The Connection

by Peter Hier

Have you ever wondered what the connection is between the Colorado Water Garden Society and Denver Botanic Gardens? Come and find out on Thursday, March 19th.

Please join me for my presentation entitled “The Connection”. Through the medium of video, we will look at the 2014 growing season in the various Aquatic sections at Denver Botanic Gardens.

See how Colorado Water Garden Society members along with other volunteers support and help Tamara Kilbane, Senior Horticulturist of the Aquatics Division, Denver Botanic Gardens throughout an entire season of water gardening.

Please join us Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 pm for a tasty potluck in the Plant Society Building at DBG. The scheduled program will take place at 7:00 pm. Come along and see what fun we have shoveling dirt and later in the season playing in the mud.

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The presentation will not only illustrate what club members and other volunteers do at Denver Botanic Gardens, it will also show club members and volunteers helping out at Hudson Gardens with their various water features.

Please join us and see what opportunities may exist in “the connection” that you might enjoy.

If you wish to lend a hand at either Denver Botanic Gardens or The Hudson Gardens and Event Center, please see Dorothy Martinez’s article on page 4 and 5.

For more information about the March 19th presentation, please contact Peter Hier at (303) 278-2106 or moose.4bph@q.com.

Wanted . . . Your Photos
of Various Botanic Gardens throughout the World

by Dorothy Martinez

We are preparing a special participatory presentation for Get Wet this year (see Bill Powell’s related article on page 4). We need your photos.

Do you have photos or images of various botanic gardens throughout the world, particularly of gardens with water features? Are you willing to share them? We would love to include your images in our Get Wet presentation on Thursday, April 16th. The presentation is scheduled for 7:00 pm at the Plant Society Building within Denver Botanic Gardens.

Please keep the number of photos and/or images to 20 per person maximum, but if you only have one or two, that’s fine as well. The deadline to submit photos and images is 5:00 pm, Friday, March 20th. If there is a time or space constraint, not all photos/images submitted may appear in the final presentation. If possible, along with your photos/images please note the gardens’ names and approximate dates you took the images. If you have comments or observations about the gardens you visited, please share them!

Submit all photos and images to dam@johnfunk.com or call Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137 to arrange a time for pick up.

Thanks in advance! Without your vital participation, this presentation won’t happen.
Water Connects Them

Get Wet 2015 Visits Botanic Gardens Around the Globe

by Bill Powell

This year’s Club kickoff to the water garden season takes us on a tour of botanic gardens worldwide. It’s a tour that is at once familiar and novel. Familiar because these are destinations to which some of us have traveled. Novel because it’s unlikely any of us will have been to all the presentation gardens.

Save the evening of Thursday, April 16th to join us for “Botanic Gardens Around the Globe.” This will be a participatory virtual tour compiled of images solicited from CWGS members - all of you!

At 6:00 pm, we’ll enjoy a delicious potluck in the Plant Society Building at Denver Botanic Gardens. The visuals, what we hope are lots of observations, and a fond recollection will follow at 7:00 pm.

Join us for this special Club program, and be sure to share your personal memories of botanic gardens so they can be included in this Club album. It’s easy to participate (see Dorothy’s article on page 3). By the way, the event is open to the public, so if you have a friend or neighbor who would like to come, they are welcome to join us. While the tour will surely include lots of water, the focus will be on botanic gardens both wet and dry. Gardeners (and travelers) of all stripes should enjoy the evening.

For more information, please contact Bill Powell at (303) 355-8098 or wbpow@comcast.net.

HELP!!!!!  We Need Volunteers

by Dorothy Martinez

This is a plea for help needed for seasonal water garden maintenance at The Hudson Gardens and Event Center.

We prefer volunteers who have water gardening experience, but little or no experience is not a deal breaker. Duties include the division of both hardy and tropical water lilies, division of hardy and tropical marginal plants, fertilization, and plant maintenance (mostly dead heading).
HELP!!!!! We Need Volunteers

During late Spring (late March, early April) we need help with moving hardy water lilies from their winter storage area to the various water features throughout Hudson. This task involves the ability to lift 30 pounds.

During Summer (May – August) our work mainly consists of fertilizing water lilies and lotus, dead heading flowers and plants, and maintaining the lilies and marginal plants in our greenhouse.

During the Fall (late September, early October) we will need help in moving hardy lilies from the various water features to their winter storage area. This task also involves the ability to lift 30 pounds.

