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Plant Swap

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

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Nymphaea 'Purple Fantasy' Intersubgeneric Water Lily, (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

Purple Fantasy Intersubgeneric Water Lily Offered at the 2016 CWGS Plant Sale

by Vicki Aber

Last year we said we were going to order the new water lily Purple Fantasy. This is an intersubgeneric (ISG) hybrid, which means it is a cross between two different subgenera. In this case, the cross is a tropical water lily and a hardy water lily. In doing this, the goal was to have lilies that are hardy but have attributes that haven't been available in a hardy water lily. If you have been checking out the plants in this category that have been in the International Water Garden Society (IWGS) New Waterlily Competition at Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG) these last few years, you know some are spectacular.

Many have been kept at DBG over more than one Winter and have proven their hardiness in our climate. So far, this has mostly been a 'see if we can do it' exercise for the hybridizers. Florida Aquatic Nurseries was the first commercial establishment to start propagating ISG lilies for sale. The first one on the market is Purple Fantasy. In the 2013 IWGS New Waterlily Competition, it won 2nd best new water lily and 1st for the ISG category. This lily has been at DBG since 2013 and it appears to be hardy in Denver.

As you might imagine, demand for this lily has outstripped the supply. Last year we thought we were getting some, but didn't. We ordered 12 this year thinking we could sell that many, but we were only allotted 5. After much debate on how to decide who would be allowed to purchase the 5 lilies, we decided on a lottery process. The lilies will be \$55.00 each. We will be taking names for people that want a lily - only one chance per person will be allowed and you must be a current CWGS member. We will have the lottery sign-up list at the Plant Sale starting on Saturday June 4th. On Sunday, June 5th at noon, we will draw 5 names. You need to be present to pay for the lily and pick it up or you can designate a representative. Good luck.

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Upcoming Plant Swap Meeting

by Vicki Aber

The Plant Swap meeting is almost upon us. If you only get to one meeting this year, this is the one. We will be in the Plant Society Building located within Denver Botanic Gardens. If all goes well, you will be able to drive in the Staff Gate on the North side of the gardens and drive all the way to the building. You will be able to unload any plants or other items you have brought for the swap in front of the building, park, and come inside. We may have restricted ability to drive to the Plant Society Building in the future, but have been assured that it will be allowed for this meeting.

We will start with the traditional and delicious potluck at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share and catch up with old friends and new. Starting about 7:00 pm the main event will take place. The rules are very simple. For every one item you bring to the Swap, you get to pick one from other people's offerings. Pretty much, you can bring anything you want; it doesn't have to be aquatic. Obviously water plants are our main focus, but if you are just getting started and don't have an abundance to share, terrestrial plants are okay too. We also accept yard art, supplies, etc. When we start, each person will stand by what they brought and describe the item(s). Give as much detail as possible. Tell us anything you think the next person to own it will want to know such as what you like about it, what you don't, bloom color, bloom time, and growth habit. It is also kind to label what you brought because some of our short-term memories are not what they use to be.

This is a great opportunity to acquire a great amount of plant knowledge that is specific to our area just by listening to everyone's description of their plants. Pay attention and take notes on what you want. Once everyone is done talking about their plants, the fun begins. When we first started doing this, I was convinced it would be an all out war. It really wasn't. Actually, the Swap is quite tame, I have yet to see a fist fight break out over a particular plant. Once everyone has selected the number of plants they're allowed, we open it up to anyone who wants more. Even if you brought nothing to swap, there is a good chance you will go home with something. Any plants left over can be taken home by the person that brought them or the club will keep them for the sale in June. Go out and start dividing those plants!

2016 Colorado Water Garden Society Plant Sale

by Vicki Aber

The next big event after the Plant Swap is the Plant Sale. We will be at Hudson Gardens again this year. We will be in the same location as last year, the Business Office/Residence patio area. Hudson Gardens has been great to us, they are always very accommodating and welcoming. The area is pleasant and has lots of shade. Hudson allows us to use some of their containers, etc. for set-up. Hudson has also generously donated plants wintered in their greenhouse and have allowed us to store plants that come in before the Sale. If you see anyone from Hudson Gardens during the Sale, be sure to thank them.

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CWGS Plant Sale

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Ultra Violet Tropical Water Lily, (photo courtesy of <http://www.internationalwaterlilycollection.com/?project=nymphaea-ultra-violet>)



Variegated Spider Lily, (photo courtesy of <http://www.plantprovocateur.com/tppblog/hymenocallis-caribaea-variegata>)



White Lava Taro, (photo courtesy of <https://www.gardenerdirect.com/buy-plants-online/2801/Colocasia-Elephant-Ears/Colocasia-White-Lava-Elephant-Ear>)

Bob Hoffman laid the groundwork for this cooperation, but Dorothy Martinez and Fran Hoffman have really expanded on it and they spend many hours above and beyond their volunteer work at Hudson Gardens to help us. Thank you Dorothy and Fran!

While we are pre-thanking, we also get divisions from Denver Botanic Gardens. Tamara Kilbane is very generous in sharing her extras. The volunteers from CWGS that help at DBG also go above and beyond to prepare plants for our Sale. Thanks to all of you, you know who you are.

