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**Holiday Banquet, Volunteer
Recognition, & Silent Auction**

**Plant Society Building
Denver Botanic Gardens
Denver, CO**

**Thursday, December 17th
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM, Social Time
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Dinner
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Silent Auction
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Gift Exchange**

Board Meeting

Location TBD

**Saturday, January 23rd
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

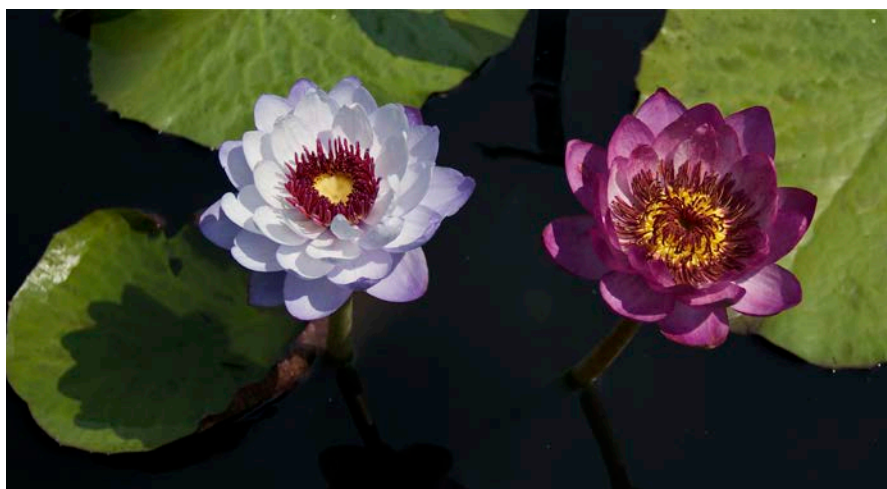
Board Meeting

Location TBD

**Saturday, February 20th
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Online at:

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IWGS 2015 Best New Water Lily and 1st Place Intersubgeneric Hybrid Water Lily 'Srichon', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

IWGS 2015 Best New Water Lily Competition by Tamara Kilbane

Denver Botanic Gardens in Denver, CO served again as the growing site for the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society's annual New Water Lily Competition. The contest drew entries from water lily hybridizers around the world including the United States, Thailand, China, France, and Germany. Twenty of these new hybrids bloomed in time to be judged in mid-October.

The entries were divided into the following categories: Hardy, Tropical, and Intersubgeneric.

Photos were taken of each entry's first, second, and third-day blooms (along with fourth and fifth day blooms for those hybrids with longer lasting flowers) as well as each second-day bloom with a ruler and each plant with a yardstick.

Tamara Kilbane's (Senior Horticulturist at DBG) photos and grower's notes were made available to a panel of 12 international judges who provided scores for each new hybrid in the following categories: Flower, Foliage, General Impression, and Unique Characteristics. After careful consideration, 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 Water Lily of 2015, and the Second Best New Water Lily of 2015 went to the entry with the second-highest number of points overall.

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IWGS 1st Place New Hardy Water Lily & 2nd Place Best New Water Lily 'Manickam', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



IWGS 1st Place New Tropical Water Lily 'Valentine', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



IWGS 2nd Place Intersubgeneric Hybrid Water Lily 'Amaranthine', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

IWGS 2015 Best New Water Lily Competition

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The IWGS would like to congratulate Nopchai Chansilpa of Thailand for winning the coveted prize of Best New Water Lily of 2015 and First Place Intersubgeneric Hybrid for his stunning entry, 'Srichon'. This tropical intersubgeneric water lily hybrid is the result of crossing a tropical day-blooming water lily (in the sub-genus *Brachyceras*) with an Australian water lily (subgenus *Anecphyta*). This new hybrid boasts large flowers, which change color gradually from the first day bloom to the fifth day bloom. These flowers are held an average of 8" - 9" above the plant's compactly arranged green leaves.

This year's Second Best New Water Lily award and First Place Hardy Water Lily went to hybridizer Vasu Manickam's hardy water lily, 'Manickam'. This new water lily has peony-like pink blooms with a blush of yellow on the inner petals. Its high petal count and appealing color combination made it a standout in the contest.

