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Robert Kahn's Pond, (photo courtesy of Robert Kahn)

Upcoming CWGS Annual Pond Tour & Picnic on Saturday, July 16th

by Dorothy Martinez

The Annual Pond Tour and Picnic is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 16th. Can you think of a better way to spend a summer Saturday than touring beautiful water features?

This year's Tour covers the Southeast part of Centennial and Aurora. Fourteen different ponds and various water features will be included in this year's Tour.

Descriptions of the Pond Tour sites, a "take along" area map, and suggested route are included with this Newsletter. The area is a much more concentrated than last year's Tour and should take about 2 hours to drive without stops at each pond. The route is approximately 30 miles in length. The suggested route starts with the Westernmost pond, works its way South, then East, then Southeast, and ends at the final destination where the Picnic will take place. The Picnic starts at 5:00 pm. If you finish the Pond Tour early, please come after 4:00 pm, as we will still be putting the finishing touches on setting up for the Picnic.

The Tour will operate from 10:00 am through 4:30 pm and is self-guided. The Tour is free to all CWGS members and their guests.

Along with the provided insert, you will need a good Denver Metro area map and/or a GPS. The Tour covers a lot of area and contains numerous cul-de-sac neighborhoods where streets are discontinuous and meandering. The map should help you orient where each pond is in relation to the next, but since it is in relatively small scale, it cannot show detail. To assist with this, a written itinerary is included with the map with keyed directions associated with the insert map.

You'll also want to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. Please remember, only the ponds and gardens are open, the houses and restroom facilities are not. If you need a bathroom break, take time to stop along the way.

The picnic will be held at stop #14, Robert Kahn's residence, located in Aurora. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, just in case we need additional seating.

CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic

**Southeast Centennial & Aurora
Area – Pond Tour
Kahn Residence – Picnic
26401 E. Arbor Drive
Aurora, CO
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Tom Gebhart's Pond, (photo courtesy of Tom Gebhart)



Bob & Jill Cartmell's Pond, (photo courtesy of Bob Cartmell)



Darrel & Kelly Meyer's Pond, (photo courtesy of Darrel Meyer)

Pond Tour & Picnic

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We will provide the main and side dishes, drinks and dessert will be provided by our Picnic host, Robert Kahn – all for only \$5 per plate for adults, children under 12 are free. Your plate charge also buys you a ticket for door prizes, which will include a range of aquatic plants and maybe a few other items.

Pond Tour Descriptions (numbers refer to locations and directions on the insert map)

1. Don Stoltz, 11671 E. Colorado Drive, Aurora

I have 5 water features, including a pond and 9' waterfall. My Koi range in size from 8" – 30". There are 2 bridges and numerous plants throughout the water features. I built my first feature in 2008 and have gradually expanded my features and they now take up most of the yard. I have done all the work myself.

2. Andi Sahlen & Dan Fyles, 12328 E. Bates Circle, Aurora

We have a pre-formed 50-gallon pond and waterfall in the front courtyard. The interesting things about the pond are the filtration system Dan uses plus the raccoon-proof cages we use at night. We had a frog until Daisy Mae the cat decided to eat it. The back yard has a half-barrel, freestanding pond that uses a small solar pump. We use a screen to cover it at night. To access the backyard, go around the West side of the garage.

3. Lynn & Nancy Jewett, 14406 E. Warren Place, Aurora

We have an older pond (1980) that was built before CWGS was started. Its three ½ whiskey barrels serve as the ponds waterfall. The rocks placed around the pond are from California, Nevada, and other states. We like to collect them as we travel. An herb garden replaces a much later pond that was shut down some time ago. Enjoy and take pictures.

4. Bob & Jill Cartmell, 16392 E. Hialeah Drive, Aurora

We have a 5-tiered waterfall that flows into our 700-gallon pond. The pond contains 4 large Koi and 4 baby Koi. The pond is surrounded by rock and vegetation. The pond has a very naturalized appearance. It was built in 2010 by Will Hyde at Mile High Landscape.

5. Rebecca Nash, 5284 S. Jericho Street, Centennial

My garden is my retreat and sanctuary, after a long workday. It is shady and relaxing in the late afternoon. My pond is a series of three pre-formed pools that flow together. It was installed in 1997. It is approximately 600-gallons, 2-½ feet deep, and has never frozen to the bottom. I grow water lilies (hardy and tropical) and marginals. I also have a container water garden in blue ceramic pots on the patio. Most of my pond knowledge has come through volunteering at DBG and my CWGS membership.

