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### **Water Blossom Celebration**

**Monet Pond Area  
Denver Botanic Gardens**

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

### **Pond Side Meeting**

**Blakley/Hamm Residence  
Lafayette, CO**

**Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

Online at:  
[www.colowatergardensociety.org](http://www.colowatergardensociety.org)



**Carolyn Blakley & Joel Hamm's Pond, Lafayette,** (photo courtesy of Carolyn Blakley)

## **August Pond Side Meeting, Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**by Carolyn Blakley**

I have had one version or another of a water garden since 2003. I started out with a two-level garden with a whisky barrel spilling into a kidney pond with some lilies and cattails. I then added a patio pond that my son designed and built.

I met and married my husband in 2007, it was my great luck that I an avid gardener fell for a landscaper! We moved in 2008, bringing the patio pond with us, to a home with one tree, dead grass, and a rock border lining the fence. The first summer we lived there, we had our patio pond and I dug out two holes to put barrel liners into the ground for my pond fix.

Over the years, my husband has installed ponds designed by other people, so he has gotten a feel for what works and what doesn't. He also attended a CWGS Pond Tour with me. Throughout the years I have attended several CWGS Pond tours to see some beautiful ponds and get some great ideas.

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## CWGS August Pond Side Meeting

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In 2016, we decided to finally build our pond. We designed an approximately 1,800 gallon "semi-formal" pond with a wall and a waterfall spilling into the pond, with lush plantings and tropical plants behind it. We love it!

We also appreciated the advice we received from Bill and Janet Bathurst. They were a great resource when it came to plants. Bill also gave us the best advice when he said "lay out your pond, then make it at least 3 times bigger." We did just that and were concerned maybe it would be too big, but he was right. Also, I picked the orientation of the pond in the yard from seeing one of Vicki Aber's ponds. The CWGS members are a great resource! I look forward to having everyone over in August.

The pond side will be from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at 2877 Blue Jay Way, Lafayette 80026. There will also be a picnic potluck. Please bring a main dish, appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Please bring your own drinks and a chair(s) for yourself and any guests.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Parsons-Hier at (303) 278-2106 or [moose.4bph@q.com](mailto:moose.4bph@q.com)

## CWGS Water Blossom Celebration

by Teresa Burkert



Monet Pond, Denver Botanic Gardens, (photo courtesy of Denver Botanic Gardens)

Please join us August 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Denver Botanic Gardens Monet Pond area for the annual Water Blossom Celebration! Visitors every year enjoy tours of the beautiful ponds and the beauty of some of our favorite flowers. This is an opportunity to share your knowledge of water plants as well as ask any questions you may have. We all learn from one another!!

Tours begin at 9:30 am from the Monet Pond and will be given by Denver Botanic Gardens' docents Jim Arneill and Bill Powell. The Aquatics Education cart will be at the NE corner of the Monet Pond. We plan to have a Victoria Water Lily leaf and will try to have a lotus plant moved to be near the cart. Information and brochures about all topics relating to water gardening and aquatics will be available.

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## CWGS Water Blossom Celebration

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**Four Towers Pond, Denver Botanic Gardens,** (photo courtesy of Denver Botanic Gardens)

There will be a great selection of carnivorous plants from the aquatic plants' greenhouse to view including Sundews, Pitcher Plants, and Venus Fly Traps. We also hope to have a Mosaic Plant to view as well.

For those interested, there will also be some Pitcher Plants (Sarracenia 'Scarlet Belle') available to repot and take home (while supplies last). There will be various aquatic plants to give away as well!

We always enjoy talking to visitors, encouraging new CWGS members, and love seeing all of the gorgeous plants and beautiful flowers bloom.

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Burkert at either (720) 219-6481 or [terburkert85@gmail.com](mailto:terburkert85@gmail.com).



**Pitcher Plant, Sarracenia 'Scarlet Belle',** (photo courtesy of [plantdelights.com](http://plantdelights.com))

## Thank You to Our 2018 Pond Tour Participants

by Rebecca Nash

We just want to give a very special thank you to our 2018 Pond Tour participants. Without your vital involvement and generosity in opening your yards for our members and their guests to tour and enjoy them, the Pond Tour would not be possible.

