CWGS Annual Plant Sale

by Janet Bathurst

Rain or shine (hopefully shine!) our Annual Plant Sale will take place on Sunday, June 7th at The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, 6115 S. Sante Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120. The location of the Sale within Hudson Gardens will be at the Business Office/Residence. Please enter through the Visitor Center and they can direct you to the appropriate area. For current members, the Sale opens at 9:00 am. The Sale opens to the public at 10:00 am.

Since the printing of the May Newsletter, we have found out the purple hardy lily ‘Purple Fantasy’ will not be available due to a shortage from our supplier, Florida Aquatics, but there will be many other great plants. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes, but wanted you to know ASAP. Please come early for the best selection because quantities are limited.

The plants we ordered are here and look great. They are acclimating in the green house at Hudson Gardens and will be looking good for the Sale. We ordered earlier, so the plants should be a little more adapted to our climate by the time of the Sale. The list of plants we ordered is posted on the website (as well as a map of Hudson Gardens) at http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/Category.cfm?CategoryID=39.

More plants will be coming from donations. The list of ordered plants follows this article.

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Plant Sale

As always, we will need help to make the Sale run smoothly. The day before the Sale, Saturday June 6th we will be setting up. We need people to help label the plants and get them organized for the Sale Sunday. We will start at 9:00 am Saturday and we are usually done by early afternoon. We can meet at the Business Office/Residence on the patio. If you can’t be there the whole time, come for what you can. We will have coffee and donuts in the morning to get our day going.

The day of the Sale, we need help with final set up and assisting people with their purchases. If you’re afraid you don’t know enough about water plants to work the Sale, please don’t be. Many questions we get are basic and there are many experienced club members to ask if you don’t know an answer. If that fails, we have reference books available for referral.

Volunteers will need to start at 8:00 am on Sunday. We will have coffee and donuts again and will provide lunch for those working at lunchtime. After the Sale, we will also need help packing everything up and leaving the area like we found it.

Another great thing about helping out is, for each hour you help Saturday and/or Sunday, you get 2 lily bucks. A lily buck can be used like money to purchase plants at the Sale. If you can help either day or both, let me know so we know how many to expect. You can call me at 303-421-1144 or e-mail me at jebathurst@aol.com.

We really rely on donations for the mainstay of our plants. If you have divisions, we need them! We would like to have them delivered as early as possible Saturday so we can get them labeled and ready to set out on Sunday. We ask you drop by any plant donations between 10:00 am and 11:00 am. If you have plants but won’t be able to bring them Saturday, let me know and we will see if we can get someone to help you get them there.

This is our big fundraiser of the year so we really need to pull together to make it happen!

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**2015 Colorado Water Garden Society Plant Sale List**

**TROPICAL LILIES**

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<td>William McLane (purple)</td>
<td>Blue medium, leaves green w/purple mottling, deep blue flower, up to 48 petals</td>
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<td>Anconas (blue)</td>
<td>Bloom size 3-5&quot;, stellate shaped, spread 4-6&quot;, petal count 22-25</td>
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<td>Tina (purple)</td>
<td>Purple medium 6.5&quot;, bloom size 3-5&quot;, petal count 15-16, violet-purple cup shaped blooms, viviparous</td>
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<td>Antares (magenta, night)</td>
<td>Magenta, cup shaped flower, medium - large, green pads</td>
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<td>Plum Crazy (purple)</td>
<td>Purple medium, over 100 petals, green pads striped with maroon, overall spread of 4-6&quot;</td>
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<td>Trudy Slocum (white, night)</td>
<td>Medium - large 5-7&quot;, bloom size 6-8&quot;, platter shaped flower, petal count 20-30</td>
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<td>Sturtevantii (pink, night)</td>
<td>Bloom size 6-10&quot;, stellate shaped flower, spread 5-8&quot;, petal count 18-22</td>
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### HARDY LILIES

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<th><strong>Deep purple flowers with green pads</strong></th>
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<td>Burgundy Princess</td>
<td>Medium sized, dark red cup shaped blooms, pads are 2-7” in diameter</td>
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<td>Lily Pons</td>
<td>Large 6-8”, full multi-double soft pink flowers with up to 100 petals, peony shaped, 4-6’ spread</td>
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<td>Mankgala Ubol</td>
<td>Peach/Orange medium 3-5’, blooms 6-8”, peony shaped, petal count 30+, deep green leaves</td>
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### TROPICAL MARGINALS