6. Tom Gebhart, 6868 S. Irvington Court, Aurora

Our pond has a backdrop of 100-year-old ponderosa pines. It is fed by an 80-foot stream leading to multiple falls, a small pool and a 3,000-gallon oval pond. The pond and stream have many marginal plants, lilies, iris, and grasses. After 2 tries with Koi and them being continually eaten, we gave up. I had a general idea of the design we were after and BR&D helped improve upon and build it. The idea was a shaded area between 2 Austrian Pines and an Ash tree fed by a stream and a patio next to it. Seemed to be a good idea when the trees were small, now there is only 1 pine and Winter & Spring-clean up is a chore. The pond was built in 2008. Minor work has been done with the removal of one pine tree and addition of another patio. Note, please stay on paths and patios.

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7. Jennifer & Brian Friend, 27546 E. Elmhurst Place, Aurora

We designed and built the pond in 2011 to be unobtrusive. We wanted a natural backdrop in our yard not a standout feature. It is approximately 8 feet in diameter and 250-gallons. There is a gentle stream and spillway into the pond, which creates the perfect sound to relax and unwind. We enjoyed the pond so much we refocused that corner of our yard, added some Adirondack chairs and often sit with a glass of wine and enjoy the outdoors.

8. Sherry & Pat Myers, 26114 E. Peakview Place, Aurora

We have a waterfall but no pond that is visible, just a holding tank below ground level. We have small grandchildren, so we thought this was the best way to have a water feature but one that no one could get in trouble with. Hearing the waterfall is very peaceful and relaxing to us. The builder/designer was Hipolito with Zaga Landscaping. It was built in 2011.

9. Art & Michelle Wolfe, 6394 S. Millbrook Way, Aurora

Our pond was established in 2009. It's a little over 3,000-gallons with the deepest point being 5-feet. It is the complement to our native plant yard, designed to attract as many of nature's creatures as possible. The pond has a few Shubunkin goldfish (depending on predation) and 9 Koi, is surrounded by native plantings, has a full rock border, and is planted extensively with hardy marginals with a few non-hardies. There are two filters in the pond, the largest driving the waterfall, off the bottom drain, the second provides water flow to the shallower portion. We have introduced Western Chorus Frogs, but they must taste good, because none make it to the spring. The pond is adjacent to our 'Wine Patio' where many hours are spent enjoying quiet time. We are lucky to live adjacent to the Aurora Reservoir and have many terrestrial and flying species that enjoy our haven. We look forward to seeing and meeting you all.

10. Darrell & Kelly Meyer, 6265 S. Millbrook Way, Aurora

Our pond is kidney shaped and contains lilies and other plants. There is a waterfall at the top and the deepest part of the pond is 3-feet deep. We currently have 4 large Koi and 1 large goldfish in the pond. The pond is approximately 8' by 14' and 1,200-gallons. We designed and built the pond in 2009.

11. Beth Morganfield, 26465 E. Walker Drive, Aurora

The pond-less waterfall was built in 2007. It was part of the original landscape design. It was built by Jared Landscaping Design. Overtime the plants and trees have filled in surrounding the waterfall.

12. Teri & Brian Weiher, 26861 E. Arbor Drive, Aurora

Our pond is actually a river that extends 50' through our backyard into a 6' x 6' x 4' basin hidden under flagstone. While there are no Koi or other animals, we are starting to add plants up and down the river and are open for any suggestions. The river holds 500-gallons of recycled water; we rarely have to put tap water in our river. It was first a thought in Brian's head in the Spring of 2009. Then a simple drawing on paper and off to work on building the river. While it takes one person several very long weekends to complete it was all hand built and no changes since.

13. Christine Treat, 26761 E. Arbor Drive, Aurora

A wonderful waterfall cascades down the side of the house from street level, down 1 ½ stories, under a bridge, and empties into a beautiful Koi pond, backing up to the reservoir.

14. Robert Kahn, 26401 E. Arbor Drive, Aurora

The backyard is designed to be an Asian Garden, with a path winding through it. The pond, waterfall, and stream are close to the patio. The pond is approximately 500-gallons, with a waterfall emptying into it. It's about 6' x 4' oval and 3-feet deep. There are about 40 nice sized fish; it's cleaned twice a year. I have an ion generator and an aerator to keep it clean of algae. The pond was built in 2010. I worked with a certified landscape architect and a landscape company. I designed the back yard and the landscape architect helped me choose plants, shrubs, trees, and colors, etc. This Winter, I added a stream that winds under a bridge. The stream was built by Mark Russo of Rocky Mountain Waterscapes, and while it is its own installation, it has the appearance of emanating from the pond.





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■ Pond Tour General Directions

This graphic and directions show only the relative proximity of tour sites. You will need a detailed city map or GPS to determine your route because roads are discontinuous and there are multiple, alternative (and often circuitous) routes. Because of the tour map's scale, only major roads are shown. Directions at right are generally given from the nearest major intersection and are keyed to the numbers on the map. If you visit the sites in the order given, your last stop will be at the picnic site – stop number 14, Kahn residence.

