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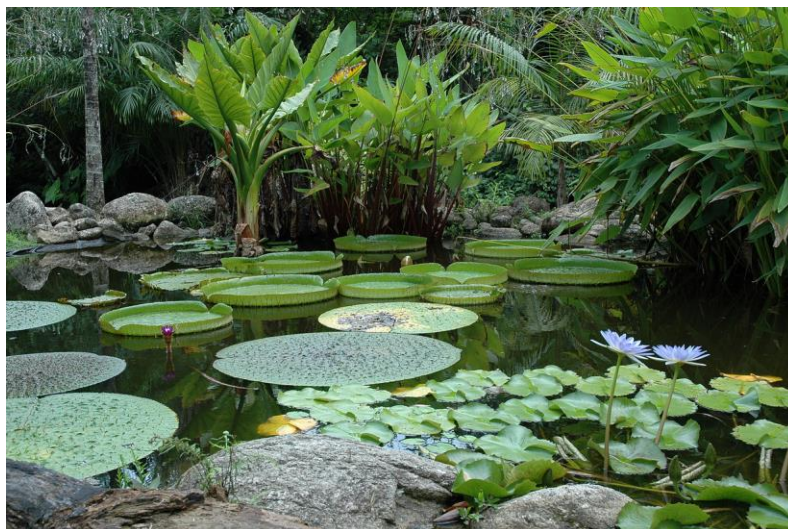
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Cairns Botanic Gardens, (photo courtesy of Friends of the Cairns Botanic Gardens)

Board Election and September 19th Meeting

by Brenda Parsons-Hier

For 5 years I have had the pleasure of being this Club's President. Being a part of the team of hard-working Board members was a great experience. Every meeting and event provided a chance to visit with so many of you as you also helped the Club. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Now it is time to elect a new President, since all 4 Executive Board positions are limited to two terms of two years each. Our Treasurer, Trina Jacobson, is up for re-election and is willing to stay on for a 2nd term. The other two positions, Vice President, and Secretary will be looked at next year.

There are nine Member at Large (MAL) positions; half of which are elected each year. This year Peter Hier, Jerry Swanson, and Dennis Weatherman are completing their terms and are willing to stand for re-election. One position (MAL 3) will be open. There are no term limits for MAL's.

If you have any questions about what the duties of the President and MAL are, please feel free to contact me at moose.4bph@q.com or 303-278-2106.

The meeting will be held at the Plant Society Building within the Denver Botanic Gardens. Please park in the Parking Garage located between York Street & Josephine Street and enter the Gardens through the Visitor Center. DBG's Plant Society Building is located at the West end of DBG's Nursery. The building is immediately adjacent to the Bonsai Garden and Pavilion. From inside the pedestrian area of DBG, the Plant Society Building is reached by walking through the sliding gate at the end of the greenhouse structure and West Terrace.

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As usual, we will have our tasty Potluck first at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. At 7:00 pm we will have the Election. After the Election, we will see if there are any questions about winterizing our water features.

We will finish with a quick trip across the ocean to Australia. Peter Hier will present a video on the Cairns Botanical Gardens. It is a well-established and maintained tropical garden organized in sections to demonstrate a variety of tropical plants and environments. The Gondwana Heritage Garden showcases the evolution of early plant types. A boardwalk leads through a rainforest to Centenary Lakes where lotus, water lilies, and native birds may be observed.

So, come eat, visit, elect, discuss, and go to Australia on the 19th!

October 2019 Meeting: 2019 Growing Season – What Plants Did Well & What Plants Didn't Do Well and 2020 Meeting/Event Planning

by Dorothy Martinez

Our October meeting will be held on October 17th, with a Potluck starting at 6:00 pm and the meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

For the Potluck portion, please bring a main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. In addition, please bring a beverage for yourself.

We will be holding a Round Robin discussion about the 2019 growing season. In particular we would like everyone to share favorite plants, plants that did well, plants that didn't do well, and anything else you would like to share about this year's growing season.

We will also have a corresponding slide show with many of our members' favorite plants as well as a representation of popular plants. If you have any photos of your favorites, please send them to Tamara Kilbane at tamara.kilbane@botanicgardens.org by Monday, October 7th. She will be coordinating and putting together the slide show to share with the group.

