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

Annual Holiday Banquet and Gift Exchange

by **Teresa Burkert**

Please join your fellow water garden enthusiasts for an evening of food and fun!

Our Annual Holiday Banquet, Volunteer Recognition, and Gift Exchange will be held on Thursday, December 12th starting at 6:00 pm. The festivities will take place at the Denver Botanic Gardens' Plant Society Building.

Plan on arriving as early as possible as Blossoms of Light will also be taking place. If Blossoms of Light is as popular as it has been in years past, parking will be at a premium. Finding parking will be difficult, so you may have to park in the adjacent neighborhoods and walk in.

Enter the Gardens through the Visitor Center. DBG's Plant Society Building is located past the Greenhouse Complex and West Terrace. 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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Annual Holiday Banquet and Gift Exchange

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An opportunity to catch up with your fellow water gardeners will start at 6:00 pm. Our potluck begins at 6:30 pm where we will also recognize our volunteers. Our gift exchange will take place about 7:30 pm.

The Club will provide the main course, drinks, and dessert. Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, or side dish to share.

Our gift exchange is a laughter and surprise filled good time. If you wish to participate, please bring a new wrapped gift valued at about \$15.00. Be creative! As a gardener, especially a water gardener, what would YOU like to receive? Rules about how our gift exchange will be explained prior to the gift exchange.

Please come and enjoy the evening!! If you have questions, please call Teresa at 720-219-6481 or Sue at 303-457-1783. Please leave a message if the call is not answered.

Looking for Help with the Club Newsletter

by Dorothy Martinez

We are in desperate need for help with the production and mailing of our Newsletter. I am the current Editor, but have been writing, editing, printing, and mailing the Newsletter for the past eight years. To keep the Newsletter fresh and relevant, we need new ideas and more people to help publish our Newsletter.

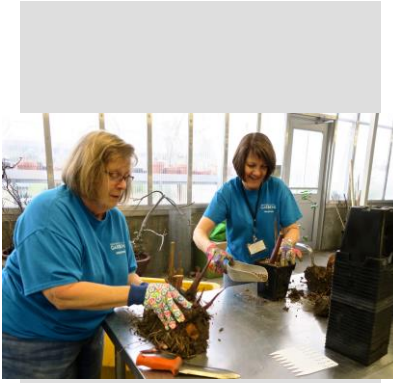
We have decided to split up the various duties among 4 or more people. The areas we need help with are writers, someone to print out the Newsletter, someone to mail the Newsletter, and someone to solicit advertisers.

We have someone who has agreed to collect all of the articles and edit them and also someone who has agreed to format the Newsletter and ready it for printing. If you have any interest or previous experience with printing/publishing a Newsletter, we welcome your assistance.

The time commitment for printing the Newsletter and preparing it for mailing would be about 4 hours eight times per year (March – August, September, and November). The time commitment for soliciting advertising would be about 3 hours per year. Advertisers need to be initially contacted in November with contracts signed and fees paid in February.

We may be faced with providing only a digital version of the Newsletter if we are unable to find people willing to help out with the Newsletter.

Please contact me at dam@johnfunk.com or 303-279-3137 if you are interested.



Brenda Parsons-Hier and Trina Jacobson Dividing Cannas at Denver Botanic Gardens, (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



Bill Powell Manning the Aquatic Information Cart at Denver Botanic Gardens, (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



Monet Pool at Denver Botanic Gardens on July 16th, (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

CWGS Volunteers at Denver Botanic Gardens

By Tamara Kilbane

Volunteers from the Colorado Water Garden Society provide invaluable help in the water gardens at Denver Botanic Gardens from early spring through fall each year. In 2019, CWGS volunteers helped with the following projects:

March - Sunday work days began in mid-March as plant orders (including plants for the DBG Spring Plant Sale as well as the gardens' aquatic displays) began to arrive in bare-root form. Volunteers helped with potting and labeling each plant and placing them in the aquatics greenhouse. This year's team included CWGS members Brenda Parsons-Hier, Peter Hier, Trina Jacobson, Teresa and Ken Burkert, Bill Powell, Stan Smith, and Michael Weber.

Volunteers also helped to divide and repot Cannas saved from the previous fall. Some divisions were sold at the Spring Plant Sale while others were displayed throughout the water gardens this summer.

May/Early June - Once the ice on the ponds thawed and the weather warmed, volunteers spent four Sunday mornings dividing and repotting hardy waterlilies. Some were cleaned and labeled for inclusion in the Spring Plant Sale. This work continued on weekdays, with a few CWGS volunteers (John Bayard, Teresa and Ken Burkert, Jerry Swanson, and Dorothy Martinez) serving as key members of weekday teams. CWGS members also staffed the Aquatics Division of the Plant Sale!

