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**CWGS Potluck & Presentation  
by Bob Meade on the *Victoria  
amazonica* water lily and his  
many trips to the Amazon River  
Basin  
Plant Society Building, DBG**

**Thursday, March 21st**

**6:00 pm – Potluck  
7:00 pm – Presentation  
8:00 pm – Question & Answer  
Session**

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*Berkely Lake Park, Denver, CO, (photo courtesy of <http://www.city-data.com>)*

## Berkeley Lake Project Update

**by Bob Hoffman**

When you read this, our winter weather should be warming up and getting nicer. My pond is currently frozen over and I have not seen my fish in a month. The weather is slated to improve some, but I think it will take some time to see the bottom of my pond once again. That being said, I spent some time today (1/15/2013) talking to Kelton Osborn, an artist who is working for Denver Parks on the Berkeley Lake project.

I was interested to learn, that at one time, Berkeley Lake had a swim beach and pier with a high diving platform at the end. The pier walkway and diving platform are gone, but the pier posts are still in place and when the lake was drained and cleaned last year, you could clearly see them. Kelton's idea is to place copper buoys attached to the ends of the pier posts and plant water lilies in between the posts. Because of the depth of the water, he was thinking of suspending or building a platform for some potted lilies. I don't know what his budget may be to accomplish this task, but I did volunteer my support to the project. I also suggested Denver Botanic Gardens might be interested in supplying some lily tubers for the project.

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**Berkeley Lake with 'Bea Taplin' Lilies,**  
(Photo courtesy of North Denver Tribune)



**'Bea Taplin' Hardy Water Lily,** (Photo  
courtesy of Denver Botanic Gardens)



**Old Pier at Berkeley Lake Park,** (Photo  
courtesy of The Denver Post)

## Berkeley Lake Project

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I was told some of the lily tubers in the lake, prior to renovations, were planted back in the lake from where they were originally planted. Since the lake only had pink and white lilies planted before, it might be nice to plant other colors to create more interest.

CWGS may be asked for suggestions on what lilies would do well in that particular lake environment and we also may be asked to provide tubers for the project since Kelton has a limited budget. In addition, we may be asked to provide support in the planting of the tubers when the time comes. I plan on keeping in touch with Kelton as to his progress on this project.

## 2013 International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society Symposium & Cruise

by Vicki Aber

The first of February we had the privilege of attending the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society Symposium. For the first time, the symposium took place on a 5 day cruise. Colorado was well represented; those in attendance included: Lynn and Nancy Jewett, Bob and Fran Hoffman, Tamara Kilbane, and myself and my husband Dan. A total of 29 people from all over the world attended this event.

We left Denver very early on Thursday morning (January 31<sup>st</sup>) and were happy to see we were on the same flight as Bob, Fran, and Tamara. When we arrived in Florida we went to our respective hotels. Most everyone who got in on Thursday met for dinner Thursday night. Many of the people were staying in the same motel and we ended up at the same restaurant. Several locals advised us the fish tacos were the way to go. Great advice!

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## IWGS Symposium & Cruise

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On Friday February 1<sup>st</sup>, we toured Florida Aquatic Nursery's facility. The day was cold for Floridians (in the high 60's), but felt warm for those of us coming from Colorado. When we went into the greenhouses it was HOT! The temperature was not what was on our minds, however, as we were in awe of all the blooming lilies, mostly tropicals and intersubgeneric hybrids. When Brandon McLane came to Colorado last summer he brought pictures of their greenhouses, but the pictures don't do them justice.

Picture rows and rows of waterways with hundreds of blooms held high in all the colors of the rainbow. There were also tropical marginals in the greenhouses. Outside were hardy lilies and marginals, but this being what passes for winter in Florida, they were somewhat dormant. The nursery is starting to gear up for the first flush of orders from retailers and most of what we saw would be gone by May. Touring the facility was very interesting and with the McLane's, their employees, and all the other expert water gardeners on the tour, there was a lot of good information exchanged.

Much like CWGS members, this group likes to eat. After the tour at Florida Aquatic Nursery, we met at a very good seafood restaurant that night. After all, we didn't know for sure if we would be fed adequately on the cruise (just joking).

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we boarded Royal Caribbean International's *Liberty of the Seas*. Dan and I had not been on a cruise since sometime in the 80's. This ship was a lot bigger. We got settled and met most of the other attendees in one of the many bars. We got the information about the lectures the next day, chatted for a while, and went our separate ways. We were all seated together for dinner each night so we still had a lot of interaction.

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> was the lecture day. Brandon gave a talk on intersubgeneric hybrids. His talk was much the same as the one he gave CWGS last summer at the Water Blossom Festival, but it was very worthwhile to hear it again.

The next lecturer was Nopchai Chansilpa. Nopchai is a researcher from Thailand. He is attached to the Rajamangala University of Technology. He has been doing some amazing crossing of lilies. He mainly works with the Australian water lily, but is also interested in making/hybridizing small lilies and lotus. It sounded like creating these new varieties was mostly to see if it could be done and most varieties have not been marketed. Too bad! There were many offers by attendees to take the extras off his hands.