The meeting will be held at the Plant Society Building within the Denver Botanic Gardens. Please park in the Parking Garage located between York Street & Josephine Street and enter the Gardens through the Pinion Gate, located just North of the Visitor Center. DBG's Plant Society Building is located at the West end of DBG's Nursery. The building is immediately adjacent to the Bonsai Garden and Pavilion. From inside the pedestrian area of DBG, the Plant Society Building is reached by walking through the sliding gate at the end of the greenhouse structure and West Terrace.

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2019 IWGS Symposium in France

by Dorothy Martinez



Monet's Garden in Giverny, (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

WOW, what an experience! I am really glad I made the decision to attend the 2019 IWGS Symposium in France August 21st – August 26th.

The trip started with a large percentage of the group meeting in Paris to attend the pre-Symposium portion starting on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 21st. We picked up our badges, spent some time socializing, and then we were on our own for dinner. Several of us decided to head down to the Louvre and watch the sunset and the lights on the Eiffel Tower come on for the night.

The next morning, it was hit the ground running. Our tour bus left the hotel at 8:30 am sharp. We worked our way through traffic and arrived at the Musée de l'Orangerie to view Claude Monet's impressive water lily murals installed onto the walls of two large oval rooms bathed in natural light from skylights.



Monet's Water Garden in Giverny, (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

The paintings are all about 6 ½ feet tall and they vary in length. They cover a surface area of approximately 2,150 square feet and cover nearly 110 linear feet. The murals were painted during different times of day to capture morning light as well as the setting sun. They also depict various reflections, lilies, clouds, willows, and dramatic colors. Words nor pictures can describe these incredible works of art.

After an hour and a half at the Museum, we boarded the bus and headed for Giverny, where Monet's home and gardens are located. After a lecture by Caroline Holmes on Monet and Impressionist Gardens, we were treated to a delightful lunch at Restaurant Les Nymphéas. After lunch there was a guided tour of the gardens with Nicolas Obert, the gardener responsible for the pond. We then had 2 hours to explore the Musée des Impressionnismes, the village of Giverny, and Monet's home and gardens on our own. At 7:00 pm, we met at La Capucine, a concept garden shop/boutique/restaurant, located within Giverny. There we had another wonderful meal where we mingled and socialized. We returned to our hotel about 10:00 pm.



Latour-Marliac Museum & the Villa D'Edgard in Temple-sur-Lot, (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

The morning of August 23rd, it was off to the train station to begin our journey towards Temple-sur-Lot, home of Latour-Marliac and where the Symposium would take place. We took a high-speed train (TGV) from Paris to Agen, where we transferred to a tour bus which took us to Temple-sur-Lot. We arrived in Temple-sur-Lot about 4:00 pm. After settling into our quarters, we had a snack, and at 6:00 pm we walked along the river Lot to Latour-Marliac. Upon arriving at Latour-Marliac, we were greeted by staff and treated to a cocktail reception and self-tour of the gardens. After roaming the gardens, we sat down to a home-cooked barbeque and listened to live music on the terrace of the on-site Café Marliacea.

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Les Jardins d'Eau (The Water Gardens) in Carsac-Aillac, (photo courtesy of John Funk)

On the 24th, Rob Sheldon, owner of Latour-Marliac treated us to a guided morning tour of the nursery and gardens. Rob discussed the past, present, and future of the company. At 9:00 am, Rich Sacher, from American Aquatic Gardens in New Orleans, LA spoke on hybridizing tropical water lilies with Australian water lilies. In the afternoon, I attended a session presented by Rob Sheldon on research and ideas on how to create a market for water lily breeder intellectual property, then a presentation by Florian Henaux on his latest hybrids. Finally, I attended a presentation by Thierry Huau, noted French landscape architect, on his work with restoring and developing the Latour-Marliac house and the integration/development of the history of water lily cultivation in Giverny and Temple-sur-Lot.