This year's Second Place Hardy Water Lily went to hybridizer Florian Henaux's hardy water lily 'Darjeeling'. First Place Tropical Water Lily went to hybridizer Florida Aquatic Nurseries' tropical water lily 'Valentine'. Second Place Tropical Water Lily went to hybridizer Florida Aquatic Nurseries' tropical water lily 'Morada Bay', and Second Place Intersubgeneric Hybrid went to hybridizer Mike Giles for intersubgeneric hybrid water lily 'Amaranthine'.

In addition to the official winners chosen by the judges, visitors to DBG had the opportunity to vote for their own favorite new hybrids in each category. Ballots were available pond-side throughout the growing season and hundreds of votes were cast. The results of the "People's Choice Awards" were: First Place Hardy Water Lily 'White Hot', Tied for Second Place Hardy Water Lily 'Kotchanat' and 'Reine du bal', First Place Tropical Water Lily 'Valentine', Second Place Tropical Water Lily 'Morada Bay', First Place Intersubgeneric Water Lily 'Srichon', and Second Place Intersubgeneric Water Lily 'Detective Erika'.

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IWGS 2015 Best New Water Lily Competition

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IWGS 1st Place People's Choice Hardy Water Lily 'White Hot', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

The judging panel consisted of 12 experienced growers and professionals from around the world including: Danny Benjamin (Israel), Deb Spencer (USA), Derek Lyle (USA), Farley See (Canada), Gianluca Bonomo (Italy), James Allison (UK), John Loggins (USA), Miguel Castillo (Venezuela), Paula Biles (USA), Rich Sacher (USA), Tim Jennings (USA) and, Tom Gleeson (Australia).

To see pictures of all the water lily entries, go to the IWGS website at: <http://iwgs.org/2015-new-waterlily-competition-3/>.

Annual Holiday Banquet and White Elephant Gift Exchange by Dorothy Martinez

Please join us for our annual Holiday Banquet and White Elephant Gift Exchange to be held on Thursday, December 17th starting at 6:00 pm.

It's that time of year again and thoughts are turning to winter and the holidays. The Colorado Water Garden Society will be hosting its annual Holiday Banquet and White Elephant Gift Exchange. The club will be providing the main dish, dessert, and drinks. Please bring your favorite appetizer, side dish, or salad to share. We anticipate about 40 - 50 people to attend.

The festivities will start at 6:00 pm with time to socialize and visit with your fellow water gardeners. This is the perfect time to catch up with one another and share stories of your 2015 water gardening exploits. We will start dinner at 6:30 pm and the White Elephant Gift Exchange will begin at 7:30 pm. A Silent Auction will be held from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM. See Bill Powell's related article on Page 5.

Just a few ground rules for the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Gifts to be exchanged should be valued at \$10 or under and if possible have a water garden theme, but they don't have to. Numbers corresponding to the number of guests who brought gifts will be put into a hat and each participant will draw a number. Gifts will be selected and opened in their numeric order. The person who draws #1 will select and open first, the person who draws #2 can either opt to select a gift or "steal" #1's gift, this process continues until the guest with the final number has opened their gift. Any one gift can only be "stolen" three times; if the person "stealing" the same gift is the third person to do so, that gift is theirs and it is "off the table".

Everyone always has a great time and the White Elephant Gift Exchange is very popular as well. Please bring a guest and kick off the holiday season in style and plan on attending the Holiday Banquet!



IWGS 2nd Place Tie People's Choice Hardy Water Lily 'Kotchanat', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



IWGS 2nd Place People's Choice Intersubgeneric Hybrid 'Detective Erika', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

Silent Auction at CWGS Annual Holiday Banquet – Wall Hanging by former CWGS Board Member Gail Goldberg

by Bill Powell



Wall Hanging by Gail Goldberg (& "Red") for CWGS Silent Auction at Holiday Banquet, (photo courtesy of Bill Powell)

This year we are offering something really special at our Holiday Banquet. Gail Goldberg, a longtime CWGS supporter and former Board member, has donated a delightful aquatic wall hanging. Gail moved some years ago to Santa Fe, but she visits Denver periodically and has fond memories of her years with the Club and Denver Botanic Gardens' aquatic program. To raise money for our programs and just to generate a bit of holiday fun, Gail has designed and sewn a quilted wall hanging that could even be used as a light throw on a cool night. Constructed of cotton batik, the piece is about 36 inches by 42 inches. Whimsical abstracted frogs, plants, dragonflies, bees, and a turtle dot squares of aqueous blues and greens. The piece is edged and fully backed. The frogs even have appliquéd buttons for eyes! (See the accompanying photo. Bill Powell's cat "Red" just loves the piece.)

