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### CWGS Meeting & Potluck

**Great Room, Waring House  
Denver Botanic Gardens  
Denver, CO**

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### CWGS Holiday Banquet

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

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Social Time  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Dinner  
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Gift Exchange

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**Waring House, Denver Botanic Gardens**, (photo courtesy of Denver Botanic Gardens)

## October 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting To Take Place in Ruth Porter Waring House

by Jim Arneill

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> inside the Ruth Porter Waring House at 909 York Street, Denver Botanic Gardens.

The venue for our next meeting is one of elegance, beauty, and history - the Ruth Porter Waring Botanic Gardens House. We received special permission to hold our meeting this month inside this spacious former home of the Campbell family, built in 1926 by architect J.J. Benedict. The house is normally used for administrative purposes and only opens for new member tours, haunted history programs, and occasional Doors Open Denver events.

Note the change in date to a week earlier than previously scheduled, and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy catching up with friends and possibly making new acquaintances.

Then at 7:00 pm, our goal will be to follow up on our discussions of last meeting's planning for 2018. If you have any new ideas for our special events in the new year, please bring them to share.

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## October 12th Meeting

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Afterwards, Jim Arneill will make a presentation on the architecture of J.J. Benedict. In addition to the Waring House, Benedict designed numerous other well-known and lesser-known buildings throughout Colorado.

We hope you will be able to attend our last scheduled meeting before the Holiday Banquet on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The house's address is 909 York Street. You may wish to park on the street, on 9th Avenue, or on Gaylord Street; then come in through the rod iron gate and enter through the front door.



Terrain at Stylers, Glen Mills, PA, (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

## IWGS 2017 Symposium at Longwood Gardens

by Vicki Aber

In August, I traveled to Philadelphia for the annual International Waterlily and Water Garden Society (IWGS) symposium. Also from Colorado were Tamara Kilbane, Dorothy Martinez, and Doris Freestone; John Funk (Dorothy's husband) joined us on the last day. What a symposium it was. We had so much crammed into a few days that it was hard to process everything. After seeing many of the other attendee's pictures posted on our Facebook page, I realized everyone had a slightly different experience. Many of the pictures made me realize there were things I missed, especially at Longwood gardens. Now I have to go back!

It fell to Kelly Billing (Kelly talked to our club a couple years ago at Get Wet about lotus) to do the lion's share of organizing the symposium. Kelly was rightfully proud of her home turf and was determined we were to see as much of it as possible. It took me at least a week to rest up after I got home. I imagine Kelly is still recovering.

I got in on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, since I missed the first day of the symposium last year because of missed connections, I didn't want to take a chance on that happening again. Several members of the IWGS Board went shopping to stock the hospitality room and it was quite an interesting experience, as there were different liquor laws than any of us had encountered before.

Tuesday morning we had a Board meeting. It ended up being 4 hours long, but we got a lot of business done since it is much easier to do in person than via monthly phone meetings. I feel like we have a very good group and we are energized to get many programs up and running. Shortly after the Board meeting, people started coming down for their bags and started meeting up with old and new friends. I am an early riser and headed to bed earlier than most. I'm told the hospitality room was hopping until the wee hours each night but I can't speak from experience.

Wednesday morning it was down for breakfast and off to the buses. The buses are always a treat in themselves as a lot of socializing happens there. We visited a really well done retail garden store called Terrain at Stylers. After that, we had an amazing pond tour and lunch. Two tour buses unloaded a herd of people and the pond owners were more than happy to see us and show off their ponds. From there, we went to Chanticleer, an historic estate with extensive gardens. One of the highlights was a huge stand of lotus. We had a picnic dinner there then back to the hotel.



IWGS Pond Tour, (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)



Lotus at Chanticleer, (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

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## IWGS Symposium

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**Victoria Pond at Longwood Gardens,**  
(photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

Thursday was an early day for most of us. We got on the buses at 5:30 am to see the sunrise at Longwood Gardens. We saw the night blooming lilies fully open and the Victoria lilies in their glory. It was very inspiring. Tim Jennings talked to us about the lily area. Then off to the general meeting and then the lectures. In some cases, there were talks in two places, so one had to make a choice between two simultaneous lectures. I listened to Kathy Jentz's talk about social media. The other concurrent talk was by Yu Cuiwei on hybridizing tropical lilies with specific cold tolerance genes. Laura Bancroft then gave a very informative talk on lotus. I have a very long wish list now. We may order some of her wonderful lotus for the club to sell next year.

Next, we had another choice, see the trial lilies or get a tour of the famous Longwood fountains and their complete renovation. I chose the trial lilies. As usual, there are some very exciting things going on with the hybridizers. Because breakfast was light, lunch at the cafeteria was a must. If one ate fast, it left little time to get out and see the gardens.



