



The Water Garden

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It's a Party !!!!

CWGS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday December 2 at 6:00PM

Denver Botanic Gardens Morrison Center at the SE corner of 11th and York

The party will be a fun evening with the main course and drinks provided and all you have to bring is a dessert or salad for 6 to 8 people to share. There will be door prizes. Nancy Styler will give a travel log of her recent trip to the Amazon. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and socialization. Please come in casual attire.

The September meeting was very Special for John and Mary Mirgon and Joe Tomocik

The secret was kept until the presentation where John & Mary Mirgon and Joe Tomocik were very surprised and pleased to be honored with a plaque for starting the Colorado Water Garden Society. At the dedication of a bronze plaque with their names inscribed Ellen Westbrook read the following: "History of the "Colorado Water Garden Society" starts with Joseph Tomocik's class on water gardening February 13, 1983. During this class he asked, anyone who might be interested in starting a water lily society please stay over after class. Including Joe, 9 people stayed over. From these 9 people 3 were nominated and elected as the officers to start the society. These were, John B. Mirgon, President, Jodi Cue, Vice President and Scott Sprague, Secretary/Treasurer. The other 6 chose to be supporting members but wish to take no office. This was the very beginning of the Colorado Water Garden Society." The presentation was nicely done and attended by many members of the CWGS.



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Although we no longer are enjoying blooming lilies, there is still a certain beauty to the winter pond. The cattails are still standing at attention, snow covered rocks blend into an edging of frozen water. Fish lazily meander between sunken pots, birds skate on the ice in search of water. Truly a serene beauty in all seasons, no yard should be without a pond.

As we take pause during this season, it provides the opportunity to thank our many volunteers in 2000.

Those who . . .

. . . assisted with plantings and maintenance at Denver Botanic Gardens and Hudson Gardens

. . . presented educational programs

. . . staffed our organization booth at the various shows

. . . assisted with our annual sale

. . . were participants of our pond tour

. . . board members and committee chairpersons!!!

A heartfelt "thank you" goes to our outgoing board members Bob Hoffman and Nancy Jewett and our long time volunteer coordinator Lynn Jewett.

THANK YOU BOB!!

Bob Hoffman has served on the CWGS Board two terms as an At-Large Member and one term as President. Bob also volunteers numerous hours at Hudson Gardens and Denver Botanic Gardens. He has spent time this last year planning and developing a Railroad Garden adjacent to the water garden area at Hudson Gardens. Bob will continue to give selflessly as Editor of *The Water Garden* newsletter, co-chair of the annual plant sale and liaison to the Denver City Parks lily pond committee. Bob, your continued contributions will be greatly appreciated.

WE SAY THANK YOU LYNN & NANCY!

In September, Nancy Jewett completed a two-year term on the Board of Directors as Secretary, and her husband, Lynn, retired as Volunteer Coordinator. Warm thanks go out to Nancy and Lynn for their many years of continuous work to promote water gardening in Colorado. The Jewetts have been members of CWGS since 1985 and water gardeners for over 20 years. In addition to her recent term as Secretary, Nancy also served on the Board as President and Vice President. On two separate occasions, she was drafted to be editor of our newsletter to which she contributed many articles. Somewhere in the midst of these responsibilities, she found time to chair the pond tour twice. Fortunately for CWGS, she will continue to be membership chair and keep an accurate file of all our addresses and phone numbers. Not to be outdone, Lynn served as Volunteer Coordinator for ten years and at least one term as member-at-large on the Board. With a just a little free time now, Nancy says they are going to get caught up on their own water garden and do more traveling, to include the IWGS Symposium in Nashville next summer. Nancy is still growing and propagating a variety of cannas that can be grown either in or out of water. She is working with Hart Canna in England to identify as many as possible by name. Definitely put a question mark after "free time!"

A round of applause to Bob, Nancy and Lynn!

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