



# The Water Garden

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## **SUNDAY JULY 8, 2001** **CWGS 2001 POND TOUR**

**POND VISITING TIMES ARE FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**Craig Russell has put together a wonderful tour this year.  
The tour will be in the Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, Golden and Arvada area.**

As you travel to see the ponds please take this newsletter for directions. A picnic is planned at the end of the day so bring hats, sunscreen, chairs and blankets. If you are coming to the picnic you are asked to bring either a salad, vegetable or dessert. If you last name begins with A through M please bring a salad or vegetable. Last names beginning with N through Z please bring a dessert. The charge for the meal is \$4.00 for members and \$6.00 for guests. Kids under 6 eat free.

### **August Meeting**

Meeting is on August 12 at Morrison Center. Richard has been with Lillypons since 1979 and has an extensive background in all aspects of water gardening. He will present a slide show covering a wide array of topics including species of lillies and other water plants, maintenance and winter care. He will also discuss trends in water gardening and plants. This presentation will be very timely as our growing season comes to an end. Door prizes will also be given by Lillypons sponsors.

### **July Pond Duties**

These are somethings to do this month in your pond. First enjoy this month because it should be our best month. Second continue to fertize your lillies and marginals. If you have lotus and they have blooms spikes fertize until the blooms are over then stop fertizing, because once the blooms are set you will not get a second set.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Free River Rock:**

1) Free River Rock approx. 8" size  
About one pick-up truck load.  
Call Peter Crowl at 303-730-7771

#### **Help Wanted:**

2) Mary McDonald is looking for someone to work in her pond a few times this year. This is a paid effort and if you are interested please call Mary at 720-493-5587.

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Cyndie Thomas  
President

Our 15th Annual Sale was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who gave their support! A minimal amount of stock was leftover, which was donated to Denver Botanic Gardens and Hudson Gardens.

Denver Botanic Gardens will be using many of the plants in the B1 container water garden displays throughout the gardens planned for this season. Hudson Gardens has integrated the plants in the pond in the railroad garden and in their water garden area. Make sure to visit both facilities this summer to see the continued growth of water gardening in their displays.

Another fun visit would be to see how City Park Lily Lake is blossoming. As in 1917, the Denver Parks Department invested \$500 to purchase lilies this Spring. Bob Hoffman and Craig Russell planted the lilies in hopes, against the many odds they encountered, each would grow and cover the surface with bursting color.

If you find these aren't enough of a water garden fix, then plan to visit the ponds on our annual tour/picnic, July 8 (details enclosed). IF you want a sneak peak you can visit our web site at <http://www.colowatergardensociety.org> and go to the 2001 Pond Tour Preview.

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#### Name Tags . . .

Name tags will again be available again, with some restrictions. We will be making them only if members contact us with a request and promise to attend the next activity or meeting to pick up their name tag. In the past we had more than 50 name tags which were requested, but never picked up. This became a major waste of materials and volunteer man hours. Hanna Sparks graciously volunteered last fall to make name tags. A number of these were available at our last Holiday party, only one has been claimed. We cannot justify mailing name tags, so they have to be distributed at a meeting or activity. So we'll try again . . .

If you would like a CWGS name tag and plan to attend the July 8 picnic after the tour, you can place your order by contacting Len Freestone-email: [LFreestone@aol.com](mailto:LFreestone@aol.com) or (303) 688-3435, or Cyndie Thomas- email: [splash23@qwest.net](mailto:splash23@qwest.net) or (303) 755-1885. You must make your request prior to July 1st please.

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#### Cherry Creek Arts Festival

Colorado Water Garden Society was invited to participate in this years Cherry Creek Arts Festival Education Demonstrations. If you would like to learn the art of creating a container water garden, presentations will be made on Friday, July 6, Saturday, July 7 and Sunday July 8 from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm each day. Bob Hoffman, Rebecca Nash and Cyndie Thomas each will be giving one of the demonstrations.

## 2001 CWGS POND TOUR

Welcome to the 2001 CWGS Pond Tour, which includes ponds in Lakewood, Arvada, Wheat Ridge and Golden. Once again we offer a variety of styles and approaches to enhance your yard with a water feature. Visiting times are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday July 8, 2001. Only the ponds and gardens are open, not the homes (including the restrooms). The picnic will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County park at 44<sup>th</sup> and Indiana (directions are at the end of the pond descriptions below).

Although there is shade and tables please be prepared for a hot afternoon in the sun. Bring sun hats, sunscreen, chairs and blankets. CWGS will be providing roasted chicken and drinks, including tea and water. Members are asked to bring salads, vegetables and desserts based on the following: Last name begins A through M - salad/vegetable; Last name begins N through Z - dessert.

The charge is \$4.00 for members (to help defray the cost), children under 6 are free; guests are \$6.00. Door prizes will be given. Please wear your name tag and help us welcome new members.

