Coming Events

July 8
Pond Tour, Northwest Corridor, 11:30 am-4 pm;
Picnic at Martin Park Shelter, Boulder, 5 pm

August 12
Water Blossom Festival,
Denver Botanic Gardens

September 10
Annual Meeting and Board Elections, Vicki Aber Residence, more info in next newsletter

December 2
Holiday Party, Morrison Center, DBG

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Most plants survive hot, dry, windy day at annual CWGS Plant Sale & Swap

This is just a sample of the plants donated by CWGS members and Denver Botanic Gardens for the Plant Sale & Swap

Ex-Board Members Moe Belisle and Cathy Manley assist current Board Members Mike Thomas and Vicki Aber in tagging and pricing plants for the annual Plant Sale

Inside - Special Pull-Out Section:
2006 Pond Tour maps & directions

Bring your own picnic basket; CWGS will bring the dessert!!
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Pond Tour (July) _____ Holiday Party (Dec.) _____ DBG Volunteer _____
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Pond Tour travels to NW Metro Area this year

by Gary Blubaugh, President

What a beautiful way to spend a Saturday - a road trip winding along the route of the CWGS 2006 Pond Tour, all the while enjoying the backdrop of the Flatirons. This year's CWGS Pond Tour will take us to Broomfield, Louisville, and Boulder.

Nine CWGS members have graciously opened their water features to us, representing hours of tender-loving care designed to make sure your visit is well spent. Many thanks to those of you who have made this Pond Tour possible by welcoming CWGS members to your gardens. Without your help this would not be possible.

The Pond Tour will start at 11:30 am and run until 4 pm. I have driven the route and it takes about 90 minutes of driving. If you stay an average of 20 minutes at each pond, you can complete the tour in about 4 hrs. and 30 minutes. Of course, if you want to spend more time exploring a particularly-interesting water feature, your time will be greater.

Please complete your last pond visit by 4 pm so the hosts will have time to pack up their picnic basket and make it to the Picnic by 5 pm.

Feel free to start anywhere on the tour, but the picnic is only a three minute drive from the last pond (April & Jonathan Hough). This year the picnic is a bit of a change from past years. You are asked to bring your own food, and CWGS will provide soft drinks, cake and ice cream. A $2 per adult collection will be made to offset the expense of drink and dessert.

There is a limited number of barbecues at the Martin Park Shelter, so you might want to arrive a little early to get the charcoal fired up.

The youngsters can enjoy the playground equipment while mom and dad relax. This will be an opportunity for us to visit with old friends and make new ones. After a hectic 4th of July weekend, the CWGS Pond Tour/Picnic will be a welcome relief. Did I mention you might walk away with a door prize?

Sorry, a liquor permit was not in the budget. Please do not bring alcoholic beverages.
Opportunity to join CWGS Board of Directors awaits

by Gary Blubaugh, President

You have an opportunity to be on the “Cutting Edge” of CWGS decision-making. Have you just joined CWGS? Do you have an hour and a half each month to help plan CWGS activities and help make decisions that affect CWGS?

This is an excellent opportunity to get involved and the Board welcomes enthusiastic new members to participate in our endeavors to provide water garden education and at the same time provide an opportunity for like-minded water garden enthusiasts to have fun together. Two CWGS Board Member-at-Large positions are now open. You could serve on the Board from now until September 2007 or September 2008—your choice!

The CWGS Board sadly will be losing Bill Powell as Secretary when his second two-year term expires in September 2006. CWGS Bylaws stipulate that officers of the Society may serve two consecutive terms in a given position and then must vacate that office to allow service by others. Bill will stand for re-election as a Member-at-Large and will be happy to mentor his replacement as Secretary. The emerging Secretary’s term of office will be from September of 2006 until September 2008. If you are interested, contact Bill Powell at 303-355-8098 or Gary Blubaugh at 303-989-4464.

CSU researchers are progressing with water garden insect study

This summer, researchers from Colorado State University are doing a survey of water garden insects in the Denver Metro area. Water gardens have their own unique insects, including those that feed on aquatic plants, but also a myriad of unusual species that live in and around water.

