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Annual Plant Swap

**Business Office
Hudson Gardens
Littleton, CO**

Thursday, May 24th
Potluck
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Plant Swap
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Annual Plant Sale

**Patio of Business Office
Hudson Gardens
Littleton, CO**

Sunday, June 3rd
Members Only
9:00 am – 10:00 am
Public
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Online at:

www.colowatergardensociety.org



Map of Hudson Gardens – Business Office Location is #6, (photo courtesy of The Hudson Gardens and Event Center)

Annual CWGS Plant Swap by Vicki Aber

Our next meeting will be May 24th. It is a potluck and our Annual Plant Swap. This year we will be at Hudson Gardens located at 6115 South Santa Fe Drive in Littleton. Our usual meeting place at Denver Botanic Gardens is temporarily unavailable due to the construction they are starting, so we won't be there for this meeting. The potluck starts at 6:00 pm and the Swap is at 7:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Please park in the Main Parking Lot. When you 1st arrive, leave your plants in your car and come to the Business Office first. We will have a golf cart available to pick up the plants from your car and transport them to the Business Office.

Walk through the gate located to the left of the Welcome Center & Gift Shop. Go around to the back of the Welcome Center & Gift Shop and proceed to the Victoria Pond, continue around the Victoria Pond and then proceed on the path heading westward, go right on the first path toward the Rose Garden, proceed around the Rose Garden and proceed to the Business Office. You will see the porch/patio area to the left of the main entrance. This is the area where the Swap will take place.

What is the swap? It is just what it says. Bring plants that you are willing to trade for other plants. Do you have lilies climbing out of their pots? Get to dividing and bring the extras. Do you have marginal plants that have overgrown their area? Someone else may be thrilled to have them. Do you have a plant that just isn't working out for you? Bring it. Do you have plants that you love and just want to share? Those are always appreciated by all.

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CWGS Plant Swap

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'Moonbeam' Lotus, (photo courtesy of Ten Mile Creek Nursery)



'Red at Sunset' Lotus, (photo courtesy of Ten Mile Creek Nursery)



'Jade Tower with Drunkard' Lotus, (photo courtesy of Ten Mile Creek Nursery)

We will gather around the plants and everyone will say what they brought and a little about them. If they bloom, what color they are. If you know the variety, that is helpful. If there are special requirements for the plant, let us know. Once everyone has shared the information about his or her plants, the fun begins. Hopefully, as people are telling about their plants, you are getting an idea of what you would like to bring home. For every item you bring, you may pick one item from someone else's offerings. It is on the honor system. Once everyone has gotten what they are entitled to, we will open it up for people that didn't bring anything or only brought a couple things, but would like to take home more.

You say you don't have any pond plants to bring. Maybe you are fairly new to the hobby and nothing you have needs dividing. Please come anyway. We don't limit items to pond plants. Maybe you have a terrestrial plant you could bring. Everyone likes houseplants. Maybe you have some decorative pots that you won't be using or a lawn gnome that isn't really happy at your house.

Still nothing to bring? There are plenty of people in the Club that have many plants to share, but don't need many new plants, so there are always some left over. If nothing else, listening to what people have to say about their plants is very informative.

More Lotus Offered for Sale at the Plant Swap by Vicki Aber

My sincere apologies for not having the lotus available at the last meeting. Hopefully everyone has received theirs and gotten them planted. We weren't expecting as big a demand for the lotus as we experienced.

We have decided to order more lotus to help make up for not everyone getting what they wanted. It seemed the smaller lotus were the most in demand, so that is what we have concentrated on with this order.

We will bring the lotus to the next meeting (the Plant Swap) at Hudson Gardens on Thursday, May 24th. Any left after that meeting will be available at the Plant Sale on Sunday, June 3rd. The lotus will be offered for \$20 each.

Here are names and descriptions of the lotus we will be selling:

Moonbeam

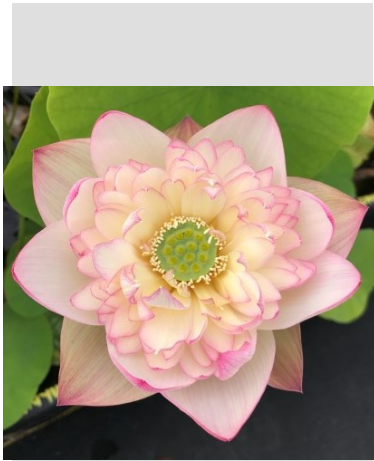
Very rich dark, pink flower on the first day, which changes to light pink in the center. The shape is wonderful and it blooms all summer long.

Flower Color: Pink

Plant size: Small to Medium

Flower Type: Double

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'Junyu' Lotus, (photo courtesy of Ten Mile Creek Nursery)



'Meizhong Hong' Lotus, (photo courtesy of Ten Mile Creek Nursery)



'Decorated Lantern' Lotus, (photo courtesy of Ten Mile Creek Nursery)

More Lotus Offered for Sale at the Plant Swap

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Red at Sunset

Deep red petals and a lovely flower shape make 'Red at Sunset' a favorite. The large flower is usually cup-shaped on the first day and then opens wide. Always dependable and easy to grow!

Flower Color: Red

Plant Size: Small

Flower Type: Single

Jade Tower with Drunkard

Excellent for planting in very small pots! This little lotus blooms, and blooms, and blooms! From spring through summer, it will produce lots of flowers. It is perfect for a small pot on the patio and is well suited for miniaturizing when placed in an extra small pot since it is an *exquisite of bowl lotus*.

