tent at Hudson concluded the evening. At the dinner, Tamara Kilbane, who serves as the International Waterlily Registrar, presented the official registration certificate for *Nymphaea* 'Bob Hoffman' (a new purple-flowering tropical water lily hybrid created by Mike Swize of Nelson Water Gardens) to Bob's wife Fran, his son Mike, and daughter-in-law Reesa. Tubers of the plant will be sent to Hudson Gardens and DBG next Spring so this beautiful new lily named in Bob's honor can be grown in the display ponds in each location. The plant will also be added to the "Rocky Mountain Legacy Collection" at DBG.

The main Symposium ended after Saturday's events at Hudson Gardens; however, a smaller group joined a post Symposium tour up to Mt. Goliath and Mt. Evans on Sunday. About 20 attendees enjoyed a morning hike led by DBG docents on Mt. Goliath, followed by a short drive to see the peak of Mt. Evans and lunch back in Denver at Racine's.

Overall, the Symposium was very well received by attendees. Thank you to all who helped to make the event such a success!



**2014 IWGS Symposium Hybridizer Demonstration at Hudson Gardens, (photo courtesy of IWGS Facebook page)**



**Tropical Water Lily 'Bob Hoffman', (photo courtesy of Mike Swize, Nelson Water Gardens and Nursery)**

## Upcoming CWGS Meetings and Events

### by Dorothy Martinez

As we're winding down the water gardening season, thoughts are turning to Fall and putting our ponds to bed for the Winter. Probably sooner than we would like, the snow will be falling and our thoughts will be on preparing for the holidays.

Even though we are winding down our activities in our ponds, the Club still has several meetings and events planned through the end of the year. As Vicki's article on Page 3 points out, we are having our Annual Board Elections at the Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please consider running, it's not nearly as hard, nor as time consuming as you think. The Board has a lot of fun in planning and organizing the various activities for the next year.

Our meeting on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> will consist of a Potluck at 6:00 pm, a presentation by Jim Arneill on his visit to the Chicago Botanic Garden in the Summer of 2013, followed by a Board meeting to discuss planning for our 2015 events. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting because we would love to hear your input about what types of programs and events you would like to attend in the future. To find out more about Jim's visit to the Chicago Botanic Garden see his article in the Winter 2013 edition of *The Water Garden*, pages 5 – 7.

Finally, on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our Annual Holiday Banquet, volunteer recognition, and White Elephant Gift Exchange. The club provides the main entrée, drinks, and dessert. You provide the side salads and dishes. This is always a very popular event.

Mark your calendars now, so you won't miss these final meetings of 2014!

### New & Returning Members for August & September 2014

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Morrison, CO

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Englewood, CO

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**Ken Lange**  
Denver, CO

(Returning)

**Bill Powell & Bruce Polkowsky**  
Denver, CO

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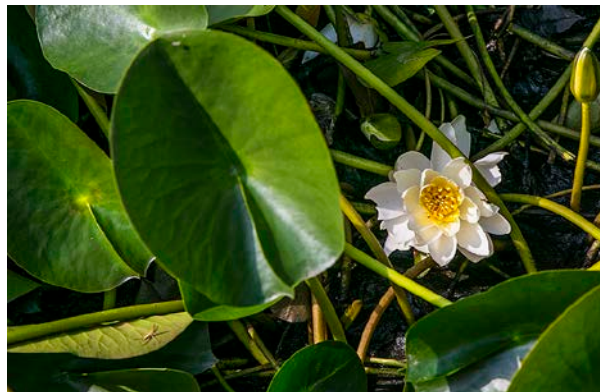


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