

## IN THIS ISSUE:

Join Us for a Presentation by Peter Hier,  
"Victoria, the Queen of Water Lilies" .....1  
by Dorothy Martinez

- Board Members & Chairpersons .....2  
- Treasurer's Report .....2

2015 Water Blossom Festival .....3  
by Dorothy Martinez

2015/2016 Board Election .....3  
by Dorothy Martinez

2015 IWGS Symposium .....4 - 5  
by Vicki Aber

Thoughts from the President .....5  
by Brenda Parsons-Hier

Upcoming October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting .....6  
by Dorothy Martinez

New & Returning Members .....6

- Market Place .....7 - 8

CWGS Membership Application .....9

This Year:  
CWGS Calendar .....back page

---

### Potluck, Board Elections, & Presentation

**Plant Society Building  
Denver Botanic Gardens  
Denver, CO**

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

### Potluck, Presentation, & 2016 Planning Meeting

**Plant Society Building  
Denver Botanic Gardens  
Denver, CO**

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

---

Online at:  
[www.colowatergardensociety.org](http://www.colowatergardensociety.org)



*Victoria 'Longwood Hybrid', Monet Pond at Denver Botanic Gardens, (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)*

## Join Us for a Presentation by Peter Hier, "Victoria, the Queen of Water Lilies"

by Dorothy Martinez

Come and join us on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for a Potluck dinner followed by our Annual Board Election. Then at 7:30 pm, Board member Peter Hier will give a presentation about his experiences with the Victoria Water Lily and follow a full growing season from seed to bloom at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Peter's presentation will include a brief history of this glorious water lily and how it came to be known as the Victoria. He will explore its origins in South America, how Europeans discovered it, and how it finally found its way to North America.

Being a native Australian, Peter will also explore his early fascination with this water lily from his early childhood exposure to it at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, where he first saw it.

His presentation will end with the history of the Victoria at the Denver Botanic Gardens. We'll follow the Victoria throughout a full growing season at DBG.

Peter's presentation will also take a lighthearted look into the sex life of this outstanding water lily and see how the Victoria truly is the "Queen of the Water Lilies".

**2015 Board of Directors:**

<b>President</b>	
Brenda Parsons-Hier	303.278.2106
<b>Vice President</b>	
Vicki Aber	303.423.9216
<b>Secretary</b>	
Bill Powell	303.355.8098
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Dorothy Martinez	303.279.3137
<b>Members-At-Large</b>	
Dennis Weatherman (MAL1)	303.457.1783
Jim Arneill (MAL2)	303.843.9619
Tamara Kilbane (MAL3)	720.865.3556
Sue Weatherman (MAL4)	303.457.1783
Rebecca Nash (MAL5)	303.766.2863
Janet Bathurst (MAL6)	303.421.1144
Peter Hier (MAL7)	303.278.2106
Bill Bathurst (MAL8)	303.421.1144
Fran Hoffman (MAL9)	303.978.0124

The Water Garden is the official journal of the Colorado Water Garden Society (CWGS)  
Copyright© 1983-2014

**Please Note:**

Opinions expressed by authors in this publication are their own. Products reviewed and/or advertised are not specifically endorsed by CWGS. Please contact Dorothy Martinez, Newsletter Editor, to obtain permission to reproduce materials published in The Water Garden. Reproductions should credit CWGS and the author.

The Water Garden is published eight times a year and is made available to current members both in printed form and online. Past volumes of The Water Garden are archived online at:

[www.colowatergardensociety.org](http://www.colowatergardensociety.org)

**CWGS Treasurer's Report:**  
Balance as of September 8,  
2015 - \$12,819.58

**2015 Committee and Event Chairs:**

<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	
Dorothy Martinez	303.279.3137
<b>Membership</b>	
Dorothy Martinez	303.279.3137
<b>Publicity &amp; Outreach</b>	
Jim Arneill	303.843.9619
<b>Get Wet Event</b>	
Bill Powell	303.355.8098
<b>CWGS June Plant Sale</b>	
Vicki Aber	303.423.9216
Janet Bathurst	303.421.1144
Fran Hoffman	303.978.0124
Brenda Parsons-Hier	303.278.2106
Tamara Kilbane	720.865.3556
<b>Pond Tour / Picnic</b>	
Rebecca Nash	303.766.2863
Dennis Weatherman	303.457.1783
Sue Weatherman	303.457.1783
<b>Water Blossom Festival</b>	
Jim Arneill	303.843.9619
<b>Holiday Banquet</b>	
Fran Hoffman	303.978-0124
Dorothy Martinez	303.279.3137
<b>WebPage / Archives</b>	
Bill Bathurst	303.421.1144
Janet Bathurst	303.421.1144
Dorothy Martinez	303.279.3137
<b>DBG Plant Sale &amp; DBG Volunteers</b>	
Tamara Kilbane	720.865.3556
Brenda Parsons-Hier	303.278.2106
<b>Hudson Gardens' Volunteers</b>	
Dorothy Martinez	303.279.3137

**Remember...**

Unless you have specifically requested receipt of The WaterGarden in paper form, you will receive it electronically.