Flower Color: Versicolor

Plant Height: Micro/Small, Exquisite of Bowl Lotus

Flower Type: Semi-double/Sometimes Single

Junyu Lotus

This beautiful lotus is named after a very famous horticulturist from China. Its small size makes it perfect for those who have limited space or who would like to try growing it in a small bowl. It has delicate reddish-pink color rimming the petals of a very organized and orderly flower. Its appearance is sometimes made more dramatic by green petaloids.

Flower Color: Changeable

Plant Height: Small

Flower Type: Multi-petal

Meizhong Hong

A petite and elegant lotus that will fit perfectly into a small pot on a patio or table top! This dwarf lotus produces lots of blooms even when grown in smaller containers. Lovely, classic lotus with an open and airy few-petal flower.

Flower Color: Red

Plant Height: Small

Flower Type: Few-petal

Decorated Lantern

Both the leaves and blooms of this lotus are beautiful and it is well suited for growing in a pot or pond. The first day flower is red and the color changes each day with the center becoming a warm creamy white while the outer tips are dark pink.

Flower Color: Changeable

Plant Size: Small

Flower Type: Semi-Double

2018 CWGS Plant Sale by Vicki Aber

Our Annual Plant Sale is coming up fast. The Sale day is Sunday, June 3rd. We will be at Hudson Gardens again this year. The plants we have ordered will be up on the website soon so you can start planning your purchases.

The Plant Sale is our main fundraiser for the year. It takes a lot of work to put it on. Saturday, June 2nd we will meet at Hudson Gardens at 9:00 am to start set up. We will unpack and inventory the ordered plants (like Christmas!) We will sort and label those plants as well as any donated plants. This usually takes a couple of hours and we are done before noon.

Sunday, June 3rd we will start at 8:00 am getting all the finishing touches done before the Sale begins. The CWGS members may start shopping at 9:00 am with the public invited to start shopping at 10:00 am. The Sale usually wraps up between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm.

As the saying goes, it takes a village. We need as much help as we can get these two days. We will need people on Saturday to help with getting the plants ready for Sunday. We need help during the Sale on Sunday to assist shoppers in getting just the right plant. Of course, at the end of the day, we will need help with clean up.

We also need plants to sell. If you have any plants to donate, it really helps if we get them by 11:00 am on Saturday, so we can get them labeled and priced. Sunday can be somewhat chaotic.

Any questions contact Vicki Aber 303-423-9216 or docvicki@msn.com.

Pond Side and Workshop on June 23rd in Elbert, CO by Suzy Oligmueller and Brenda Parsons-Hier

We have a great opportunity to visit Suzy and Dan Oligmueller's lushly landscaped yard and greenhouses at 12225 Northcliff Road, Elbert, CO 80106. The event will take place on Saturday, June 23rd from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Suzy first became interested in ponds when she decided to add a 10 gallon pond to her vegetable garden to attract frogs; in turn, the frogs would eat the insets in the garden. Her husband Dan made the mistake of buying Suzy her first pond book. All plans went out the window within the first chapter. The planned 10 gallon pond quickly grew to 10,000 gallons. She was not quite sure how to tell her husband the size had grown just a bit. Driving to Denver to buy a pond liner, Dan mentioned a very small pond might not be big enough. This provided good timing for Suzy to break the news that the 10 foot X 10 foot liner had grown to 30 feet X 40 feet. Since then, more ponds have been added and 5 green houses have been built to house aquatic plants.

Water's Edge was created in 1998 when Suzy realized all the plant propagating she was doing for herself and friends could become a successful business. Currently, she grows over 100 varieties of hardy and tropical water plants. Water's Edge will provide the Colorado Water Garden Society with a workshop on building floating islands. Members will have a chance to build their own islands or purchase islands already planted. Island sizes are available in 10 inch to 24 inch rings. The rings are handcrafted at her location and will last throughout multiple seasons in your pond. All materials and plants will be available as a kit to members. Many plants will be available for purchase. An extra discount will be given for cash payments. Everyone who attends will receive a 4 ½ inch marginal plant for free. There will be a special on water hyacinths and water lettuce for \$1.00 each on this day only. One 14 inch floating island will be given away as a door prize. Suzy looks forward to hosting our Club and answering any questions we may have about aquatic plants. For more information, visit her website at: www.WatersEdgeColorado.com.

As usual, we will have a potluck, so please bring a dish to share. There are two maps are on the next page as well as a map posted on the CWGS website. Look for a CWGS Pond Tour sign in their front yard. Carpooling might be a good idea. Since Suzy is bringing in helpers to guide us through island making, Brenda needs an RSVP for attendance numbers to share with Suzy. Contact Brenda at moose.4bph@q.com or 303-278-2106 by June 16th. We hope to see you there!

Pond Side and Workshop on June 23rd in Elbert, CO

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April 2018

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THIS YEAR

A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

May 24: Potluck & CWGS Annual Plant Swap
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June 3: CWGS Plant Sale
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Public
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

June 23: Pond Side Program – Water's Edge, Picnic Potluck, Elbert, CO, 12:00 AM – 3:00 PM

July 21: CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic – Arvada & Golden Area, Pond Tour 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Picnic 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

August 4: Water Blossom Festival – Monet Pond Area, Docent Tours of DBG Gardens & Opportunity to Buy a Venus Fly Trap, DBG, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

August 25: Pond Side Program – Blakley/Hamm Residence, Picnic Potluck, Lafayette, CO, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Sept. 20: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, Presentation featuring a round-robin discussion on pond experiences & favorite plants, & 2019 Planning Meeting – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Oct. 18: Potluck, possible Ghosts in the Gardens' Tour, & 2019 Planning Meeting – Great Room, Waring House, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Dec. 13: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition, – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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