Throughout the evening of our Holiday Banquet, we'll hold a Silent Auction for Gail's fun wall hanging. At 8:30 pm, we'll stop the bidding. The last and highest bidder wins. Nevertheless, the Club wins as well. Gail is generously donating all proceeds to help fund our 2016 programs and activities.

Opportunity to Purchase an Original Print of the Bob Hoffman Tropical Water Lily

by Dorothy Martinez

The Colorado Water Garden Society is offering a unique opportunity to purchase an original print of the Bob Hoffman tropical water lily created by Colorado Water Garden Society member Teresa Burkert. Teresa spent many dedicated hours creating this unique print of a very special water lily. She has also generously given CWGS permission to reproduce her print, sell it, and keep 100% of the proceeds.

The 10" x 12" print will be reproduced onto Alpine Canvas, stretched onto a wood frame, and offered for \$35 per print. Our initial order will be for 15 prints (more prints will be ordered if demand creates the need to order more).

If you would like to order this one of a kind print, please let Dorothy Martinez know by Saturday, December 5th. You can call her at (303) 279-3137 or e-mail her at dam@johnfunk.com to let her know you want to order a copy of the print.

You can pick up your print at the Colorado Water Garden Society's Annual Holiday Banquet on Thursday, December 17th starting at 6:00 pm. If there are any extra prints left after the Holiday Banquet, CWGS will offer those prints for sale at future CWGS events.



Bob Hoffman Water Lily print, (print courtesy of Teresa Burkert)

January and February Board Meetings

by Dorothy Martinez

The CWGS Board will be meeting in January and February 2016 to firm up dates, speakers, and venues for our various meetings throughout 2016. We welcome input from members and the meetings are open to any active CWGS members.

The meetings are currently scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd at 1:00 pm and Saturday, February 20th at 1:00 pm. As of the writing of this article, the meeting places are still to be determined. These meetings are typically held at a Board member's home. Please refer to our website for the latest information on these meetings. Check on the "Latest Happenings" tab.

Coming Attraction!

by Vicki Aber

At our March 2016 Meeting we will have a special treat. The Club is bringing Kelly Billing in to speak to us. Kelly is a very engaging speaker and a fascinating person. She will be speaking to us on a topic she is passionate about – Lotus.

Kelly has been a part of Maryland Aquatic Nursery since it opened in 1987. She and Paula Biles co-wrote the small book, *The Lotus Know it and Grow it*. It is not a large book, but is full of great information, tips, history, and humor (kind of like Kelly herself). One of her other passions is keeping track of banned plants, which is no small feat, since many different governmental agencies claim the right to control this and aren't very helpful about cooperating with one another, retailers, or hobbyists.

If you would like to learn more about Kelly, there is a great article about her in the September/October 2015 issue of *Lily and Fin*. *Lily and Fin* is a new on-line only magazine that is free. Go to <http://lilyandfin.com/> to get your copy.

Mark your calendars for March 17th!

2015 – 2016 CWGS Board Elections

The Annual Board Elections were held on September 17th. Brenda Parsons-Hier was reelected as President, Dorothy Martinez was reelected as Treasurer, Bill Powell resigned as Secretary and Tamara Kilbane was elected as Secretary to serve Bill's remaining term, Dennis Weatherman was reelected as Member-at-Large (1), Gabriella Bertelmann was elected to fill Tamara's now vacant position of Member-at-Large (3), Rebecca Nash was reelected as Member-at-Large (5), Peter Hier was reelected to Member-at-Large (7), and Fran Hoffman was reelected at Member-at-Large (9).

New and Returning Members for July, September, & October 2015

July 2015

Bill & Janet Bathurst
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December 2015

Michael & Bonnie Collins
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(Returning)

September 2015

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