### 1. **Keith Funk 10081 W 9<sup>th</sup> Dr., Lakewood** (enter/exit using 8<sup>th</sup> Pl., there is a stop light at Kipling)

Keith is one of the KEZW "Gard-N-Wise Guys." His 1800 gallon pond was installed in May, 2000. It features several waterfalls, a streambed, and is one of the focal points of a large perennial border. After work, Keith and his wife like to unwind sitting on a nearby flagstone patio watching the Koi and listening to the sounds of falling water. The remainder of the 3/4 acre yard consists of a rock garden and woodland garden that take up most of the front. In the back, there are several large perennial borders and a 500 square foot vegetable garden. In addition, there is an orchid greenhouse that keeps Keith from going through gardening withdrawal during the winter.

### 2. **Georgia and Rick Keller 10550 W 13<sup>th</sup> Pl., Lakewood** (do not turn at 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. off Kipling)

The Kellers installed a small backyard pond, approximately 700 gallons, that can be viewed from a sun room on the back of their house. The pond is situated amongst the vegetable garden and other planted areas that are entered from a wooden deck and follow a wooden walk. Rick works in heating and air conditioning and numerous objects have been converted to container gardens that are spread around the yard and deck.

### 3. **Dave and Debra Foster 4090 Carr St., Wheat Ridge**

This 1500 gallon pond, installed 5 years ago, is the focal point of a small semi-shaded back garden. Grasses and rushes grow well under the semi-shaded conditions and the lilies in the pond include Hollandia, Attraction, Chromatella, Perry's Baby Red and mystery lilies from our plant sale. The pond is terraced for ease of maintenance and the filtering system is a lily tub filled with gravel, filter floss and a pump. Enter this garden through the gate at the back of the garage. Watch out for uneven flagstone - the 50 year-old tree roots just go wherever they want.

### 4. **Karin Heine 4600 Miller St., Wheat Ridge**

This large pond, bog garden and creek is geared for wildlife. The backyard is designated an Official Wildlife Habitat from the National Wildlife Federation. The pond excavation, plumbing, plants and trees were provided by Colorado Tree & Shrubbery and John Bellegante. The plant choices were made by Karin and Skip. The pond design was by Boulder Choices and the bog and creek were done by Skip Wulff. The pond is hidden behind a fence preventing viewing from the street. The backyard is home to chickens and pond visitors including Heron and other wildlife. This is a unique pond for an active area and is very enjoyable for those that prefer a more natural, native and xeriscape style. Enter this garden from the driveway and exit the same way.

**5. Theresa and Erik Wood 5435 Garland St., Arvada**

Theresa and Erik wanted to install a pond and after apprenticing with Scott Hayward, they hand excavated their pond about 2 years ago. The pond is about 15' by 5' and holds approximately 1000 gallons along with 35 gold fish and 2 frogs. The pond is stocked with various hardy lilies, anacharis, cabomba and sweetflag. The location makes this a wonderful atmosphere for dining on the patio and viewing the painted murals provided by a neighbor. Plans include starting on a larger water garden in the terraced backyard. Enter this pond through the fence at the end of the driveway.

**6. Dave and Jill Pepper 5633 Jellison St., Arvada**

The Peppers current pond is 2 years old and replaced a 700 gallon pond they found too small to winter over Koi. This pond is approximately 10' X 20', sloping from 18" to 4 feet deep and contains about 3000 gallons. It has a skimmer, bottom drain, settling tank with brushes, 40 watt UV and a 3X4X10 foot filter box which has an up-flow through filter pads and out a 3 foot cascading waterfall. There are approximately 30 Koi and goldfish and numerous types of hardy and tropical lilies, water iris, rushes and pickerel. Containers around the pond hold papyrus, taro, umbrella palm and cannas. Be sure to ask Dave about the fall preparation for covering the pond. Enter this pond through the fence at the end of the driveway.

**7. Scott and Bess Hayward 6375 Quaker St. Golden**

The Haywards have numerous ponds and water features ranging in size from a few hundreds gallons to over 3000 gallons. The largest is approximately 15' X 35' and includes a waterfall. Throughout their property they have over 120 varieties of hardy lilies and more than 20 varieties of tropical lilies. Be sure to see the 20' X 40' greenhouse. Scott uses to winter over his plants. The ponds also serve as home for various waterfowl and fish. Over the past few years their yard has been encroached upon by urban sprawl but this is a truly unique setting for raising and showing a wide range of water garden plants. Enter these ponds from the driveway.

**8. Steve Forgy 15015 Juniper Ct., Golden**

This owner designed and built pond features a 1500 gallon main pond 8' X 15', three shallow pool shear waterfalls and a 2' X 15' adjoining bog. Several types of hardy bog plants and water lilies are featured along with 30 koi and goldfish. Other features include a wooden serpentine bridge, flagstone bridge, and external pump-house, dual conical filtration system, an adjoining flagstone patio, wooden docks with a pagoda, a 4-tier whiskey barrel container garden, a Japanese-western garden and lots of stonework. For those of you into filtering systems - just ask! Enter this garden from the north side of the house and exit out the driveway.

**Directions to picnic.**

After leaving Steve's pond go back out to Kendrick and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Proceed west on 32<sup>nd</sup> to McIntyre St. Go north on McIntyre St. to 44<sup>th</sup> Ave and go east to Indiana. The park is on the north side of 44th.