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### **Water Gardens of France**

**Plant Society Building  
Denver Botanic Gardens**

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Potluck 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Presentation 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Seminar – Dividing,  
Planting, & Over Wintering  
Your Water Plants**

**Water Garden Greenhouse  
Hudson Gardens**

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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



**Monet's Water Lily Pond in Giverny** (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

## **March 19<sup>th</sup> - Water Gardens of France with the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS)**

**by Tamara Kilbane & Dorothy Martinez**

In late August of 2019, CWGS board members Dorothy Martinez and Tamara Kilbane had the pleasure of attending the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society (IWGS) Symposium in France.

Join us at our meeting on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in the Plant Society Building located within the Denver Botanic Gardens from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm to hear about our adventures in the birthplace of hardy waterlily hybridizing!

Please join us for a Potluck from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Bring your favorite salad, side dish, main dish, or dessert. Starting at 7:00 pm we will share photos taken during our visits to the Musée de l'Orangerie in Paris, home of eight large waterlily murals painted by Claude Monet; Giverny - home to Monet's home and gardens, including the waterlily pond that inspired his famous paintings; Latour-Marliac Nursery founded by Joseph Bory Latour-Marliac, the father of hardy waterlily hybridizing, in 1875 and still operational today; Jardins d'eau in Carsac-Aillac - a beautiful botanical garden filled with aquatic plants.

There will also be photos of some of the post Symposium activities in Nîmes, home of La Bamboueraie en Cévennes – a unique bamboo-based garden, Orange, Avignon, numerous Roman era structures, and Versailles - home of the famous Chateau and Gardens of King Louis XIV – the Sun King.

Please park in the Parking Garage located between York Street and 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 the staff parking lot and drive. 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.

For more information or any questions, please call Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137 or [dam@johnfunk.com](mailto:dam@johnfunk.com).

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**CWGS Treasurer's Report:  
Balance as of February 28, 2020  
\$12,945.18**

**NOTICE...**

We will be transitioning the Newsletter to an **electronic only** version starting **January 1, 2021**

To report a problem with downloading of the electronic journal, reply to Dorothy Martinez:

dorothy.martinez@colowatergardensociety.org.

## Dividing, Planting, & Over Wintering Your Water Plants

by Dorothy Martinez

One of our members, Kim Kimpton, conducted an informal survey last fall about what members of the Colorado Water Garden Society would like to know more about. We heard from numerous members that they want more information about the basics of water gardening.

Have you ever wondered how to divide water plants? How to plant them? What to plant them in (i.e. soil and containers)? What to do with them during the winter? Other questions about water gardening in general?

If you have asked yourself any of the questions above, this Seminar is for you. We will be holding a free Seminar at Hudson Gardens on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm to answer any questions you may have about dividing, planting, and the care of your various water plants. Hudson Gardens is located at 6115 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120.

Colorado Water Garden Society members and Hudson Gardens' volunteers will be available to demonstrate dividing and planting techniques. Meet us at the Water Garden Greenhouse beginning at 9:00 am. The Greenhouse is located just west of Monet's Place on the southwest portion of Hudson Gardens (see #18 on map below). We will have one or two people available from 9:00 am to 9:15 am to meet attendees in front of the Visitor Center as the Visitor Center does not open until 10:00 am. If you arrive after 9:15 am, please enter Hudson Gardens through the gate located just to the left (south) of the Visitor Center. We will also provide snacks and drinks.

To ensure we have enough supplies and people on hand, please let us know if you plan to attend the Seminar. Please register for the free Seminar through the Hudson Gardens website at <https://www.hudsongardens.org/event/basics-of-water-gardening-dividing-planting-and-overwintering/>. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137 or [dam@johnfunk.com](mailto:dam@johnfunk.com). In the event we need to reschedule the Seminar due to inclement weather, you will be contacted by Hudson Gardens with more information.

Please bring your curiosity and questions. We hope to see you there!

Map of Hudson Gardens:





The dark-leaved *Colocasia esculenta* 'Diamond Head' stands out in this grouping in the Reflection Pond at Denver Botanic Gardens, (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



Paton Canna, (photo courtesy of Oregon Aquatic Nurseries)



*Colocasia esculenta* 'Mojito', (photo courtesy of Mississippi State University)

## Save the Date - Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - for Get Wet 2020!

by Jim Arneill

Are you looking forward to making your pond or water feature the most spectacular ever this year? One of the ways to get inspired is by attending this year's "Get Wet - Water Gardening Fun in 2020!" co-sponsored by the Colorado Water Garden Society and Denver Botanic Gardens.

This year's program will encompass the many different tropical marginals you can incorporate to give your pond a colorful and tropical mystique.

The Taro, an important part of Hawaiian culture and cuisine, will be featured. Tips on the planting, care, and over wintering of it and other tropical marginals, including Cannas, Papyrus, and Umbrella Plants, will be given.

Helpful information about water gardening and local water gardening events in 2020 will also be provided.

This free event will take place on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, in Gates 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, Gates Hall is located in the second atrium straight back; go through the set of doors on your left.

From 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm, a limited number of bare-root Cannas will be available for sale, and the program about tropical marginals and upcoming events will begin at 6:30 pm. Another opportunity to purchase Cannas will be available following the program from about 7:45 pm - 8:00 pm.

We hope you can join us for our first special program of 2020!

For more information, please contact Jim Arneill at (303) 843-9619 or [arneill4@comcast.net](mailto:arneill4@comcast.net).



