Besides adding color with their beautiful flowers, cannas also often have attractive foliage, (photo courtesy of Jim Arneill)

A Colorful Addition to Any Pond or Water Feature – “The Magnificent Cannas” - Headline Program at Get Wet on Thursday, April 18th

by Jim Arneill

Please join us for our inaugural meeting of the year Get Wet 2019! The program will be held on Thursday, April 18th in Mitchell Hall at Denver Botanic Gardens starting at 6:00 pm and is free to attend. Since it takes place after hours at Denver Botanic Gardens, you may park in the garage and enter across the street through the Pinon Gate, north of the Visitor Center. After entering the Boettcher Memorial Center, Mitchell Hall is the first set of doors on the right.

One of the best ways to prepare for the upcoming water gardening season is to begin planning for the beautiful plants to incorporate in your pond or water feature. This year’s program, co-sponsored by Colorado Water Garden Society and Denver Botanic Gardens, will spotlight one of the most colorful flowering marginals - the canna.

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Tips on the planting, care, and overwintering of these tropical beauties will be shared, and a limited number of bare root canna rhizomes will be offered for sale before and after the program (no credit cards, cash or check only please).

In addition to the often-striking foliage of cannas, there is a broad range of colors in the flowers of the various varieties available. Some, including the popular ‘Endeavor’ and ‘Ra’ hybrids, were developed at Longwood Gardens to be water plants. Several other canna varieties have also been found to grow well in water features.

You will gain many insights for enhancing the beauty of your pond from this year’s program, which will also include information about other water gardening events this year.

A limited number of bare-root canna rhizomes will be available for sale from 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm. No credit cards will be accepted, cash or check only. The rhizomes available will be: ‘Ra’ (yellow), ‘Erebus’ (pink), ‘Endeavor’ (red), ‘Tony’ (orange), ‘Australia’ (deep orange), ‘Blueberry Sparkler’ (pink), ‘Emerald Sunset’ (yellow with orange center), ‘Paton’ (yellow with orange center), and ‘Bengal Tiger/Pretoria’ (orange).

The program about cannas and upcoming events will take place from 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm. Another opportunity to purchase canna rhizomes will be available from 7:45 pm - 8:00 pm.

This will be a very special first program of 2019, and we hope you can attend!

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Jim Arneill at 303-843-9619 or arneill4@comcast.net.
DBG Spring Plant Sale - Join Us!

by Brenda Parsons-Hier

Spring is here and yes, it will probably snow again. However, it is never too soon to start thinking of what plants we would like for our water features this year. A great place to fulfill those wishes is the Denver Botanic Gardens’ Spring Plant Sale. An amazing diversity of water plants will be offered as usual at the Aquatics Booth. And of course, many other terrestrial plants will be available from 15 other different plant divisions.

As the Sale dates get nearer, Denver Botanic Gardens will be publishing an online catalog of individual species and cultivars available for sale. For more information go to: http://www.botanicgardens.org/events/special-events/spring-plant-sale.

The Colorado Water Garden Society always provides the volunteer support in the Aquatics Booth. We bring our knowledge and experience which helps the public find answers to their questions and assist in the selection of the plants they want. Sign-up sheets have been going so well, that only 2 shifts still need help. Thursday May 9th, the Preview Party from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm (dinner is provided). The other open shift is Friday May 10th from 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm, snacks and drinks are provided. Plants will be available to purchase on Friday and Saturday.

We never know what the weather will be during the Sale, but we do know the public is fun to interact with and DBG treats us well. So, come join us to buy plants and/or volunteer. If you would like to work or if you have any questions, please contact me at either moose.4bph@q.com or 303-278-2106.

I hope to see you there.

More Details About the Upcoming IWGS Symposium in France

by Dorothy Martinez

The 2019 IWGS Symposium will take place in the village of Le Temple sur Lot in the Lot et Garonne region and in Bordeaux, from August 21st through August 27th. The Pre-Symposium and Symposium are sold as separate all-inclusive packages, but you will need to choose an option for each based on the number of occupants (one or two) per room since the package price varies based on room occupancy.

Pre-Symposium: Wednesday, August 21st to Friday, August 23rd 2019

Thursday: Visit Orangerie Museum and Giverny.
Friday: Transfer by TGV (bullet train) to Agen and Le Temple sur Lot
Cost: For two people is $550, For one person is $680

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More Details About the Upcoming IWGS Symposium in France

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Main-Symposium: Friday, August 23rd to Monday, August 26th 2019

Friday: Arrive in Agen by 3:00 pm to use the shuttle (arranged for pre-symposium attendees) or check-in in Le Temple sur Lot from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
Saturday: Seminars in Le Temple sur Lot.
Sunday: Seminars and field visits in the Périgord.
Monday: Day in and around Bordeaux, Gala dinner at Bordeaux Wine City.
Tuesday: Depart from Bordeaux.

Cost: For two people is $865, For one person is $1,015

For registration information, please go to:

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Save the Date – Plant Swap 2019

by Dorothy Martinez

Put Thursday, May 16th on your calendar. Our annual Plant Swap will take place with a potluck starting at 6:00 pm and the Swap beginning at 7:00 pm in the Plant Society Building within the Denver Botanic Gardens.

There is always such a great selection of plants our members bring in to share, you won’t go home empty handed.

Keep an eye out for more details to come in the May Newsletter.
Upcoming Meeting Dates

Here are some other dates to add to your calendar:

**Thursday, June 2**
Hudson Gardens
CWGS Plant Sale, 9:00 am – 10:00 am Members Only, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Public

**Saturday, June 15**
Alpine Koi & Reef, Fort Collins
Pond Side Meeting, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Saturday, July 20**
Centennial & Southeast Englewood
Pond Tour & Picnic, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm Pond Tour, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Picnic

**Saturday, August 3**
Denver Botanic Gardens
Water Blossom Celebration, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Saturday, August 24**
Westminster
Pond Side Meeting, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

April 18: Get Wet Presentation
Mitchell Hall
Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG)
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Presentation “How to Grow, Care for, & Overwinter Cannas” & Canna Tuber and Plantabbs Fertilizer Sale (cash or check only)

May 10 & May 11: DBG Annual Plant Sale – Area near Monet’s Pond, DBG, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM on Fri. and 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Sat.
May 16: Potluck & Annual Plant Swap – Plant Society Bldg., DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

June 2: CWGS Annual Plant Sale – Business Office/Residence, The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, Littleton, CO, Members only
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August 3: Water Blossom Festival – Monet Pond Area, Docent Tours of DBG Gardens, Demonstrations, Information, & Free Carnivorous Pitcher Plants, DBG, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
August 24: Pond Side Program – Leinster Residence, Picnic Potluck, Westminster, CO, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Sept. 19: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, Presentation on the Cairns Botanic Gardens in Australia – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Oct. 17: Potluck, Program with Slideshow “2019 Season Wrap-up – What Plants Did Well or Didn’t Do Well” & 2020 Planning Meeting – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Dec. 12: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition, – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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