To request a change in delivery, report a change in email, or to report a problem with downloading of the electronic journal, reply to Dorothy Martinez:

[dorothy.martinez@colowatergardensociety.org](mailto:dorothy.martinez@colowatergardensociety.org).

## 2015 Water Blossom Festival

by Dorothy Martinez



2015 Water Blossom Festival at DBG,  
(courtesy of Bill Powell)

This year's Water Blossom Festival was held on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The day was beautiful and we had a great turnout. We set up an informational booth near the Monet Pond and provided free brochures, plants, and advice to various passersby. Tours of the Gardens were given by docents Jim Arneill and Bill Powell, with a focus on the various water features and water gardens.

A tour of the Four Towers Pool containing the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society's New Water Lily competition lilies for 2015 was given by Tamara Kilbane, Senior Horticulturist of the Aquatic Collection at Denver Botanic Gardens.



Water Lilies at DBG during the 2015  
Water Blossom Festival, (photo courtesy  
of Bill Powell)

The day concluded with a docent led tour of the Japanese Gardens and Bonsai Pavilion. The tour was very informative and educational. We learned the history of the Japanese Gardens, their importance to the Denver Botanic Gardens, the significance of the various trees, plants, architectural elements, and the value water has to these gardens.

## 2015/2016 Board Election

by Dorothy Martinez

It's that time of year again. We will be holding our Annual Board Election at our next scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Positions up for election/re-election are:

Vice President

Secretary

Member at Large (2), Member at Large (4), Member at Large (6), and Member at Large (8)



2015 Water Blossom Festival at DBG,  
(photo courtesy of Bill Powell)

If you would like to run for any position, please notify our President, Brenda Parsons-Hier at (303) 278-2106 or moose.4bph@q.com.

## 2015 IWGS Symposium in Lawrence, KS

by Vicki Aber



**Powell Gardens, 2015 IWGS Symposium,**  
*(courtesy of Vicki Aber)*

In August, I had the pleasure of attending the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society's Annual Symposium. This yearly event is held in a different place every year. Last year, Denver hosted the Symposium. The host this year was Water's Edge in Lawrence, Kansas. There was good attendance, 84 people registered from 6 countries. Many people in the industry were represented; including people with retail stores, landscaping businesses, maintenance businesses, pond supply businesses, and plant wholesalers. There were also many hobbyists, especially ones from local clubs.

Susan Davis and Deb Spencer are the owners of Water's Edge and did all the planning. And planning they did; there was very little time on our own. Most of the events were a distance away so we spent a fair amount of time on two large chartered buses.



**2015 IWGS Symposium,**  
*(photo courtesy of Vicki Aber)*

The first day, we had a tour of various Kansas City fountains - there are quite a few (Kansas City is also known as the city of fountains). From there, we went to an orchid retailer (Bird's Botanicals) that is located in a cave. I know orchids aren't typical water garden plants, but most of us don't restrict ourselves to just water gardens. It was very interesting to think of a plant business in a cave, since temperature and humidity are controlled, they just have to add light. The next stop was a small garden with a few water features (Ewing and Muriel Kauffman Memorial Garden). It was small, but very well done. From there, we went to Overland Park, had a boxed lunch, and enjoyed wandering the gardens before we were given a guided tour of the water features. They had many displays based on Monet's paintings, the colors he used, and the type of flowers (not just lilies) he painted. They even had a bronze statue of Monet painting by the pond. From there, we went back to the hotel to get some rest for the next day.



**Overland Park, 2015 IWGS Symposium,**  
*(photo courtesy of Vicki Aber)*

The second day, we went to Powell Gardens in Missouri. It was a bit of a drive, but the Board used that time to get some work done. Many new ideas were thrown around. I hope our energy will continue through the long months of only meeting over the phone. Powell Gardens is large in acreage, but not all of it is developed. They have several areas with water features, but the most impressive was a 3-layer series of ponds ending in one with a vanishing edge that appears to be part of the natural lake from the right angles. We had a talk about new lilies and hybridizing by Craig Presnell (Luster Aquatic Nursery). Next was lunch at the onsite café. Afterward, we repaired to classrooms and had lectures on invasive species and the law, water quality, and a very informative round table on growing and finishing aquatic plants. Dinner was also at Powell, a very nice barbeque.