Mid-Late June - Our planting season ended with moving our tropical plants outdoors for the summer months. Volunteers helped to plant Cannas and other tender marginal plants in mid-June. In late June, we planted our tropical waterlilies, including the popular *Victoria* 'Longwood Hybrid' and *Victoria cruziana*.

July-September - With all of the plants in place outdoors, the weekday volunteer groups took over with regular fertilization and maintenance of the displays through the summer months.

August - CWGS members organized and implemented the annual Water Blossom Celebration at DBG.

Early October - The CWGS Sunday team returned to help with winterizing the ponds in early October. Work included moving tender plants to the greenhouse, while composting others. The weekday crews also finished getting the water gardens prepped for winter throughout October by consolidating hardy plants in all the ponds and cutting back foliage.

In addition to the work mentioned above, CWGS volunteers also helped with SCFD Free Days (Bill Powell, Brenda Parsons-Hier, & John Bayard), monitoring the growth of the *Victoria* water lilies (Bill Powell), and manning the aquatic educational cart (Bill Powell, Teresa Burkert, and Jim Arneill).

It is clear from reviewing all the work of our volunteers that Denver Botanic Gardens' aquatics program would not be possible without the immense help provided by CWGS members. I want to express my sincere gratitude for everything you all do and for the positive attitudes and enthusiasm you all bring to the gardens!

A Word from the President

by Dorothy Martinez



Australian Water Lily Hybrid at the International Waterlily Collection,
(photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for electing me as President. I would also like to thank our previous President, Brenda Parsons-Hier for her friendship and awesome leadership through the last five years.

A big thanks also goes to Vicki Aber for agreeing to serve as our Vice President, I am looking forward to working closely with her. Her previous knowledge and experience serving as President and Vice President will be invaluable.

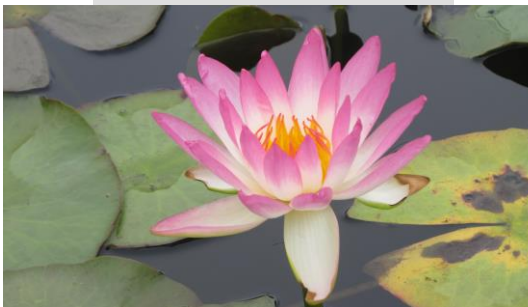
I'm looking forward to serving as President and also working closely with all of our great Board members. I can't wait to help move our mission forward and collaborate with our fantastic membership.

We hope to bring you the best programs in the coming year. I hope to see some new faces as well as old ones at our next event, the Holiday Banquet and Gift Exchange to be held on Thursday, December 12th.

For those of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, I have been a member of the Club since the fall of 2008. I have been an active member on the Board of Directors since the fall of 2009. I volunteer at both The Hudson Gardens and Event Center and at the Denver Botanic Gardens. I help with the propagation, installation, and maintenance of the various water gardens at both locations.

I maintain two ponds at my home. My larger pond contains various hardy water lilies, hardy marginal plants, goldfish, and Koi. I also have a smaller pond, but it does not contain any fish or plants as it is mostly for my three-year-old Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Maizie.

I want to thank all the past Board members for all their hard work and I look forward to working with our new Board members. Just a reminder, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free contact me. I am always open to suggestions, comments, and criticisms. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve as your President.



Intersubgeneric Water Lily at the International Waterlily Collection,
(photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)



Australian Water Lily Hybrid at the International Waterlily Collection,
(photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

Upcoming January and February Board Meetings

by Dorothy Martinez

We have two upcoming Board meetings in January and February of 2020. The main purpose of these meetings is to plan and put the finishing touches on our various meetings and events for the upcoming year.

We welcome anyone to come to these meetings. It is always helpful to have new ideas as to meeting and event topics, speakers, and venues.

The first Board meeting will take place on Saturday, January 25th from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. We will start with a potluck at 12:00 pm, with the meeting starting at 1:00 pm. It will take place in the Plant Society Building, located 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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If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at dam@johnfunk.com or 303-279-3137.



New and Returning Members for September, October, & November 2019

September 2019

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- CWGS Plant Sale (June) ___
- Pond Tour (July) ___
- Water Blossom Festival (August) ___

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THIS YEAR

A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

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Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG)**

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7:45 PM – 8:45 PM, Gift Exchange

Jan. 25: Board Meeting & 2020 Planning, – *Plant Society Building, DBG, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Potluck and 2020 Planning Meeting*

Feb. 22: Board Meeting & 2020 Planning, - *Plant Society Building, DBG, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Potluck and 2020 Planning Meeting*



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