It was wonderful to tour the many ponds and water features. It is always great to see the many variations of everyone's water features, be they large or small. Each participant reported they had a steady stream of visitors throughout the day.

We would also like to thank Dorothy Martinez and her husband John Funk for hosting the Picnic. We had between 50 – 60 people attend and everyone seemed to really enjoy the good food and company.

Again, we want to extend our sincerest thanks to everyone!



**Mosaic Plant, Ludwigia sedioides,** (photo courtesy of [worldoffloweringplants.com](http://worldoffloweringplants.com))

## Pond Side Meeting at Water's Edge in Elbert, CO

by Dorothy Martinez

The Pond Side Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> was a complete success. About 25 people drove out to Elbert to tour Water's Edge and participate in creating a floating island or a plant pocket using a women's nylon stocking to take home.

The Club would like to extend it's sincerest thanks to Suzy Oligmueller and her staff for their wonderful hospitality. Suzy opened up her five greenhouses for everyone to peruse and everyone was invited to take home a 4 ½" plant of their choice. We hope to offer more programs like this in the future.

## Victoria Water Lilies Blooming at Hudson Gardens

by Dorothy Martinez

The Victoria Water Lilies are blooming at Hudson Gardens. We are averaging about 3 – 4 blooms per week. Hudson was fortunate to have some free PR when Channel 9 News did a story about the Victoria Water Lilies. The piece aired on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. To see the story, go to:

<https://www.9news.com/video/life/rare-flower-in-bloom-at-hudson-gardens-in-littleton/73-8188992>

We also did a Pop-up Bloom Event on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> that was announced on social media as well as through a blast e-mail. Expectations were more than exceeded as just under 150 people attended the event. My husband, John Funk took a time lapse of the lily opening, here is a link to that video:

[https://youtu.be/Wg9IL\\_4S\\_is](https://youtu.be/Wg9IL_4S_is)

## “Everything About Aquatics” Free Online Class Offered from Longwood Gardens

by Longwood Gardens/Dorothy Martinez

Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania is offering a free, online course titled “Everything About Aquatics”. The course is designed to transport the Waterlily Display at Longwood to wherever you and your web-enabled device are. This course is perfect for aquatic enthusiasts and experts. The course will be offered through September 30, 2018.

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To register, please go to:

[https://longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/everything-about-aquatics-online-open-class?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Enroll%20Now&utm\\_campaign=Aquatics%20MOOC](https://longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/everything-about-aquatics-online-open-class?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Enroll%20Now&utm_campaign=Aquatics%20MOOC)

I took this course and it is well worth the time and effort. It is well done and very informative.

## Upcoming CWGS Events

by Dorothy Martinez

Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Potluck starting at 6:00 pm, Meeting starting at 7:00 pm  
Plant Society Building  
Denver Botanic Gardens

Potluck, Annual Board Elections, 2019 Meeting Planning, and Round-Robin discussion about members' personal water gardening experience and favorite water plants

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Potluck starting at 6:00 pm, Meeting starting at 7:00 pm  
Great Room, Waring House  
Denver Botanic Gardens

Potluck, 2019 Meeting Planning, and a Ghosts in the Gardens tour

No Meeting Planned for November

Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Social starts at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm, Gift Exchange at 7:30 pm  
Plant Society Building  
Denver Botanic Gardens

The club will provide the main dish, drinks, and dessert. Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, or side dish.



### New and Returning Members for June & July 2018

**June 2018**  
**Carri Currier**  
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**July 2018**  
**Carolyn Blakley**  
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- Pond Tour (July) \_\_\_\_\_
- Water Blossom Festival (August) \_\_\_\_\_

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## THIS YEAR

*A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:*

**August 4: Water Blossom Celebration  
Monet Pond Area, Denver Botanic Gardens, CO**

Docent Lead Tours

Information About Water Gardening & Water Garden Plants

Repot & Take Home a Carnivorous Pitcher Plant, (while supplies last)

Free Plants

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**August 25: Pond Side Program  
Blakley/Hamm Residence  
Lafayette, CO**

Picnic/Potluck

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, 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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