GREAT SUCCESS of
CWGS Plant Sale!

A special “thank you” goes out to all CWGS members for their support through their purchases at the 1998 Plant Sale. A very special “thank you” goes to the great volunteers who assisted their fellow ponderers with selecting the plants and with a smooth, fast check-out. Also, those behind the scene who helped with pricing, tagging, set-up and take down. More that forty persons helped to make the sale a huge success.

The final tally isn’t quite in, but profits are expected to be near $4,000. This will assist CWGS with numerous education programs and printed materials for the coming year. A special selection of plants from the sale were saved, planted (thank you Gail Goldberg and Bob Hoffman) and will be given away as doorprizes at the pond tour picnic. by Cyndic Thomas

Pond #1 on the Annual CWGS Pond Tour. belonging to Doug & Bobbie Hacker.

See directions on page 5 & 6 and page 8.
Remaining CWGS Programs for 1998:
All programs are held at the Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG) unless noted otherwise.

July 12th Sunday

Annual CWGS Pond Tour

Information & directions on page 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 in this Newsletter! (pictures interspersed throughout)

August 9th, Sunday

Algae Control speaker Anthony Smith.

Mr. Smith has a bachelor's degree in Aquatic Biology from Virginia Tech. He is a water quality scientist with Quality Water Bio-Systems, Inc. in Broomfield. He works with L.C. Keenan whose article on algae control appeared in the Denver Botanic Garden's "Mountain, Plain and Garden" Spring 1997. Come and hear the latest!

Tentatively we will be meeting at Hudson Gardens, 2888 W. Maplewood Ave (you can see it from Santa Fe), Littleton, CO, phone 797-8565. Meeting will be followed by a tour of the gardens and a cookout courtesy of the Hudson Gardens Staff. Meeting and cookout time to be published in the next newsletter, or contact Bill Bittman, 420-7595, or any of the board members for details. (Phone numbers are on the front page of this newsletter).

September 13th, Sunday

Victoria - Amazon Expedition

Nancy, Trey, and Will Styler and Stan Skinger will describe their adventures in Brazil, searching for Victoria lily seeds and exotic birds.

And Elections!

2 PM in Classroom C.

December 5th, Saturday

Holiday Dinner Party

6 PM in the Morrison Center.

Classrooms are downstairs in DBG's main building at 1005 York Street. The Morrison Center is on 11th Avenue, between York and Josephine Streets.

Please direct program inquiries to the Program Chair, Cara Littlefield, phone (303) 399-7946, fax (303) 399-0170, e-mail: clittlef@compuserve.com.

From House #2 on the Annual CWGS Pond Tour, belonging to Frank & Catherine Senz.

Don't forget we have an election coming up this September

CWGS elections will be held in September. The election will be for Vice-President and Secretary and one Member-at-Large.

We would always like to encourage new blood and ideas into the organization. Please feel free to nominate anyone you choose, who would be willing to hold an office. Let any one of the board members listed on the front of this newsletter know, who you would like to nominate.

Board meetings are held prior to the regular meetings, with one extra meeting to get the year started.

CALL Nancy Jewett at 671-7964 for a listing of ponds to visit.

Think about doing a Newsletter? Let Bill Bittman know if you are interested.
CWGS Annual Pond Tour

NARRATIVE

1. Doug & Bobbie Hacker’s Ponds
   6553 East Dutch Creek Street;
   Highlands Ranch

   This approximately 9,000 gallon pond was constructed six years ago, right after the Hackers moved in and before any fences went up. It's pretty easy to guess that the massive boulders lining the pond and the eight-foot waterfall didn't pass through any garden gate! For the first two years, they endured green water before installing a simple biological filter. More than 20 hardy water lilies and assorted marginal bog plants, including canna, umbrella palm, cattails and iris, share the pond with several dozen koi fish and a number of goldfish. A 150 gallon pre-formed pond was added in the corner of the yard three years ago.