**Fountain Show at Longwood Gardens,**  
(photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

The first afternoon lecture was Anthony Archer-Wills with some beautiful slides of water features and some great tips. Next Stanton Gil talked about plant pests with some great discussion about dealing with unwanted bugs. After a short break, we had a panel discussion with Tamara Kilbane, Tim Jennings, John Sou, and Danny Cox; these are always great and go in unexpected directions. Next was dinner (one doesn't starve at symposia), then back to Longwood for a pond side talk by Tim Jennings about the Victoria lilies and their history at Longwood. The real high point of the evening ended with the fountain show! It was spectacular, like fireworks only much better. Off to sleep and back on the busses at 8:30 am.

Friday we went to Mt. Cuba Center, a botanical garden dedicated to native plants. It was hard to believe we were so close to the city. After that was Winterthur, another historic estate with amazing gardens that we saw by foot and tram. We then departed for North Creek Nurseries for a tour of their state of the art facility, along with some snacks and libations. Everyone looked as beat as I felt by then. We then had a few minutes to 'freshen up' at the hotel before the banquet and auction. Delicious food as well as an entertaining and profitable silent/live auction was enjoyed by all in attendance. The banquet is always bittersweet because you know that tomorrow everyone will be scattering to the winds until next year.



**Solarium at Mt. Cuba Center,** (photo  
courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

Writing this I realized what a whirlwind it was. If you weren't there, you really should be jealous and making plans to attend next year. We will be visiting the International Waterlily Collection located in San Angelo Texas and participating in Lily Fest 2018. There will be a longer tour of other notable water garden destinations in Texas. Start saving your pennies now, the 2019 symposium will be in France.

## **If You Like Your Canna Lilies.....**

**by Brenda Parsons-Hier**

As temperatures drop, decisions have to be made about your canna lilies. Do you try to winter them over or compost them? We so appreciate and value ours, we try to save our rhizomes every year. In the fall, we pull the pots out of the pond and let the pots drain and dry out.

After the first heavy frost/light freeze knocks the foliage back, I trim all the foliage off about one inch above the soil. Leaving them in their pots, we move them to our unheated, insulated garage where they won't freeze solid. Half way through the winter (mid to late December), I lightly water them once. More frequent watering tends to make them rot. In March or April, when growth starts to appear in one pot, I water them again. One or 2 days later I turn over the pots, remove the cream-colored rhizomes with their growth tips and roots. I then clean off and discard the dark dead rhizomes.

I repot the rhizomes putting several rhizomes in one, two, or three-gallon pots. Keeping labels close by helps me label pots correctly. Left over rhizomes get planted in 1-gallon pots and are given to friends and at the Plant Swap meeting in May. All pots go into our sunny basement room. After 1 to 3 weeks, most rhizomes are sprouting. This method does require space in the garage, which can be limited. One club member also uses this method with his taro plants, it also works with Voodoo lilies. This year, I am also going to try this method with our caladiums.

Other club members bring their canna lilies and taros inside to a sunny room, trim the foliage back, and let the plants stay growing all winter. One caveat for this method is the foliage can get quite leggy.

So if you like your canna lilies (and want to save money ☺), give them a chance to come back next year.

Thank you to Vicki, Teresa, Larry, and Rebecca for sharing their ideas.

## **2017 – 2018 Board Elections**

by Tamara Kilbane

Board elections were held at the September 21<sup>st</sup> CWGS meeting. Dorothy Martinez's term was up as the club's Treasurer and Trina Jacobson was voted in as the new Treasurer. Brenda Parsons-Hier agreed to stay on as the club's President and the vote was unanimous. Vicki and Tamara's terms are not yet up for re-election and both are staying on the board in their roles as Vice President and Secretary respectively.

Dennis Weatherman, Sue Weatherman, Gabriella Bertelmann, Janet Bathurst, Jim Arneill, Teresa Burkert, Rebecca Nash, and Peter Hier are staying on as Board Members at Large. Dorothy Martinez was voted in to replace Fran Hoffman as a Board Member at Large since Fran's term was up.

## CWGS Holiday Banquet

by Dorothy Martinez

Don't forget to add Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to your calendar. We will be hosting our Annual Holiday Banquet and Gift Exchange. There will be time to socialize starting at 6:00 pm, the banquet will be from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, and the gift exchange will begin about 7:30 pm. All festivities will be held in the Plant Society Building located within the Denver Botanic Gardens.

This is always a popular event. Keep a look out for more details to come in the next Newsletter. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



### New and Returning Members for July - September 2017

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## THIS YEAR

*A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:*

**October 19: Potluck, 2018 Planning Meeting, & Presentation by Jim Arneill featuring the Architecture of Jules Jacque Benois Benedict**  
**Great Room, Waring House, Denver Botanic Gardens**  
**Denver, CO**  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Dec. 14: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition, – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**