It is important you own a pair of chest waders because there are areas where the water depth is 3 – 4 feet. Hudson does provide the use of a utility golf cart, but you may be required to walk between water features since only two people at a time are allowed in the cart. Hudson covers an area of approximately 30 acres, so the ability to walk between features is required. Gloves and hand tools like a hori hori knife and hand pruners are also helpful. Since we work outside, it is also wise to have sun protection.

We will primarily work on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Depending upon the schedule of special events like weddings, we may need to modify our schedule on Saturdays. If there is a change in date or shift time, Dorothy Martinez will contact you ahead of time.

If you wish to volunteer at The Hudson Gardens and Event Center, please contact Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137 or dam@johnfunk.com.

The Hudson Gardens and Event Center is located opposite Arapahoe Community College at 6115 S. Sante Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120, phone (303) 797-8565.

Currently, Tamara Kilbane, Senior Horticulturist of the Aquatics Division at Denver Botanic Gardens has enough volunteers to help with the various aquatics features. As Tamara needs more seasonal help, CWGS will send out e-mails soliciting additional help throughout the season.

If you have any questions about volunteering at DBG’s various aquatic features, please contact Tamara Kilbane at (720) 865-3556 or tamara.kilbane@botanicgardens.org.
CWGS Newsletter
Hard Copy versus Electronic Copy

by Dorothy Martinez


One of the Club’s largest expenses for the year is the cost of printing and mailing “The Water Garden”. Last year expenses for the Newsletter including ink, paper, and postage were our second highest expense for the entire fiscal year.

Shifting to electronic delivery will save a significant amount in printing and postage costs – money that could go to other programs and activities. We hope you agree and will be comfortable receiving future issues of the “The Water Garden” electronically. However, we completely understand that some members don’t have access to a computer or simply prefer to read a paper copy of the “The Water Garden”. We’re happy to oblige by continuing to mail you a hard copy.

The choice is yours, so please reconsider receiving your copy of the Newsletter electronically. It would really help the Club out financially.

If you want to change your preference from hard copy to electronic, please let Dorothy Martinez know by contacting her at (303) 279-3137 or dam@johnfunk.com.

Koi Food for Sale

by Dorothy Martinez

Valley Feed & Supply, a feed store in Littleton is closing its doors after 23 years in business. They were generous and donated 11 (20 lb.) bags of Mazuri Pond Nuggets to the Colorado Water Garden Society. The retail value of this food is $30 - $40. We are selling it for $20 a bag.

If you are interested in purchasing a bag, please contact CWGS member Lois Mayerchak. She currently has the food in her garage, so you would need to arrange with her to pick the food up. Please either bring cash or make your check payable to “Colorado Water Garden Society”. As of Wednesday, February 11th, Lois has 1 bag left.

Lois' contact information is: 4905 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, CO 80123, (303) 798-1779.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137 or dam@johnfunk.com.

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Hudson Gardens ___  
CWGS Plant Sale (June) ___  
Pond Tour (July) ___  
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$15.00 Individual; $20.00 Family
THIS YEAR
A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

March 19: Potluck & Presentation
Plant Society Building
Denver Botanic Gardens
6:00 PM – Potluck
7:00 PM – Presentation by Peter Hier, “The Connection”

April 16: Get Wet Event 2015 – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

May 8 & May 9: DBG Annual Plant Sale – Area near Marnie’s Pavilion, DBG, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Friday and Saturday

May 28: Potluck & Annual Plant Swap – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

June 7: Annual Plant Sale – Business Office/Residence, The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, Littleton, CO, Members only 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, General Public 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

June 20: Pond Side Program – The Aquaponic Source, Longmont, CO, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Optional trip to The Gardens at Spring Creek, Fort Collins, CO, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

July 18: CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic – Northern Metro Denver Area, Pond Tour 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Picnic 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

August 8: Water Blossom Festival, Monet Pond, IWGS Competition Lily Pond, Greenhouses, Japanese Garden, & Bonsai Garden, DBG, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

August 22: Robert “Bob” Hoffman Memorial Pond at Hudson Gardens, Pond Side Meeting, Picnic Potluck, & Fall Plant Swap, The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, Littleton, CO, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sept. 17: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, & Presentation – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Oct. 15: Potluck, Presentation, & Planning Meeting – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Dec. 17: Holiday Banquet, Volunteer Recognition, & Silent Auction – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

From…

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