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### **Pond Side Program**

**Water's Edge  
Elbert, CO**

Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Self-catered picnic & workshop

### **Virtual Pond Tour**

**Denver Metro Area**

Starting Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

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



**Water's Edge in Elbert, CO, (photo courtesy of Water's Edge)**

## **Pond Side Program on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Elbert, CO**

**by Suzy Oligmueller & Brenda Parsons-Hier**

We again have the great opportunity to visit Suzy and Dan Oligmueller's lushly landscaped yard and greenhouses at 12225 Northcliff Road, Elbert, CO 80106. The event will take place on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00pm.

As Suzy shared in 2018:

She first became interested in ponds when she decided to add a 10-gallon pond to her vegetable garden to attract frogs; in turn, the frogs would eat the insets in the garden. Her husband Dan made the mistake of buying Suzy her first pond book. All plans went out the window within the first chapter. The planned 10-gallon pond quickly grew to 10,000 gallons. She was not quite sure how to tell her husband the size had grown just a bit. Driving to Denver to buy a pond liner, Dan mentioned a very small pond might not be big enough. This provided good timing for Suzy to break the news that the 10-foot x 10-foot liner had grown to 30 feet x 40 feet. Since then, more ponds have been added and 5 green houses have been built to house aquatic plants.

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**CWGS Treasurer's Report:**  
**Balance as of May 31, 2020**  
**\$11,707.20**

**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.



**Greenhouse at Water's Edge, Elbert, CO,** (photo courtesy of Water's Edge)



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**Greenhouse at Water's Edge, Elbert, CO,** (photo courtesy of Water's Edge)

## Pond Side Program on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Elbert, CO

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Water's Edge was created in 1998 when Suzy realized all the plant propagating she was doing for herself and friends could become a successful business. Currently, she grows over 100 varieties of hardy and tropical water plants.

There will be plenty of time to explore the greenhouses and socialize with others, at the proper distance of course. Suzy's greenhouses are full of wonderful, healthy aquatic plants, both hardy and tropical

There will be a special on water hyacinths and water lettuce for \$1.00 each on this day only. One small floating island will be given away as a door prize. Suzy looks forward to hosting our Club and answering any questions we may have about aquatic plants. For more information, visit her website at:

<http://www.watersedgecolorado.com/>.

Since our club was not able to have our usual large Plant Sale this year, so shopping in Suzy's greenhouses might help you find the plants you were hoping to purchase. Cash payments are appreciated. Because we are not sure how the coronavirus will affect our socializing, let's each bring our own lunch, drinks, and chair. We assume masks will still be needed. Maintaining social distancing will most likely still be in effect as well.

So, if you went to Suzy and Dan's two years and ago and enjoyed it, come join us again. If you did not go, it is well worth the drive to join us this time. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda at [moose.4bph@q.com](mailto:moose.4bph@q.com) or 303-278-2106. We hope to see you there!

For a map and directions, please see page 6.

## Denver Botanic Gardens & CWGS Plant Sale Results

**By Dorothy Martinez**

We would like to say thank you to those who participated in the online version of the Denver Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale. Tamara reported she had brisk sales the first several days and sold out of many plants she had ordered in specifically for the Spring Plant Sale. She said there were not many plants left over from the Sale and those that didn't sell, she will use in her aquatic displays this season. Even though the format was a bit different than previous years, the entire process went really smooth.

To all those who came to the Colorado Water Garden Society Annual Plant Sale, we would also like to say thank you for your support! Even though we had fewer plants for sale and fewer people working the Sale, things went very well. We also sold out of most of our plants and sales were brisk most of the day. People had to wait in line several times during the Sale due to our having to limit the number of people in the Sales area. Despite having to wait, everyone remained patient.

We were very thankful our plants were not damaged in the devastating winds that hit Hudson Gardens Saturday night. Unfortunately, Hudson wasn't as lucky – they sustained significant damage to their Garden Canopy Pavilion and numerous trees were toppled or snapped from the 75 mph winds during the storm.

Again, thank you to everyone that partook in one or both Sales. We appreciate your support of the Denver Botanic Gardens and the Colorado Water Garden Society!

## Virtual Pond Tour

**by Dorothy Martinez**

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we will not be hosting our Annual Pond Tour and Picnic this year. Instead we are going virtual. The plan is for participants to send in pictures and/or video of their ponds, water features, and yards.

If you want to show your pond off to others, this is the perfect opportunity to do it! We are in the process of setting up our own CWGS Pond Tour channel on YouTube. Once this is complete, we will be able to upload your photos and videos to that channel. Please limit your videos to a maximum of 5 minutes or less and limit photos to 5 per pond, we want to give everyone a chance to have their ponds featured.

We will send out a blast email to everyone to explain how and when to do this. If you just can't wait until then, you can send your pictures and/or videos to me at [dam@johnfunk.com](mailto:dam@johnfunk.com), Dennis Weatherman at [dweatherman@msn.com](mailto:dweatherman@msn.com), or Rebecca Nash at [nashrebecca@q.com](mailto:nashrebecca@q.com).

