

The Water Garden

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P.S. the Editor is a New Grandma as of 11-4-98! I'm excited!



CWGS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

6:00 to 9:00 PM

*Saturday, December 5th at the Morrison Center,
Denver Botanic Gardens*

(11th Avenue between York & Josephine Streets)

Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Main course and drinks will be provided. Following dinner, there will be door prizes and a slide program presented by Joe Tomocik, CWGS member and Head Aquarian at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

For further information call Carla Littlefield, Program Chair at (303) 399-7946.



Interested in working the Home and Garden Show for a 2 to 4 hour shift, Feb. 6-14, 1999 at the CWGS booth? Call Cyndie Thomas at (303) 755-1885. CWGS will also present an "Introduction to Water Gardening" on Thursday, Feb. 10th, 6:30 - 7:00pm in the stage area.

Thanks for letting me deliver the CWGS newsletter to you for a year. It has been a challenge and a learning experience to wrestle the final product out of Microsoft Publisher. *Ellen Westbrook, Editor*

New Officers and Committee Chairs for 1999

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Test Lily Winners at DBG

by Carla Littlefield & Lois Mayerchak

Lois Mayerchak and Carla Littlefield, CWGS members took the opportunity to judge the hardy and tropical test lilies at the Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG) after our General Meeting in September. *Nymphaea* 'William McLane' took top tropical honors with its splendid, deep bluish-purple flower and mottled burgundy foliage. In 1997, this introduction from Florida Aquatic Nurseries received the International Water Lily Society/Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal awarded for the overall best *Nymphaea* (tropical or hardy) by a living hybridizer/introducer. CWGS members and DBG visitors served as judges last year following the International Water Lily Society Symposium held in Denver.

This year's top hardy winner at DBG was a new introduction by Kirk Strawn *Nymphaea* 'Pink Grapefruit'. With lovely pinkish-yellow, star shaped flowers, this new hybrid captured the attention of voting CWGS members. Honorable mentions to consider in the future for your pond include Perry Slocum's *Nymphaea* 'Little Champion' which is a small red, vigorous grower and steady bloomer and Michael Duff's *Nymphaea* 'Deva' which is a medium size, white, constant bloomer. The test lilies have all

been tucked away for the winter. Some will be brought out again next June. We hope you enjoy the selections, both new and old. Come by and give us your input.

We Say Thank You!

As a volunteer organization, CWGS relies on the services donated by members for its vitality. Over the past 14 years the Board of Directors has been extremely fortunate to attract capable and highly committed members. Three outgoing Board members deserve our applause: Doris Freestone (Member-a-Large), Len Freestone (Treasurer), and Marjorie Roberts (Secretary). Since 1986, the Freestones have been members of CWGS and regular volunteers for the water gardens at the Denver Botanic Gardens. They chaired the plant sale for four years; chaired and catered the pond tour in 1994; catered the pond tour in 1998; and assisted with many Christmas parties. Doris was Volunteer Coordinator for two years and served on the Board for three years. Len served as Treasurer for three years and produced the distinctive name badges for CWGS members. Both Doris and Len volunteered for the International Water Lily Society Symposium held in Denver last year.

Marjorie Roberts served as Secretary for two years, a position which carries the chore of keeping minutes of all Board and General Meetings. Marjorie is a long-time CWGS member and, like the Freestones, is a regular volunteer from Spring through Fall, working in the water gardens at the Denver Botanic Gardens. She also chaired the Refreshments Committee for two years and made sure that delectables always accompanied our General Meetings. Our hearty thanks go to these CWGS members who have served so capably on our Board of Directors.

We have several vacancies, Give a call to Nancy Jewett, if you would like to fill one.



Volunteers are needed for:

Treasurer, Pond Tour Chairman, Refreshments, and Newsletter Editor.

Also, Ron Bice has again volunteered to Chair the water garden portion of the DBG Plant And Book Sale in May, but he needs the help of a Co-Chair, **ASAP, to attend meetings and assist with other arrangements.**

Call Ron Bice at (303) 427-6323.

There will be 3 T-shirts, 13 hats, 2 clocks and 28 books for sale at the next meeting.

Holiday Gift Suggestion!

If you have family or friends that are "ponders" give them a gift of a membership to the Colorado Water Garden Society! Send a membership application marked as "gift" or call Nancy Jewett, Membership Chair at (303) 671-7964

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Please review the information on the enclosed membership list and notify Nancy Jewett at (303) 671-7964 of errors.

If your name or some of your information is not on the list, it is because you marked on your application form that you did not want this information released.