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<th>Ruellia brittoniana ‘Pink Katie’</th>
<th>Height 12”, zone 8-10, flowers continuously, depth 3-4”</th>
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<td>Canna ‘Australia’</td>
<td>Height 4-8”, flower red, leaf burgundy, zone 9-11, full sun</td>
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<td>Canna ‘Bengal Tiger’ (Pretoria)</td>
<td>Height 4.5”, zone 8-11, flower orange, leaf green with yellow stripes</td>
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<td>Mexican butterfly plant</td>
<td>Height 33”, bright orange flowers</td>
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<td>Society garlic (Tulbaghia violacea ‘Variegata’)</td>
<td>Height 12”, zone 7-11, purple flower</td>
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<td>Taro ‘Black Magic’ (Colocasia esculenta)</td>
<td>Height 3-4”, zone 9-11, large purplish-black leaves</td>
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<td>Taro ‘Hilo Beauty’ (Alocasia amazonica)</td>
<td>Height 3-4”, zone 9-11, large green with white irregular spots elephant ear shaped leaves</td>
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<td>Taro ‘Mojito’ (Colocasia antiquorum)</td>
<td>Height 4-5”, contrasting black &amp; green leaves, lt. green stems streaked w/dark purple fading to pink</td>
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<td>Hibiscus dwarf pink (Hibiscus moscheutos)</td>
<td>Height 23-35”, white blooms with a soft pink edge and red eye, zones 4 &amp; 5</td>
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<td>Variegated snowflake (Nymphoides geminata)</td>
<td>Dark chocolate brown with bright green veins, five petal upright, yellow, fringed flowers</td>
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<td>Joseph’s coat (Alternanthera ficoidea)</td>
<td>Height 3-4”, zone 4-9, full sun, depth 0-12”</td>
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<td>Water clover (Marsilea mutica)</td>
<td>Four-leaf clover with yellow and green patterned leaves floating on the water’s surface</td>
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<td>Lobelia pink (Lobelia x speciosa)</td>
<td>Height 2-3”, zone 7-8, compact bronze foliage</td>
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<td>Mosaic plant (Ludwigia sedioides)</td>
<td>Floating leaf, red &amp; green diamond shaped leaves in rosettes, small cup shaped yellow flowers</td>
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<td>Giant val (Vallisneria americana)</td>
<td>Almost completely underwater plant w/ long, narrow green to sometimes reddish, ribbon-like leaves</td>
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<td>Yellow Rain Lily (Zephyranthes flavissima)</td>
<td>Height 6-12”, yellow star-like flowers with grass like foliage</td>
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<td>Cattail zebra tails (Typha angustifolia ‘Zebratails’)</td>
<td>Height 12-18”, creamy variegation throughout the leaf</td>
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<td>Iris fulva</td>
<td>Height 18”, copper red flower, zone 5-11</td>
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<td>Iris ‘King Creole’ (Louisiana)</td>
<td>Height 36”, purple flowers with a white center, zone 6-11</td>
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<td>Iris ‘Sea Wisp’ (Louisiana)</td>
<td>Height 2’, blue, zone 4-10</td>
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<td>Iris ensata ‘Geisha Gown’ (Japanese)</td>
<td>Height 24-48”, pale lillac with dark purple patterning on flower</td>
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<td>Giant pennywort (Hydrocotyle bonariensis)</td>
<td>Height 4-6” above water, produces a thick mass of scalloped 3” leaves</td>
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<td>Bloody dock (Rumex sanguineus)</td>
<td>Height 1’, zone 5-9, full sun, depth of .25-.5”</td>
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<td>Arrow arum (Peltandra virginica)</td>
<td>Height 24”, zone 5-9, dark green arrow shaped leaves, depth of 0-4”, tolerates some shade</td>
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<td>Double marsh marigold (Caltha palustris ‘Plena’)</td>
<td>Height 12”, yellow flower, blooms in the spring, zone 3, depth of 0-4”</td>
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<td>Dwarf parrot's feather (Myriophyllum brasiliensis)</td>
<td>Height 16-18”, whorls of blue-green foliage with red stems, submerged</td>
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<td>Water hawthorne (Aponogeton distachyos)</td>
<td>Flowers in spring and fall, white with black stamens, elliptical shiny dark green foliage</td>
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<tr>
<td>Indian rhubarb (Darmera peltata)</td>
<td>Height 3-5”, large round lobed leaves that form a wide clump, soft pink flowers in spring, zone 5</td>
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*Please Note, plants are subject to availability or substitution*
June 20th Pond Side at The Aquaponic Source

by Dorothy Martinez

Please join us for our pond side meeting at The Aquaponic Source in Longmont at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 20th and afterword, please come to an optional picnic potluck at The Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins.

Per The Aquaponic Source’s website, the simplest definition of aquaponics is it is the marriage of aquaculture (raising fish) and hydroponics (the soil-less growing of plants) that grows fish and plants together in one integrated system. The fish waste provides an organic food source for the growing plants and the plants provide a natural filter for the water the fish live in. The third participants are the microbes (nitrifying bacteria) and composting red worms that thrive in the growing media. They do the job of converting the ammonia from the fish waste first into nitrites, then into nitrates and the solids into vermicompost that are food for the plants. In combining both systems, aquaponics capitalizes on the benefits and eliminates the drawbacks of each.

Also from The Aquaponic Source’s website, five ways aquaponics is an improvement over hydroponics.