Greg Walker, a graduate student in Entomology at CSU, is making periodic visits to area water gardens and is collecting samples. Together with Dr. Boris Kondratieff, CSU Taxonomist, and Dr. Whitney Cranshaw, CSU Entomologist, he will determine what insects are present, photograph them, and collect information on their seasonal biology.

CWGS has created a $1,000 research grant to help with the study, and will assist in publishing the group’s findings.

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Treasurer’s Report

Bank Balance

May 31 $15,442.65

CWGS seeking secure storage space for Society belongings

CWGS is again looking for a secure and dry storage space in which to keep the Society’s supplies. We could probably manage with as small as 5 ft. X 5 ft. of floor space. Most of the items are boxed goods used at the Society’s events. Materials include picnic and holiday party supplies, banners, three folding tents, and inventoried pots, plant tabs and other ongoing sale items. We access the goods perhaps four to six times a year. The space needs to be accessible with reasonable notice.

If you have some free space to donate, please contact either President Gary Blubaugh, gblubaugh@comcast.net or (303) 989-4464, or Bill Powell, wbpow@comcast.net (303) 355-8098.
9. Jonathan & April Hough
1110 Claremont Dr., Boulder

Three well-established raised ponds are in the backyard, and another water feature is in the front yard. A fountain grabs attention in the larger pond. Timbers were used in the design of the raised ponds, making them special.

R.S.V.P. before Saturday, June 24, 2006 by calling 303-989-4464
Participants - 2006

1. John & Terri Rowe
   120 Fairplay Ave., Broomfield

2. Martha Miller & Joel Waszak
   943 W. Yale Ct., Louisville

3. Bill & Brinda Henley
   449 W. Harper St., Louisville

4. Werner & Nancy Neupert
   333 S. 6th St., Boulder

5. Gary & Judy Reid
   220 Fox Drive, Boulder

6. Pat Weis-Taylor & Rich Hinrichs
   5191 Ellsworth Pl., Boulder

7. Dr. Dave Zeckser
   7006 Indian Peaks Trail, Boulder

8. John & Charlotte Knudson
   3766 Wonderland Hill Ave., Boulder

9. Jonathan & April Hough
   1110 Claremont Dr., Boulder

If you plan to take the tour in the order above, get to this location for the first pond:

8. John & Charlotte Knudson
   3766 Wonderland Hill Ave., Boulder

Entry to the backyard is gained via a gate on the right side of the garage. Be careful walking down the steep sidewalk! The 4000-gallon, professionally-installed pond is five years old, and features a 30-foot long waterfall and is home to koi and goldfish. Stand high above the pond along the waterfall and the large pond located behind the property will appear to be part of the water feature.
Two water garden containers are in front of the house. Another is along the left side of the house. The focal point is a 500-gallon raised water feature, built 10 years ago in just four hours! Relaxing by the water feature in the sunroom must be a popular activity.

6. Pat Weis-Taylor & Rich Hinrichs
5191 Ellsworth Pl., Boulder

The backyard shows tender loving care in creating a striking panorama with an elaborate train layout and water feature. A vegetable garden is also tucked into the backyard. Hands off the tomatoes!
Enter the backyard from the right side of the house. The 1500-gallon pond is three years old and was professionally-installed. Fish? Yes, goldfish. The pond features underwater lighting, making this a great place to relax when the sun goes down.

4. Werner & Nancy Neupert
333 S. 68th St., Boulder
This 75-foot diameter pond was built 32 years ago. This is the most-established pond on the tour. It is home to lots of frogs and potted water plants. This pond does not tax the water bill, as it is fed by a spring located in the marsh a short hike behind the pond. Check it out!

5. Gary & Judy Reid
220 Fox Drive, Boulder
The pond was professionally-installed 10 years ago. Below the waterfall, koi swim in 500 gallons of water. A UV light sterilizer has been installed to maintain excellent water quality.