**Naples Botanical Garden**, (photo courtesy of Naples Botanical Garden)



**Victoria cruziana & Tropical Water Lily at Naples Botanical Garden**, (photo courtesy of Naples Botanical Garden)



**Tropical Water Lily at Naples Botanical Garden**, (photo courtesy of Naples Botanical Garden)

## 2020 International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society Symposium

by Vicki Aber

The 2020 International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society (IWGS) Annual Symposium is in the planning stages, but it looks like there is some great stuff in the works. Each year the Symposium is in a different location with lots of new places to see, new lectures to hear, and new and old friends to catch up with. This year the Symposium will be held at the Naples Botanical Garden in Naples, Florida on July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Naples Botanical Garden is a well-respected garden with great water gardens. It will be the center of the Symposium with lots of chances to explore the gardens and attend behind the scenes tours. Of course southern Florida has lots of other things to see. Just a few of the planned activities are a tour of the Everglades (alligators included), a tour of Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk, and a sunset cruise. There will be a trip up to Florida Aquatic Nurseries (where we get many of the plants for our Plant Sale), Fairchild Tropical Gardens, and Kampong Tropical Garden. There will be lectures on topics including lotus, aquascaping, and fertilizers.

Sound like a lot to fit into a few short days? Trust me, they keep the attendees moving the whole time. Wait there is more: all meals are included (you need to book the hotel separately). Also, no one goes hungry at a Symposium. There is also a daily Hospitality Room, open when we aren't doing other things, with light snacks, alcoholic, and non-alcoholic drinks for no additional charge.

There is a live and silent auction that usually has really fun and unusual stuff. Plants, art, books, hand sewn items, and many other interesting pieces that usually have some sort of water gardening theme.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in you can find out more information at <https://iwgs.org/2020-symposium-naples-florida/>

## Discontinuation of Printed Newsletters

by Dorothy Martinez

For several years now, the Board has discussed if we should continue with printed Newsletters or only offer an electronic/digital Newsletter. We went with an option of digital or printed in March 2010. Approximately 65% of our members opted for the electronic Newsletter and 35% opted for the printed Newsletter. Now, approximately 80% of our members have opted for the electronic Newsletter and 20% have opted for the printed Newsletter.

In February 2018, the Board decided to change the fee structure for members receiving printed Newsletters, from \$15.00 to \$25.00 for Individual memberships and from \$20.00 to \$30.00 for Family memberships.

The cost to print our Newsletter has been our largest single expense for some time now. The cost of printer toner cartridges and postage has steadily increased. We are finding it harder and harder to get assistance with producing the Newsletter.

To simplify things, the Board has decided to no longer offer the option of a printed Newsletter starting in 2021. If you have chosen the option for a printed Newsletter, you will continue to receive a printed Newsletter through the end of 2020. After January 1, 2021, membership fees will remain at \$15.00 for Individual memberships and \$20.00 for Family memberships and all Newsletters will be sent out electronically.

We are also in the process of updating and changing the format of our website. This should simplify access to the electronic Newsletter, make finding meetings/events, educational brochures, information, and advertisers much easier. We hope to have the new, updated Website up and running by May or June of 2020. We will also be adding an option to pay for memberships electronically through an application like Paypal or Venmo.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137 or dam@johnfunk.com.

### New and Returning Members for December 2019, January & February 2020

#### December 2019

**Larry Brown**  
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#### January 2020

**Ken & Teresa Burkert**  
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**Gary & Judy Reid**  
Boulder, CO

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#### February 2020

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**Contact me concerning volunteer opportunities I've checked below:**

- DBG Volunteer Sundays \_\_\_
- Water Plants booth, DBG May Sale \_\_\_
- Hudson Gardens \_\_\_
- CWGS Plant Sale (June) \_\_\_
- Pond Tour (July) \_\_\_
- Water Blossom Festival (August) \_\_\_

**Note: Your newsletter will be made available to you electronically.**

Annual Membership Fees  
\$15.00 Individual; \$20.00 Family

# THIS YEAR

*A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:*

**March 19:** Potluck & Presentation on Water Gardens of France  
Plant Society Building  
Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG)

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Potluck  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Presentation “Water Gardens of France”

**March 21:** Seminar – Dividing, Planting, & Over Wintering Your Water Plants  
Water Garden Greenhouse  
The Hudson Gardens & Event Center

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**April 9:** Get Wet Presentation “Water Gardening Fun in 2020!”, Gates Hall,  
DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**May 8 & May 9:** 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 21:** Potluck & Annual Plant Swap – Freyer-Newman Center., DBG, 6:00 PM  
– 8:30 PM

**June 7:** CWGS Annual Plant Sale – Business Office/Residence, The Hudson  
Gardens & Event Center, Littleton, CO, Members only 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM,  
General Public, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**June 20:** Pond Side Program – Water’s Edge, Tour and Picnic/Potluck, Elbert,  
CO, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**July 11:** CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic – NE Denver Area, Pond Tour 10:00 AM –  
4:30 PM, Picnic 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**August 8:** Water Blossom Celebration – Monet Pond Area, Docent Tours,  
Demonstrations, Information, & Free Carnivorous Pitcher Plants, DBG, 9:00 AM  
– 1:00 PM

**August 22:** Pond Side Program – Alpine Koi & Reef, Tour & Picnic/Potluck,  
Fort Collins, CO, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Sept. 17:** Potluck, Annual Board Elections, Presentation “Carnivorous Plants”  
by carnivorous plant expert Bob Beer of the Washington Carnivorous Plant  
Group – Freyer-Newman Center, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Oct. 15:** Potluck, Program by Board member Peter Hier “Lauritzen Gardens,  
Omaha, NE” & 2021 Planning Meeting – Freyer-Newman Center, DBG, 6:00 PM –  
9:00 PM

**Dec. 10:** Holiday Banquet, Volunteer Recognition, & Gift Exchange – Freyer-  
Newman Center, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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