The Plant Sale Committee has been hard at work making a wish list of plants to order and checking it twice, or more. We have the final order ready and you can check it out. The list has been published on the Colorado Water Garden Society website home page. To access the Plant List, please go to <http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/>. We weigh the tropical plants a little heavier in the order because they are harder to find and it is less likely that we will get donations of those.

Speaking of which, we really do rely on plant donations to round out the selection. As you are getting your ponds ready this Spring, please keep any divisions for our Sale. If at all possible, we would like to get donations on Saturday, June 4th. This gives us a chance to label them and make sure we have the proper signage to describe them. If you know what you are bringing, especially if you can't bring them Saturday, please call or email anyone on the committee: Vicki Aber at (303) 423-9216 docvicki@msn.com, Janet Bathurst at (303) 421-1144 jebathurst@aol.com, Brenda Parsons-Hier (303) 278-2106 moose.4bph@q.com, Tamara Kilbane at (303) 720-865-3556 tamara.kilbane@botanicgardens.org, or Fran Hoffman at (303) 978-0124 koihoffman@yahoo.com.

It takes a village to put on a good Plant Sale. As you can see, many people have already been hard at work. We will need help Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th. Saturday we will be unpacking ordered plants, dividing or otherwise preparing some of the donations, and labeling and organizing everything for Sunday. We will start at 9:00am and there will be donuts and coffee. The more people we have, the faster it goes. Usually we are done before noon. The best thing about volunteering Saturday is you get to see the plants first!

Sunday is Sale day! We will start at 8:00 am (coffee and donuts again). Between 8:00 am and 9:00am, we will be moving plants so shoppers can find what they want, setting-up checkout, and doing final organizing.

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CWGS Plant Sale

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Due to changing guidelines from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, we will not be offering Water Hyacinths at the Sale this year – they have been officially added to the Aquatic Nuisance Species List. Also starting this year, we will be unable to accept the following plants for donation: Yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*) listed on the Colorado Department of Agriculture Noxious Weeds Watch List, Parrotfeather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*) listed as an Aquatic Nuisance Species, or Yellow Floating Heart (*Nymphoides peltata*) listed as an Aquatic Nuisance Species.

Even if you can't volunteer to help Saturday and Sunday, you can help by telling others. Get the word out about the Sale to anyone you know might be interested. At the least, come buy stuff, there is going to be some really great plants offered! Please encourage others (Members and Non-members) to come to the Sale as this is our main source of funds for future Club activities and events.



Patrick A. Nutt Endowed Scholarship

by Dorothy Martinez

When Kelly Billing spoke at our meeting in March, she brought to our attention that Longwood Gardens outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Kennett Square) has established a scholarship in the name of Patrick A. Nutt. Patrick was a leading horticulturist in his field and worked to educate people from all walks of life about horticulture.

From the Longwood Gardens' website:

This new scholarship will cover travel costs in two of Longwood Gardens' outstanding education programs. It will be an opportunity for prospective international students when travel to and from Longwood Gardens would be an extraordinary expense or hardship. A Longwood advisory committee will begin accepting annual applications once the endowment level reaches \$30,000. Then each year they will choose a worthy recipient.

Patrick Nutt immigrated to the United States from the United Kingdom in 1953 after completing his education at Kew Gardens. He always had a soft spot for international students and did whatever he could to encourage and help them succeed. Over his many decades at Longwood Gardens, scores of students graduated from their international programs and went on to work in botanical gardens around the world. Pat stayed in touch with many of them and constantly praised their accomplishments.

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Patrick A. Nutt Endowed Scholarship

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This Scholarship honors Patrick and is the perfect way to continue helping international students at Longwood Gardens, as he did for almost 40 years. Please make a donation now to help celebrate the 86th anniversary of his birth with a big step towards the goal of granting scholarships.

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To learn more about this and all of Longwood Gardens' extensive educational opportunities visit <http://longwoodgardens.org/education>.

Please make your tax-deductible donation to "Longwood Gardens" and note "Patrick A Nutt Endowed Scholarship" in the memo field.

Send your donation to: Longwood Gardens, Education Department, P.O. Box 501, Kennett Square, PA 19348, US

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THIS YEAR

A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

May 19: Potluck & Annual Plant Swap
Plant Society Building
Denver Botanic Gardens

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Potluck
7:00 pm – 8:30 PM, Plant Swap

June 5: CWGS Annual Plant Sale – *Business Office/Residence, The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, Littleton, CO, Members only 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, General Public 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM*

June 25: Pond Side Program – *Neupert Residence, Picnic Potluck, Boulder, CO, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM*

July 16: CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic – *Southeast Denver & Aurora Area, Pond Tour 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Picnic 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM*

August 6: Water Blossom Festival – *Monet Pond Area, Tours of Aquatic Greenhouse & DBG Gardens, DBG, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM*

August 27: Pond Side Program – *Bathurst Residence, Picnic Potluck, Arvada, CO, 11:00 PM – 3:00 PM*

Sept. 22: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, Presentation, & 2017 Planning Meeting – *Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM*

Oct. 13: Potluck & Planning Meeting – *Great Room, Waring House, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM*

Dec. 15: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition, – *Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM*



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