The route takes approximately 2 hours to drive without stopping at ponds and is approximately 30 miles in length.

1

11671 E. Colorado Drive, Aurora

From I-225 & E. Iliff Avenue. Exit I-225 West (right) onto to E. Iliff Avenue, turn North (right) onto S. Peoria Street, turn West (left) onto E. Jewell Avenue, turn North (right) onto E. Colorado Drive.

2

12328 E. Bates Circle, Aurora

From E. Colorado Drive, turn East (left) onto E. Jewell Avenue, turn South (right) onto S. Peoria Street, continue past E. Yale Avenue, turn East (left) onto E. Bates Circle, after turning on E. Bates Circle, take an immediate left (North) turn.

3

14406 E. Warren Place, Aurora

From E. Bates Circle, turn North (right) onto S. Peoria Street, turn, East (right) onto E. Iliff Avenue, pass under I-225, turn North (left) onto S. Sable Blvd. (Sable is on the North side of Iliff, Dillon is on the South), go past E. Baltic Place, turn West (left) onto E. Warren Place.

4

16392 E. Hialeah Drive, Centennial

From E. Warren Place, turn South (right) onto S. Sable Blvd., turn East (left) onto E. Iliff Avenue, turn South (right) onto S. Chambers Road, turn Southeast (left) onto E. Smoky Hill Road, turn South (right) onto S. Buckley Road, turn West (right) onto E. Progress Drive, turn Northwest (right) onto E. Hialeah Drive (not Avenue).

5

5284 S. Jericho Street, Centennial

From E. Hialeah Drive, turn East (left) onto E. Progress Drive, turn North (left) onto S. Buckley Road, turn Southeast (right) onto E. Smoky Hill Road, go past S. Tower Road, turn North (left) onto S. Himalaya Street (Himalaya is on the North side of Smoky Hill, Orchard is on the South), turn East (right) onto E. Progress Avenue, turn Northeast (left) onto S. Ireland Way, turn Southeast (right) onto S. Jericho Street.

6

6868 S. Irvington Court, Aurora

From S. Jericho Street, turn South (left) onto S. Jericho Street, turn East (left) onto E. Crestline Place, turn South (right) onto S. Killarney Street, turn East (left) onto E. Berry Drive, turn South (right) onto S. Picadilly Street (Picadilly is on the North side of Smoky Hill, Liverpool is on the South), turn Southeast (left) onto E. Smoky Hill Road, go past E-470 and S. Aurora Parkway, turn South (right) onto S. Tallyn's Reach Parkway (Tallyn's Reach is on the North side of Smoky Hill, Ider is on the South), turn East (left) onto E. Ottawa Drive (1st left), turn South (right) onto S. Irvington Court.

7

27546 E. Elmhurst Place, Aurora

From S. Irvington Court, turn West (left) onto E. Ottawa Drive, turn South (left) onto E. Tallyn's Reach Parkway, turn East (left) onto E. Arapahoe Road/Parkway, turn Southeast (right) onto E. Smoky Hill Road, turn South (right) onto S. Powhaton Road, turn East (left) onto E. Mineral Drive, go past S. Country Club Parkway, turn Northeast (left) onto S. Blackstone Way, turn North (left) onto S. Valleyhead Way, turn East (right) onto E. Elmhurst Place.

8

26114 E. Peakview Place, Aurora

From E. Elmhurst Place, turn North (right) onto S. Valleyhead Way, turn North (left) onto S. Blackstone Parkway, turn North (right) onto S. Country Club Parkway, turn West (left) onto E. Smoky Hill Parkway (Powhaton Rd. is closed between Smoky Hill & Arapahoe Rd/Prkwy.), turn Northeast (right) onto E. Arapahoe Road/Parkway, turn North (left) onto S. Powhaton Road, turn West (left) onto E. Calhoun Drive (Calhoun is on the West side of Powhaton, Southshore Prkwy. is on the East), turn North (right) onto S. Oak Hill Court/Circle, turn West (left) onto E. Peakview Place.

9

6394 S. Millbrook Way, Aurora

From E. Peakview Place, turn West (left) onto E. Peakview Place, turn North (right) onto S. Oak Hill Circle, turn North (left) onto S. Newbern Way, turn East (right) onto S. Millbrook Way

10

6265 S. Millbrook Way, Aurora

From S. Millbrook Way, turn Northwest (right) onto S. Millbrook Way, go past S. Newcastle Way.

11

26465 E. Walker Drive, Aurora

From S. Millbrook Way, turn North (left) onto S. Millbrook Way, turn Southeast (right) onto S. Powhaton Road, go past S. Newcastle Way, turn East (left) onto E. Walker Drive.