*(continued on page 5)*

## 2015 IWGS Symposium

(continued from page 4)

The third day, we visited Taylor Creek Restoration Nurseries. They grow plants that are used in restoring areas all over the country that have been damaged. They are also very involved in restoring habitat plants for the Monarch butterfly. After that, we finally got to see Water's Edge. It has a fairly small footprint, but the amount of plants and novel ideas they pack into the space is amazing. I wish I'd had a way to bring more stuff home. After that, we went to Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's headquarters. They have a very nice pond with some beautiful lilies. There were artists painting the lilies at the time we were there. Brandon McLane talked about some of his lilies that were in the pond and Rich Sacher talked about his efforts to produce an Australian lily that is of more modest plant size without compromising the flower size. None of the hybrid flowers were open, but the parent plants did have open flowers and they were beautiful. Afterwards, we had pizza and went back to the hotel for the afternoon lectures. James Waddick spoke about water iris. I took copious notes! The next speaker, James Allison, spoke on 'Why Won't it Grow?' and about giving plants what they need to succeed.

The last event was a banquet at the hotel. Good food, good company, and a live auction that was quite entertaining. I am tired just writing about this. We were on the move constantly, but had a lot of time to interact with the other attendees and that is the best part of the Symposium. I learned so much just in talking informally with people from both the big names in the industry and to local club members on how their clubs operate. There were friends I had made 2 years ago during the Cruise Symposium that I reconnected with, friends I had made last year in Denver, and people I had just met in Lawrence, but plan to keep in contact with and hopefully see again. The next Symposium is in the early planning stages, but looks like it may be in Mexico. Is anyone up to joining me for a vacation south of the border next year?

## Thoughts from the President

by Brenda Parsons-Hier

I am grateful we still have a few weeks of "pond time" left. Yet, within the club, we have to start looking forward to next year. What would you like to be a part of? Get Wet or Water Blossom Festival? Would you like to have a Pond Side in your yard, so we can all enjoy your water feature(s)? Or, would you like the Pond Tour to stop by your yard? Dennis, Sue and Rebecca would be happy to hear that. Our Holiday Party is something we all look forward to. Is there some part of that you would like to help with? Any ideas of who might be a good speaker for one of our meetings? So, we have much to talk about on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also have our Annual Board Elections at this meeting.

Bring a dish to share for the potluck and enjoy hearing about Victoria Lilies at DBG, in history, and around the world. And bring your ideas for 2016. I hope to see you there!

Now I'm off to the backyard for my "pond time" and a cup of tea.

## Upcoming Meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, We Need Your Input for Future CWGS Meetings & Events for 2016

by Dorothy Martinez

As the message from our President states, we need members' help in shaping the future of the club. Our meeting in October typically focuses on planning our calendar of meetings and events for the upcoming year. We also try to reflect on the past year's meetings and events to review what we felt was successful and where we can improve.

If you are a member and you can make it to this meeting, please do. We really appreciate member's input and feedback regarding past and future meetings and events.

There will also be a presentation at 7:00 pm from a program presented at the 2014 IWGS Symposium by Susan Davis and Deb Spencer from Water's Edge in Lawrence, KS (hosts of the 2015 IWGS Symposium mentioned in Vicki's article on page 4 – 5).

The format will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm, then the presentation at 7:00 pm, concluding with the planning meeting starting at 8:00 pm. If you can spare an hour or two from your busy schedule, please consider coming to this meeting – we count on honest input to make meetings and events the best that they can be.

### New and Returning Members for June, July, August, & September 2015

#### June 2015

**John Squires, MD**  
Arvada, CO

(NEW!)

#### July 2015

**Rebecca Nash**  
Centennial, CO

(Returning)

#### August 2015

**Krishnananda Dasadhikary**  
Denver, CO

(NEW!)

**Werner & Nancy Neupert**  
Boulder, CO

(Returning)

#### September 2015

**Rich & Katy Haas**  
Morrison, CO

(Returning)

**Lorna Moore**  
Denver, CO

(Returning)



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
WATERSCAPE**

**Design, Construction,  
Maintenance**

*Award Winning Water Features  
Inspired by Nature*

(303) 666-5430  
Mark Russo's mobile (303) 870-5607  
[www.rmwaterscape.com](http://www.rmwaterscape.com)



**True Pump**

Water Gardening  
Supplies  
POND KITS  
PUMPS  
FILTERS  
LINERS  
AQUATIC PLANTS  
FISH

303-744-3505  
800-999-9021

[www.truepump.com](http://www.truepump.com)  
1429 S. Broadway  
Denver, CO 80210




colorado  
**pond pros**

10% OFF  
YOUR SPRING POND CLEANOUT!