1. Expensive nutrients are replaced by less expensive fish feed.
2. You never dump out your nutrient solution.
3. Aquaponics is more productive.
4. Aquaponics is completely organic.
5. Pythium (root rot) is almost nonexistent in aquaponics.

The main difference between hydroponics and aquaponics is hydroponics requires highly fertilized water that requires constant replenishment and aquaponics reuses its fertilizing nutrients.

If you are interested in joining us for the tour at The Aquaponic Source, space is limited, so please contact Brenda Parsons-Hier first to be added to the sign-up sheet. Brenda can be reached at (303) 278-2106 or moose.4bph@q.com.

The Aquaponic Source is located at 1860 Lefthand Circle, Suite E in Longmont. It is just northwest of the Oskar Blues Restaurant off the Longmont Diagonal Highway (Highway 119). To get there; from Highway 93 in Boulder, take the Longmont Diagonal Highway/Foothills Parkway (Highway 119/157) Northeast to 95th Street. Turn East (right) onto 95th Street (1st right after the Oskar Blues Restaurant) to Pike Road. Go South on 95th Street to Pike Road. Go East (left) onto Pike Road to Miller Drive. Go North (left) onto Miller Drive, which “T’s” at Lefthand Circle. Go North (left) onto Lefthand Circle. The Aquaponic Source is located on your left in Suite E. It should take about 30 minutes to reach The Aquaponic Source from the intersection of Highway 93 and Foothills Parkway in Boulder.

After the tour, which should last about an hour, we will be going to The Gardens on Spring Creek for an optional picnic potluck. The Gardens on Spring Creek are located at 2145 Centre Avenue in Fort Collins. To get there from The Aquaponic Source, take Lefthand Circle South (right) to Miller Street. Turn West (right) onto Miller Street to Pike Road. Turn West (right) onto Pike Road to 95th Street. Turn North (right) to 95th Street/Hoover Road. Take 95th Street/Hoover Street to Ute Highway/Highway 66. Turn East (right) onto Ute Highway/Highway 66 to Highway 287. Turn North (left) onto Highway 287/N. 107th Street to Highway 17/N. Taft Avenue/S. Shields Street. Turn North (left) onto Highway 17/N. Taft Avenue/S. Shields Street North to Centre Avenue. Turn East (right) onto Centre Avenue (Centre Avenue is the first right after crossing W. Drake Road). The Gardens on Spring Creek will be on the left after crossing Rolland Moore Drive/Phemister Road. It should take about 1 hour to get to The Gardens on Spring Creek from The Aquaponic Source.
Pond Tour 2015 Preview

by Dennis Weatherman

Are you tired of cold, wet weather? Ready for some sun, warm temperatures, and a glass of wine by the pond? The 2015 CWGS pond tour is coming up soon!

Mark July 18th as taken, so you can visit a variety of water features at homes in the North Metro area. And after the Tour, the group will host a Picnic for all those who attended or participated, for only $5 per head.

Planning and directions are in the works, to give you a fine day of driving through the area and visiting everything from large ponds, to waterfalls, to water gardens in pots. Everyone will have a chance to share stories, swap fish tales, learn from others of like interests, and compare water garden care and maintenance.

For instance, Sue and I hired a reputable contractor to build our pond; he even had a setup at the Home & Garden show a couple times. Our water feature was completed in September 2013, paid for, and up and running. Shortly after, I tried contacting him with questions, with no success. He finally replied by text in January 2014 informing us he is bankrupt. Strange, since we paid him well for his work! Maybe he didn’t have enough to survive winter, we will never know.

I was able to make adjustments myself; unfortunately, we referred several folks to him prior to knowing the problems, and he never followed up with them either. We are quite happy with our project, but feel bad about the referrals we made, but don’t make anymore!

So pack up some cold drinks, snacks, and get on the road July 18th and enjoy the wonders of North Metro Denver and water features in Northglenn, Thornton, Louisville, Boulder, and the far northern reaches of Westminster!

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The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, Littleton, CO

Members only 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
General Public 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

June 20: Pond Side Program
The Aquaponic Source, Longmont, CO
The Gardens on Spring Creek, Fort Collins, CO

Tour of The Aquaponic Source 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Optional Picnic Potluck at The Gardens on Spring Creek 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

July 18: CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic – North Metro Denver Area, Pond
Tour 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Picnic 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

August 8: Water Blossom Festival, Monet Pond, IWGS Competition Lily
Pond, Greenhouses, Japanese Garden, & Bonsai Garden, DBG, 10:00 AM –
2:00 PM

August 22: Robert “Bob” Hoffman Memorial Pond at Hudson Gardens,
Pond Side Meeting, Picnic Potluck, & Fall Plant Swap, The Hudson Gardens
& Event Center, Littleton, CO, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sept. 17: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, & Presentation – Plant
Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Oct. 15: Potluck, Presentation, & Planning Meeting – Plant Society
Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Dec. 17: Holiday Banquet, Volunteer Recognition, & Silent Auction –
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