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Blossoms of Light at Denver Botanic Gardens, (photo courtesy of Denver Botanic Gardens)

Annual Holiday Banquet and Gift Exchange

by Brenda Parsons-Hier

Hopefully you can join us on Thursday, December 13th for our annual Holiday Banquet. We will meet in the Plant Society Building located within the Denver Botanic Gardens at 1007 York Street, Denver.

We start at 6:00 pm with social time visiting with friends and people you might not have seen for a while. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm. And of course, there will be delicious food. The club provides the main course, drinks, and dessert. Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, or side dish to share. Attendance is usually about 30 people.

At about 7:30 pm we start the optional gift exchange, which will be explained at that time. Members have been bringing quality, interesting garden themed gifts valued between \$10 and \$15. I smile when I look at the various gifts we have received in the past, whether they are in our back yard, on our table, or on our Christmas tree.

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To find the Plant Society Building you will need to enter through the Pinon Gate located just North of the Visitor Center entrance. Share with the greeters that you are there to attend the Colorado Water Garden Society meeting in the Plant Society Building. If you don't tell the greeters this, you will have to walk the Blossoms of Light circuit. Walk west past the Greenhouses/Orangery and the West Terrace. After going down the stairs or ramp, turn right. The Japanese Bonsai Garden and Pavilion will be on your left. Keep walking until you see the small Plant Society Building on your left.

Let's hope the weather be good on December 13th, so we can have this enjoyable yearly event. Remember that Blossoms of Light will be going on, so the parking garage fills up quickly. Come early if you can. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Brenda Parsons-Hier at 303-278-2106 or moose.4bph@q.com.

2019 Board & Planning Meetings

by Brenda Parsons-Hier

It's hard to believe 2018 is almost over. CWGS has had a wonderful year of plant swapping, plant sales, pond-sides, pond tour, Get Wet, Water Blossom Celebration, and interesting meetings. And of course, there was a lot of good food.

The dates and locations for 2019 are mostly finalized. With this in mind, Saturday, January 19^{th} and Saturday, February 16^{th} will be our time to plan our new meetings and activities. The Board will be meeting from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Plant Society Building located in Denver Botanic Gardens. These meetings are open to all members and your participation would be welcome. We will discuss the activities of 2018, see what went well, and what we would like to change for 2019. If you have ideas, but can't come, feel free to e-mail your thoughts to me or any other Board member.

We start the meeting with a potluck, then spend the rest of the time organizing. The February 16th meeting will complete the planning.

Thank you for making 2019 such a successful year for the club.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 303-278-2106 or moose.4bph@q.com

Symposium Preview, IWGS in France 2019

By Nick Long

With the 2018 symposium upon us, it is time to gently lift the veil from the upcoming 2019 symposium...

As some of you may know, the host country has been selected a while ago already, and it will be France! When one considers France from a water gardening perspective, many things may come to mind, but I'm pretty sure Claude Monet's "Nymphéas" is pretty close to the top of the list. The world-famous paintings (actually approximately 250 of them) are one the historical landmarks when it comes to popularization of water plants and how amazingly the simplest water feature can change any garden or terrace.

Claude Monet lived and worked for many years in the small village of Giverny (500 souls currently live there), 75 km (45 miles) north west of Paris. As a consequence, diving into Monet's legacy naturally brings most people to "Ile-de-France", the busy region surrounding Paris, France. This is precisely where the 2019 IWGS Symposium hosting team, led by members of the IWGS European chapter, the European Waterlily and Lotus Association (EWLA), propose to start our annual gathering.

Paris, "City of Light" for a double reason: its role as a key intellectual center during the "Siècle des Lumières" (Enlightenment period, late 17th to late 18th century), primarily, and its early adoption of street lighting. As the capital of France, Paris is well equipped with significant transportation "hubs": Paris "Charles de Gaulle" International Airport, and several International bullet train stations well connected to London, Frankfurt, Barcelona, Geneva, Torino, and more via the world-famous "TGV" ("Train à Grande Vitesse", High-Speed Train), running at 300 to 360 kph (180 to 220 mph).