Saint-Émilion, (photo courtesy of John Funk)

After a long day of attending presentations, we were treated to a champagne reception with Daniel Baechler, Mayor of Temple-sur-Lot, and Thierry Huau to welcome the IWGS and inaugurate the Latour-Marliac house, which before the reception was not previously open to the public. After the reception we were invited to explore the house, grounds, and outbuildings. It was at the Latour-Marliac house where Caroline Holmes was able to perform most of her research about the relationship between Claude Monet and Bory Latour-Marliac. We enjoyed a lovely outdoor dinner in the courtyard of the Commanderie Restaurant located in the heart of Temple-sur-Lot.

On August 25th, we attended a talk given by James Bennett discussing the current status of the IWGS plant database. The IWGS is looking for information and pictures to help them make the database more complete and useful. We then attended a talk given by world renown hybridizer, Nopchai Chansilpa. I'm sure almost everyone is familiar with his hybrid hardy water lily 'Wanvisa'. Nopchai spoke about his knowledge and experience with in-vitro tissue culture and its effect on hybridization and commercial production.



La Cité du Vin in Bordeaux, (photo courtesy of John Funk)

For lunch and the afternoon, we boarded buses to Les Jardins d'Eau in Carsac-Aillac located in the Dordogne area. We were greeted by the owner, Steven Bernard, who graciously provided us with a picnic lunch and a personal tour of the gardens. There were many beautiful lotuses in bloom, as well as hardy water lilies, and even some Victoria water lilies. The day proved to be quite hot, but everyone seemed to really enjoy their time at these gardens.

We arrived back in Temple-sur-Lot in the late afternoon. After a brief break to freshen up and relax, we boarded buses to a wonderful local restaurant, Les Rives du Plantié, to experience a delicious four course dinner highlighting the local specialties. Dessert was a scrumptious pear with cream anglaise and chocolate sauce. This region is known for its fruit.

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The morning of August 26th, we boarded the buses and headed for Saint-Émilion, a wine region of Bordeaux and home to many famous vineyards. When we arrived, we split into two groups for guided tours of the village. Our tour included a visit to the Église Monolithe, one of only two remaining churches in France that were hollowed out from solid stone. The bell tower, seen from many miles around the village, is built upon the Monolithic Church. After our village tour, we were able to tour Château La Couspaude, where they told us about the wine making process and their wine cellar. After our tour, they provided lunch and the opportunity to sample some of their fine wines. After lunch we had an hour to explore the village of Saint-Émilion on our own.

In the afternoon, we boarded our buses and headed to Bordeaux. On our way to our hotel, we stopped at the Jardin Botanique de Bordeaux for a brief guided tour and some time to explore their relatively new gardens that were created in 2003. The water gardens have raised walks that allow you to walk over the various water gardens to observe and see the gardens up close.

We arrived at our hotel, located near the airport, about 6:00 pm. After check-in, we were able to freshen up and change for the Gala Dinner that evening. The Gala Dinner was held at La Cité du Vin in Bordeaux. This very modern building is located off the banks of the Garonne River. Our dinner location, Hall 2, had direct access to the gardens and terraces of La Cité du Vin. The dinner featured dishes made from regional and seasonal produce. We could also see the very modern drawbridge, Pont Jacques Chaban Delmas, from our dining area. After dinner our local tour guide, Valérie, had our bus driver take us through the entirely renovated historic center of Bordeaux, including the Place de la Bourse located along the Quai Richelieu. Very scenic and beautiful!

The morning of August 27th, everyone said their goodbyes and boarded buses for either the airport or train station, where some would go on to post Symposium activities, others to Paris, and others home.

This was a fantastic Symposium! There were opportunities to learn about new techniques in hybridizing, water gardening in other countries (Australia, Canada, Europe, China, and Thailand), tour French gardens, experience French culture, and enjoy all the regional wines and cuisines of Ile de France, Normandy, and Nouvelle-Aquitaine.

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THIS YEAR

A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

September 19: Potluck, Board Elections, & Program
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Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG)

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7:00 PM – 7:15 PM, Board Elections
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM, Presentation “Cairns Botanic Gardens”

October 17: Potluck, Program, & 2020 Planning Meeting
Plant Society Building
Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG)

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Potluck
7:00 PM – 7:45 PM, Presentation “2019 Growing Season Wrap-Up, What Worked & What Didn’t Work” with Slide Show
7:45 PM – 8:30 PM, 2020 Planning Meeting

No Meeting/Event for November

Dec. 12: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition, – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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