303.775.0224 | [www.coloradopondpros.com](http://www.coloradopondpros.com)



Offering pond repair consultation, design, construction, installation, & maintenance



**JARED'S**  
Nursery, Gift  
& Garden

10500 W Bowles Ave  
Littleton CO, 80127  
303.979.6022  
[www.jaredsgarden.com](http://www.jaredsgarden.com)

We carry water plants, koi, pond supplies and more. Stop in for all your pond and yard needs.



Tagawa  
Gardens

Water Plants & Supplies for a  
*Purr-fect Water Garden!*

7711 S. Parker Rd., Centennial, CO 80031  
303.690.4722  
[TagawaGardens.com](http://TagawaGardens.com)



**Nick's**  
GARDEN CENTER & FARM MARKET  
Superior Quality

JUST EAST OF DENVER IN AURORA

TWO BLOCKS NORTH OF ILIFF ON SOUTH CHAMBERS ROAD

**Everything You Need For Your Water Garden!**

**GREAT SELECTION:**

Water Plants	Fish Food
Koi and Goldfish	Pumps and Filters
Water Treatments	Experienced Staff


2001 SOUTH CHAMBERS ROAD \* AURORA, COLORADO 80014  
CALL US TODAY AT (303) 696-6657 \* NICKSGARDENCENTER.COM



**HIGHLANDS**  
GARDEN CENTER  
& NURSERY

Your Source Of Quality Pond Supplies Year Round. We Also Have An Extensive Selection Of Pond Plants, Koi, Goldfish, and Tadpoles May - September.

8080 S. Holly St.  
Centennial, CO 80122  
303-220-5856

**Art of the Yard**

Creating Paradise in Your Own Backyard

We specialize in the design, installation, & maintenance of water features in Denver & its surrounding areas. With 30+ years of experience, we strive to provide the best in quality & service. We offer a 1-year guarantee on all our workmanship.

Contact us at 303-204-0456  
or  
<http://customwaterfeaturesdenver.com/index.html>

**ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE HERE**

*Annual advertising in the newsletter also includes a listing on the CWGS website with an active link direct to your commercial webpage.*

*We also run single-event ads.*

*For details regarding rates, sizes, and formats of ads, contact Dorothy Martinez  
[dorothy.martinez@colowatergardensociety.org](mailto:dorothy.martinez@colowatergardensociety.org)*



**Make checks payable to:**  
**“Colorado Water Garden Society”**

**Return this form with your payment to:**  
**CWGS Membership**  
**14837 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive**  
**Golden, CO 80403**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Required for electronic receipt of newsletter..  
 (note: CWGS does not share or sell email addresses)*

\_\_\_ *Check here if you are also a member of Denver Botanic Gardens*

**Check one:**

\_\_\_ ***I would like my contact information included in a membership list that will be distributed only to the members.***

\_\_\_ ***I do not want my contact information published in the membership list.***

**Contact me concerning volunteer opportunities I've checked below:**

- DBG Volunteer Sundays \_\_\_
- Water Plants booth, DBG May Sale \_\_\_
- Hudson Gardens \_\_\_
- CWGS Plant Sale (June) \_\_\_
- Pond Tour (July) \_\_\_
- Water Blossom Festival (August) \_\_\_

**Note: Your newsletter will be made available to you electronically unless you check otherwise below.**

\_\_\_ ***I request to receive a paper copy of the newsletter***

Membership Fees  
 \$15.00 Individual; \$20.00 Family

## THIS YEAR

*A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:*

**September 17: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, & Presentation  
Plant Society Building, DBG  
Denver, CO**

Potluck  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Board Elections  
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Presentation: Victoria, the Queen of Water Lilies  
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**October 15: Potluck, Presentation, & 2016 Planning Meeting  
Plant Society Building, DBG  
Denver, CO**

Potluck  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Presentation: 2014 IWGS Program by Susan Davis and Deb Spencer from  
Water's Edge  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

2016 Planning Meeting  
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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



FIRST CLASS MAIL

*From...*

### The Water Garden

c/o Dorothy Martinez, Editor  
14837 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Golden, CO 80403-3001

*The Colorado Water Garden Society  
(CWGS) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3)  
organization founded in 1983 to  
encourage appreciation and interest in  
the use of water in the landscape.*

*To learn more, visit us at  
[www.colowatergardensociety.org](http://www.colowatergardensociety.org)*