A short one-and-a-half-hour ride to Giverny will allow us to discover Monet's house, garden, and now Museum, in addition to the paintings visible in Paris itself at the Orangerie Museum. The garden especially, of course, is a dazzling and immense piece of water gardening magic, now under the greatest care by an experienced team of gardeners who we'll be able to meet with.



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Claude Monet Bridge, Giverny, France, (photo courtesy of Ariane Cauderlier, www.giverny.org)



Latour-Marliac, Le Temple-sur-Lot, France, (photo courtesy of www.latour-marliac.com)



Jardin Botanique Exotique Val-Rahmeh, Menton, France, (photo courtesy of Charlotte Weychan, www.gardenvisit.com)

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Another, more modern, piece of magic, the aforementioned TGV, will then comfortably bring us in a bit more than 3 hours to the city of Agen (famous for its prunes), headed towards the other "root" of Monet's legacy: the nursery whose creations triggered his absolute passion for *Nymphaeas*. Enshrined in the little river village of Le-Temple-sur-Lot (1,000 inhabitants nowadays), the nursery created by Joseph Bory Latour-Marliac in 1875 is still there, extremely well preserved, and continues its development. It is in this very site, one of the birthplaces of contemporary water gardening in Europe, that we will stay to share our passion of water gardening in 2019. Home of the educational sessions, the Latour-Marliac nursery will be our home for roughly two days of keynotes, presentations, and panel discussions. Neighboring gardens and site visits (including fantastic water gardens) will of course be offered for companions, and for those who may want to get some time away of the conference rooms.

Once full of newly acquired and shared knowledge, we will be heading towards southwestern France's most vibrant and most famous city: Bordeaux! Perhaps better known than the city itself, Bordeaux wines have been a global hit for as long as our generations can remember. Quite naturally, we couldn't be on our way to Bordeaux without some wine tasting, and we're pretty sure you'll enjoy visiting one or two wineries and tasting some of their extraordinary production right there. But Bordeaux is also home to at least two other wonders: its botanical garden, with a great aquatic section, and... French cuisine! France has two proper capitals of gastronomy and these are Lyon and Bordeaux, therefore we couldn't help sharing at least one with you, and we couldn't dream of a better location for our gala dinner!

For some of you, Bordeaux might be the end of this already fantastic journey, and another TGV will bring you back to Paris on your way home (or more European adventures!). But perhaps you'll want a bit more... and we thought about it. We know some of you may be coming a looooooong way to join us, therefore we have prepared an "extended" option just for you.

This extension will bring us to another world-famous part of France: the French Riviera. On the Mediterranean coast in the southeastern part of France, only a short one-hour flight away from Bordeaux, next to the Italian border, Nice is the capital city of the Riviera. Next door to Menton (famous for its orange and lemon trees), Cannes, Saint-Tropez, and Monaco (do I really need to present these?), the Riviera is not only a jet-setter destination, it is also home to some of Europe's most luxurious gardens, thanks to a very favorable climate and prestigious landlords. We are proposing to you a unique guided tour of these exclusive gardens over two days, some of which will open just for us, where water features and aquatic plants are playing a key role.

We couldn't help putting a little focus around the Lotus for this part of the trip, with so many of them being presented in our selection of gardens, but also thanks to the presence of some experts and specialized nurseries in the area. This will make it a great educational supplement as well.

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The last of this 3-days extension will most likely bring us to Aix-en-Provence, the "Little Paris" of Provence, before we head back towards Paris or a destination of your choice from neighboring Marseille Provence International Airport or TGV station (1-hour flight/3-hour bullet train to Paris, and a large number of international flights direct from there).

Amazing, right? The European Waterlily and Lotus Association team is thrilled to welcome our friends and colleagues from all over the world, to share with you France's and Europe's incredible legacy and contribution to the history of water gardening, in the past, present, and future!

Come and meet with our breeders, nurserymen, collectors, and more importantly the passionate European aficionados, to share and explore together.

The 2019 Symposium of the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society, hosted by its European Chapter, the European Waterlily and Lotus Association, will take place around August 21st – 29th 2019 (final program pending) in France. We are looking forward to meeting all of you there!

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