12

26861 E. Arbor Drive, Aurora

From E. Walker Drive, turn Northeast (left) onto E. Walker Drive, turn Southeast (right) onto E. Arbor Drive.

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26761 E. Arbor Drive, Aurora

From E. Arbor Drive, turn North (right) onto E. Arbor Drive.

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26401 E. Arbor Drive, Aurora

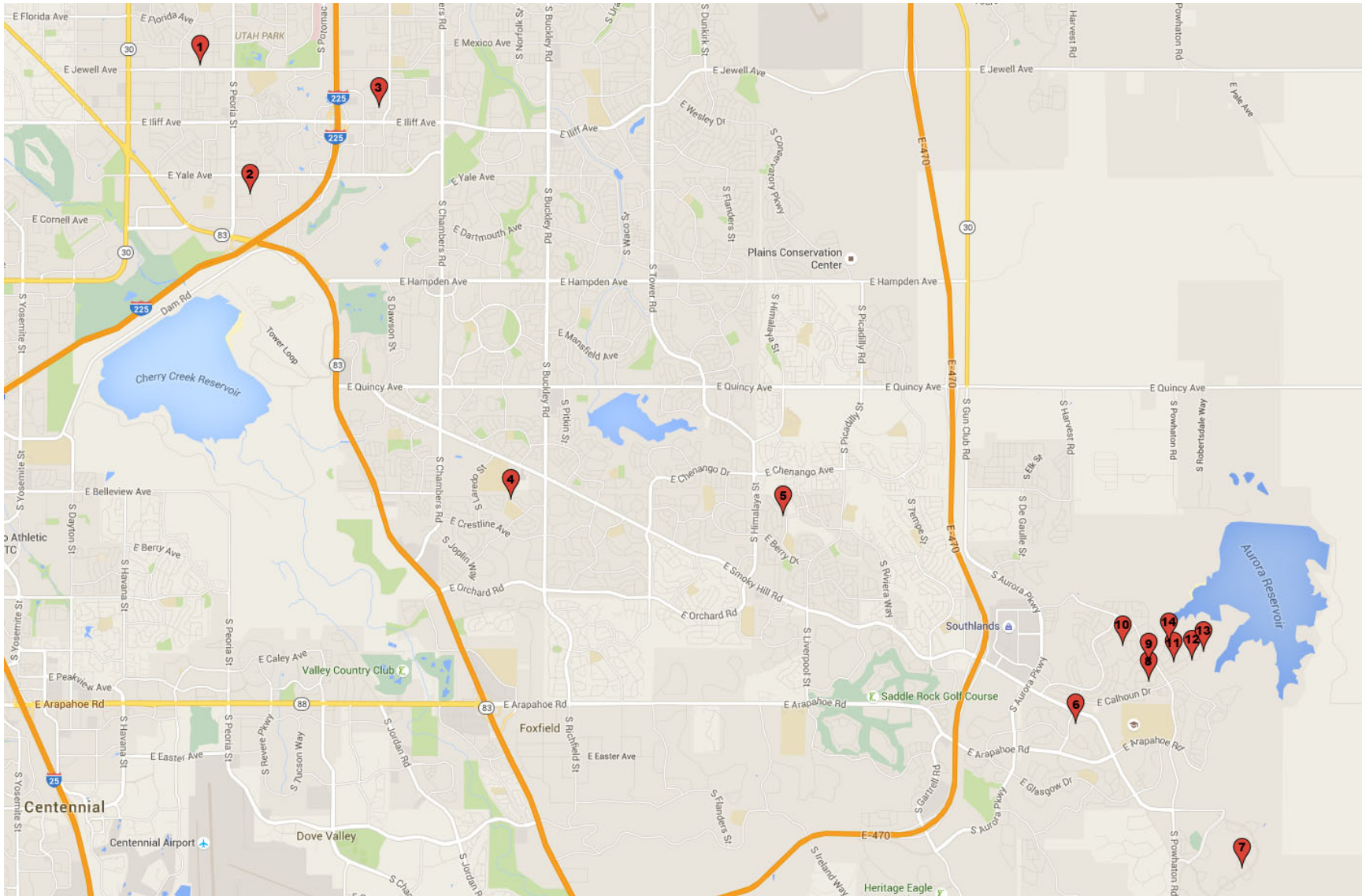
From E. Arbor Drive, turn North (right) onto E. Arbor Drive, follow E. Arbor Drive around the loop Westward.

This is your final destination and host for the Picnic.

Numbered balloons on this map show relative locations of Pond Tour sites. For addresses and a suggested tour itinerary, see the Pond Tour General Directions

2016 Colorado Water Garden Society Pond Tour Area Map

For addresses and suggested route, see the Pond Tour Directions



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July 16: Pond Tour & Picnic Southeast Centennial & Aurora Area

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Tour

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Picnic

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 AM – 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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