Annual Holiday Banquet and White Elephant Gift Exchange

by Dorothy Martinez

Don't miss our upcoming Annual Holiday Banquet scheduled for Thursday, December 15th. The fun begins at 6:00 pm at the Plant Society Building located within the Denver Botanic Gardens, 1007 York Street, Denver, CO.

The Plant Society Building is located at the West end of the staff parking lot. It is immediately adjacent to the Bonsai Garden and Pavilion. From inside the pedestrian area of DBG, the Plant Society Building is reached by walking past the greenhouse structure and West Terrace. If you come in through the Visitor Center, let the staff know you are coming to the Colorado Water Garden Society meeting located in the Plant Society Building.

Come join us to socialize with fellow water gardeners. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm. The Club will provide the main course, drinks, and dessert. Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, or side dish to share. We expect about 30 people to attend.

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After dinner, we will again be hosting the White Elephant Gift Exchange starting around 7:30 pm. We ask everyone to bring a gift worth $10 or less. If you can, try to bring a gift with a water gardening theme. All participants will be asked to draw a number. The person to draw #1 will be the first to select and open the first gift, the person to draw #2 can opt to open a new gift or “steal” #1’s gift, this process will continue until all drawn numbers have opened a gift. Gifts can only be “stolen” three times. After all gifts are opened, #1 will have an opportunity to keep their existing gift or “steal” any gift that is still eligible to be stolen.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137 or dam@johnfunk.com or Fran Hoffman at (303) 978-0124 or koihoffman@yahoo.com.

2017 Calendar - Upcoming Meetings & Events

by Dorothy Martinez

We are working to finalize our programs and meetings for 2017. The final details will be decided after our Board meetings in January and February.

We’re hoping to have Jeremiah Harris from the Colorado Carnivorous Plant Society speak at the March meeting. Jeremiah founded the Colorado Carnivorous Plant Society in February of 2003 with the hope of meeting other carnivorous plant enthusiasts in Colorado. He has been growing carnivorous plants since 1992. He grows over 500 different carnivorous plants of every genus. Jeremiah’s favorite genus is Nepenthes, also called tropical pitcher plants. Jeremiah is working on his 2017 travel plans, so we’ll know after the first of the year if he will be available to speak at our March meeting.

Please see Tamara Kilbane’s article on pages 4 & 5 to see what we have planned for the April Get Wet meeting.

We will be hosting our Annual Plant Swap (May), Plant Sale (June), and Pond Tour & Picnic (July). The Plant Swap will take place at the Denver Botanic Gardens and the Plant Sale will be at Hudson Gardens. We are still in the process of determining what area will host this year’s Pond Tour & Picnic. CWGS members will host two Pond Side meetings; the June meeting will be in Boulder and the August meeting will be in Thornton. We will team up again with the Denver Botanic Gardens to host the Annual Water Blossom Festival in early August.

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2017 Get Wet Presentation – Water Gardening in China

by Tamara Kilbane

In late July 2016, I had the pleasure of serving as the keynote speaker at Guyi Garden’s annual Water Lily and Lotus Symposium in Shanghai, China. My presentation to the group included an overview of the water lily registration process (I serve as the international registrar for water lilies) as well as sharing photos and information about the work we do in the water gardens at DBG. I also took part in a formal signing ceremony for an agreement between Denver Botanic Gardens and Guyi Garden, which includes sharing aquatic plants, staff exchanges, and cooperation on aquatic plant research projects.

The annual lotus and water lily show started on July 1 and ran for a month. The exhibition ponds covered an area of 10,000 square meters and displayed more than 500 varieties of water lily and lotus. The exhibition also included a raft of creatively landscaped lotus displays. The lotus is an iconic flower in Chinese culture and has been a part of Buddhism for thousands of years. The lotus symbolizes purity of heart and mind, as well as honor and tranquility.

The month-long show also featured lotus-themed calligraphy and painting exhibitions, a bonsai exhibition, and a flower arranging show.

Guyi Park is a classic Chinese garden in Shanghai’s Nanxiang town, located about 13 miles from the center of town. It was designed in the classic style indicative to this part of China and is the largest of the five classic gardens in Shanghai.

Min Shiji, a local magistrate during the Ming Dynasty (AD 1368 - 644) originally owned Guyi Park in the Jiajing era. The garden was remodeled extensively in 1746 during Qing Dynasty’s Qianlong era. In 1789, the people in the area pooled their funds and purchased the garden.

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After several reconstructions and extensions, Guyi Park now covers an area of about 24 acres. It includes six main attractions: the Blue Clear Garden, Crane and Pine Garden, Mandarin Duck Lake, White Stork Arbor, Playing Goose Pond, and the Hermitage Pavilion. Some of the highlights include artistic pavements, scrolls covered with Chinese poetry, ancient buildings, winding brooks, and large bamboo forests. The garden is also home to the oldest pagodas in the city; the two Yunxiang Pagodas can be traced back 1,400 years.

Following the symposium, I was asked by the Director of the Lotus Branch of the Chinese Flower Association to give my talk again at the 30th Annual National Lotus Exhibition in Yangzhou. This three day conference drew approximately 400 attendees from across China, including lotus and water lily hybridizers, botanic garden staff, and aquatic plant researchers. It was an amazing experience and a great opportunity to meet people who are doing important work with aquatic plants throughout China.

Please join us for a presentation of this once in a lifetime trip on Thursday, April 27th in Gates Hall located within the Denver Botanic Gardens.

2017 Calendar, Upcoming Meetings, & Events

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In September and October, we hold our Board elections and planning meetings for the next year. We do not plan to host a meeting in November. In December, we host our Annual Holiday Banquet and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please stay tuned and check the website for the latest information and updates at http://www.colowatergardensociety.org
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THIS YEAR

A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

December 15: **Holiday Banquet, Volunteer Recognition, & White Elephant Gift Exchange**
Denver Botanic Gardens, Plant Society Building
Denver, CO

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Social Time
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Dinner
7:30 PM – 7:45 PM – Volunteer Recognition
7:45 PM – 9:00 PM – White Elephant Gift Exchange

Jan. 21: **Board Meeting** – Hoffman Residence, Littleton, CO, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Feb. 18: **Board Meeting** – Aber Residence, Arvada, CO, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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