2. Frank & Catherine Senz’ Ponds
   9939 S. Ashleigh Way;
   Highlands Ranch

   The Senz started digging dirt for this bivex 8,000 gallon pond when they moved into the house. Seven years later, it's almost finished, except for a gazebo and a few other touches. A waterfall tumbles into the upper pond; another waterfall spills over a three foot sandstone wall into the lower level pond. The ponds have about 40 koi and goldfish and a lovely mix of bog plants and water lilies. To the rear is a Japanese lantern nestled under a sunem. The ponds and patio overlook the historic Highlands Ranch mansion grounds, the front range, and downtown Denver in the distance.

3. Ronald & Alberta Akin’s Pond
   9 Niblick Lane;
   Littleton

   This 4,200 gallon pond with a tri-level waterfall is beautifully situated on the perimeter of the Columbine Country Club Golf Course. The Akins built the pond four years ago and now say, "We can't imagine our backyard without one. It is more than just water confined in a depression, it is our window to nature beyond the city." At any time of day, migrating birds, resident birds, frogs, foxes, raccoons, and fisherbirds (kingfishers, blue herons, and night herons) are welcome at the garden pond. Water plants include papyrus, iris, canna, scirpus, cattails, and water lilies. The perimeter of the pond has moneywort, hydrangea, dianthus, day lilies, and other perennials and annuals. Over 40 fantail shubunkin share the pond with a grass carp.

4. Bob, Fran & Mike Hoffman’s Ponds
   5110 S. Estes Street;
   Littleton

   Double your fun! Two ponds at one home. The Hoffman ponds accentuate a well manicured yard. At the upper reaches of the pond, water is introduced in a small pool with water hyacinths as a natural filter. The water then flows gently into a slightly larger pond that holds a large iris and lotus plant. A short waterfall spills into the main water garden with a large lotus. Many hardy and tropical water lilies are displayed in the middle of the pond, while the outer ring is filled with marginal plants. The second large pond is devoted to koi fish. Water from this pond flows back into the lily pond, down a gentle stream. The Hoffmans invite us to roam around the yard, smell the many roses, or just sit on the patio and relax!

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5. Julie Powell’s Pond  
5521 S. Cedar; Littleton

Close to downtown Littleton, Julie has created a real jewel. Entering the garden, you’ll find an array of colorful annual and perennial flower beds in a cottage type setting. The hidden oasis behind garden gates greets you with a 3,000 gallon koi pond with over 40 koi fish and a waterfall framed with purple clematis. The decking draws you further into the backyard which includes a gazebo, greenhouse, and a 1,500 gallon lily pond with water lilies and assorted marginal bog plants (cattails, bog bean, water hawthorn), a stream and bridge.

6. Newell & Judy Grant’s Ponds  
1325 Cherryville Rd.; Littleton

This water garden is in its third year, but appears very natural and mature in a large backyard with tall cottonwoods. Two connected ponds each have their own waterfall. Lining the ponds are a variety of perennials and annuals, including day lilies, columbine, coreopsis, impatients, gaillardia, and mariguerites. The ponds have a grass carp (which has not appeared this year), goldfish, and two frogs (also in hiding). Water plants include papyrus, iris, sedge, and a Mrs. PJ Clark lotus.

7. Mike & Vickie Pervich’s Pond  
6054 S. Fairfax Court; Littleton

The pond is approximately five years old and was built by Paul & Rose Swenby. Large moss rock boulders enhance the Rocky Mountain design. The Pervich’s have spent the last five years planting grasses, bushes, and perennials in shades of silver and gold with accents of purple and pink. The pond has hardy lilies with several grasses and bog plants. Their pride and joy is a Changeable Commanche lily bought in 1985 from John Margon for their first pond. Approximately 30 goldfish and two leopard frogs (one green and one brown) reside in the pond. Look for the frogs perched on the lily pads or on the woolly thyme on the adjacent slope.

8. Nancy, Trey, and Will Styler  
6583 East Ida Avenue; Greenwood Village

The Stylers have been on the CWGS tour before, but they have made some additions. These include ponds built for Victoria lilies and other tropics and a whimsical, outdoor “Garden Bedroom.” Several ponds and other smaller water gardens display their collection of aquatic and bog plants. Other features include annual and perennial gardens, a fragrant rose garden, window boxes and container gardens, and several large xeriscape features, such as a 30 foot koi and a six foot dragonfly. Enjoy the gardens before and during the picnic.