After lunch (yes, there is a lot of eating on cruises), we had a talk by Carlos Magdalena from The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in London, England. Carlos grew up in Spain and now is a curator at Kew. This makes for a very interesting accent. Carlos had a lot to say in a short period, so you really had to listen quickly and carefully. He showed some great pictures of Kew gardens and talked about his work there. He was instrumental in saving a water lily, whose native growing environment is thermal hot springs, from extinction.

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## IWGS Symposium & Cruise

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Next, IWGS had a general meeting and election. Board positions are staggered much like CWGS. There were two positions up for election and the holders of those positions agreed to stand for re-election. We also added a new board member. The 2013 budget was presented and approved and we had some general discussion about club and water garden matters.

As a member of IWGS and CWGS, one of my goals is to make contacts with other clubs and also to share information and ideas. Two attendees agreed to help with this goal. Pam Jokerst is with the St. Louis Water Garden Society and Sandra Stokes is from Riverton, UT. I will be corresponding with these two women and hopefully get some new ideas for our club.

After the lectures on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, there were no other planned activities. We did many things with other attendees, from rock-wall climbing to snorkeling. We all had a really great time. I am very pleased we had the opportunity to attend this Symposium and cruise. I can now put faces with people I have only corresponded with and am glad to have met so many new people.

We had some fantastic lectures and a lot of informal discussion on a variety of topics. I would recommend the Annual Symposium to anyone able to attend. There has been talk about having a future symposium in Denver. I think it would be great fun, but know it will be a lot of work. More on this subject when we know more.

## Join Us for our First Meeting of the Year!

by Dorothy Martinez

Please join us for our first meeting of the year, to be held on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Plant Society Building located at the Denver Botanic Gardens, 1007 York Street, Denver, CO 80206.

The meeting will include a potluck starting at 6:00 pm, followed by a 7:00 pm presentation by Bob Meade on the *Victoria amazonica* water lily and his many trips to the Amazon River Basin.

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'Victoria amazonica' Water Lily, (photo courtesy of <http://commons.wikimedia.org/>)

## March Meeting

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There will be time after the presentation for any questions you may have.

DBG's Plant Society Building is located at the West end of the staff parking and drive. The building is immediately adjacent to the new Bonsai Garden and Pavilion. From inside the pedestrian area of DBG, the Plant Society Building can be reached by walking through the sliding gate at the end of the greenhouse structure and West Terrace.

For more information, please contact Dorothy Martinez at 303-279-3137 or [dam@johnfunk.com](mailto:dam@johnfunk.com).



## New Board Members for 2012 - 2013

by Dorothy Martinez

We had our Annual Board Member Election in September 2012. Here is a list of the present Board through September 2013:

President – Bob Hoffman	Member at Large (4) – Bill Powell
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Member at Large (2) – Jim Arneill	Member at Large (9) – Fran Hoffman
Member at Large (3) – Ben Coleman	

### New & Returning Members for January and February 2013

#### January

<b>Ken &amp; Teresa Burkert</b> <i>Northglenn, CO</i>	<i>(Returning)</i>
<b>Justin &amp; Lois Krause</b> <i>Arvada, CO</i>	<i>(Returning)</i>
<b>Margaret &amp; Jesse Kumin</b> <i>Boulder, CO</i>	<i>(Returning)</i>
<b>Carolyn Lupe</b> <i>Denver, CO</i>	<i>(Returning)</i>
<b>Pat Weis-Taylor</b> <i>Boulder, CO</i>	<i>(Returning)</i>

#### February

<b>Charlie Oleson</b> <i>Lakewood, CO</i>	<i>(Returning)</i>
<b>Mike &amp; Vickie Pervich</b> <i>Aurora, CO</i>	<i>(Returning)</i>
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<b>Jim Carlson</b> <i>Denver, CO</i>	<i>(Returning)</i>
<b>Keith &amp; Terry Grisham</b> <i>Elizabeth, CO</i>	<i>(Returning)</i>
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## THIS YEAR

*A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:*

**March 21: Potluck & Presentation**  
**Plant Society Building**  
**Denver Botanic Gardens**

6:00 PM – Potluck

7:00 PM – Presentation by Bob Meade, "*Victoria amazonica* Water Lily and the Amazon River Basin"

8:00 PM – Question and answer session

**April 18: Get Wet Event 2013** – Gates Hall, DBG, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

**May 10 & May 11: DBG Annual Plant Sale** – DBG, 8:30 AM – 6:00 pm on Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM on Saturday

**May 16: Potluck & Annual Plant Swap** – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**June 2: Annual Plant Sale** – West Terrace, DBG, Members only 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, General Public 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**June 22: Pond Side Program** – Bathurst Residence, Arvada, CO, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**July 20: Annual Pond Tour & Picnic** – Southwest Littleton, Lakewood, and Denver, Tour 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM, Picnic 4:00 PM at Hudson Gardens

**August 10: Water Blossom Festival**, Monet Water Garden Area/Plant Society Building, DBG, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**August 17: Leaf Casting Seminar/Class** – Martinez/Funk Residence, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**August 24: Pond Side Program** – Martinez/Funk Residence, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Sept. 19: Potluck & Annual Board Elections** – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Oct. 17: Potluck & Planning Meeting** – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Dec. 19: Holiday Banquet and Volunteer Recognition** – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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