We need all submissions by Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The videos and photos will be available for your viewing pleasure starting on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Meetings in August

by Dorothy Martinez

Water Blossom Celebration on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. With the COVID-19 Pandemic, we will have to adhere to any state mandated health restrictions and rules put in place by the Denver Botanic Gardens at the time, which will affect how we are able to do things this year.

Normally, we would have our brochures handy to answer all of your pond related questions. Due to rules put in place by the Denver Botanic Gardens, we will not be able to provide brochures. The good news is you can always access them at our website to download and print for yourself at:

<http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/Category.cfm?CategoryID=25>

We are currently planning to offer free cannas to anyone who would like one (or maybe two) – this may change due to rules put in place by the Denver Botanic Gardens. We hope to have volunteers located in the various water features located throughout the Denver Botanic Gardens including the Monet Pool, the Romantic Garden Pool, and the pool near the Le Potager Garden. Those volunteers will be available to answer questions about the plants within those gardens and any other water garden related questions you may have.

More details will be available in next month's Newsletter.

For questions, please contact Bill Powell at (303) 355-8098 or [wbpow@comcast.net](mailto:wbpow@comcast.net).

Pond Side program on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. We will be meeting at Alpine Koi & Reef located in Fort Collins. This shop specializes in Koi & pond fish, saltwater fish & corals, and pond supplies. If you have never been to this business, you have been missing out. Their selection is fantastic! As their website says, their friendly, knowledgeable, and professional staff are there to educate and inspire you.

We normally would do a picnic potluck, but again due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are asking all attendees to bring their own lunch, drinks, and chairs to enjoy this beautiful oasis just outside Denver. We met there last year and the meeting was popular. Several people asked if we could visit there again. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase fish, aquatic plants, and pond supplies.

More information, including a map with directions will be available in next month's Newsletter.

For questions, please contact Dennis Weatherman at (303) 457-1783 or [dweatherman@msn.com](mailto:dweatherman@msn.com).



Map & Directions for Water's Edge in Elbert, CO  
 12225 Northcliff Road  
 Elbert, CO 80106



Go south on I-25, turn east on Highway 105, take Highway 105 to Highway 83, turn south on Highway 83, take Highway 83 to Hodgen Road, turn east on Hodgen Road, turn south on Meridian Road, take Meridian Road to Northcliff Road, turn east on Northcliff Road.

Alternatively, you can take Highway 83 (Parker Road) south from Denver to Hodgen Road, turn east on Hodgen Road, turn south on Meridian Road, take Meridian Road to Northcliff Road, turn east on Northcliff Road.

### New and Returning Members for March & June 2020

#### March 2020

**Carolyn Lupe**  
 Denver, CO

*Renewal*

#### June 2020 cont'd

**Elizabeth & Donald Livingston**  
 Highlands Ranch, CO

*NEW!*

#### June 2020

**Bob Birdsell**  
 Lakewood, CO

*NEW!*

**Therese-Marie O'Sullivan**  
 Denver, CO

*Renewal*

**Carol Bryden**  
 Highlands Ranch, CO

*NEW!*

**Jill Richardson**  
 Arvada, CO

*Renewal*

**Janelle Busby**  
 Littleton, CO

*NEW!*

**Jera Swartz**  
 Littleton, CO

*NEW!*

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*NEW!*

**Karen Thurman**  
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The advertisement for Tagawa Gardens features a background image of various green pond plants. The text "We have Your..." is at the top in a white, serif font. Below it, "Purr-fect Pond Plants!" is written in a large, white, serif font. At the bottom, the Tagawa Gardens logo is displayed, including the name "Tagawa Gardens" in a purple and green font, the website "TagawaGardens.com", social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, and the address "7711 S Parker Rd Centennial, CO 80016" and phone number "303.690.4722".



### **ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE**

*Annual advertising in the newsletter also includes a listing on the CWGS website with an active link direct to your commercial webpage.*

*We also run single-event ads.*

*For details regarding rates, sizes, and formats of ads, contact Dorothy Martinez  
[dorothy.martinez@colowatergardensociety.org](mailto:dorothy.martinez@colowatergardensociety.org)*



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**Check one:**

\_\_\_ ***I would like my contact information included in a membership list that will be distributed only to the members.***

\_\_\_ ***I do not want my contact information published in the membership list.***

**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:*

### **Pond Side Program**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>: Pond Side Meeting**  
**Water's Edge, Elbert, CO**

**Bring your own Picnic**  
**12:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

### **Virtual Pond Tour**

**July 11: CWGS Virtual Pond Tour**  
**Denver Metro Area**

***Pictures & Videos posted on YouTube starting on July 11<sup>th</sup>***

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

**August 22: Pond Side Program – Alpine Koi & Reef, Tour & Picnic, 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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