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Water Blossom Festival

**Denver Botanic Gardens
Monet Pond Area
Denver, CO**

**Saturday, August 6th
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Tours, Demonstrations, Free
Information, & Plants**

Pond Side Meeting

**Bathurst Residence
Arvada, CO**

**Saturday, August 27th
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Pot Luck, Main Dish Provided
Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish,
or dessert
Bring a chair for yourself & any
guests**

Online at:
www.colowatergardensociety.org



Australian Water Lily Hybrid 'Srichon', (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)

Water Blossom Festival - Celebrating the Beauty of the Gardens in August!

by Jim Arneill

The main focus of this year's Water Blossom Festival will be the many spectacular water blossoms we are able to enjoy at Denver Botanic Gardens! The numerous water lilies we see in the Monet Pond and in the other water features produce a multitude of colorful blooms, including white, cream, peach, yellow, pink, and red. The spectrum of colors is enhanced by the spectacular blues and purples from the blossoms of the many tropical water lilies in the Gardens' diverse and plentiful aquatic collection, overseen by Tamara Kilbane, Senior Horticulturist.

We hope you will join us to celebrate the beauty of the water lilies and other aquatic plants at Denver Botanic Gardens on Saturday, August 6th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Near the Monet Pond, there will be an information booth set up under a large tent. Representatives of the Colorado Water Garden Society will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice on a broad range of water gardening topics. Helpful information from a large set of brochures on a variety of related topics will also be available. Free water plants will be offered while supplies last.

Throughout the morning, there will be demonstrations on how to dry water lilies. Instead of enjoying the colorful blossoms for just a few days, you can see how to preserve them and display them as decorative objects in your home.

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2016 IWGS Symposium

by Vicki Aber

Many of you remember the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS) Symposium that was held in Denver 2 years ago. This is a yearly event. Last year the Symposium was in Lawrence, Kansas. This year it will be in Mérida, Yucatan Mexico. The dates are October 25th to 28th. Mérida is a cultural center for the area and a place that natives go to vacation. It has the honor of being the second safest city in the Americas behind Boise, Idaho.

There are many activities planned from swimming in a *cenote* to visiting Mayan ruins. There will be music and entertainment plus lectures from renowned experts in all things water gardening. Last but not least, food and drink. If I have learned nothing from hanging out with this group, I have learned they know how to party. There are plans to have a separate trip after the symposium looking for wild Nymphaea.

From the IWGS website, here is a description of Mérida and a proposed itinerary:

Mérida, the White City of Yucatán, is one of the most illustrious colonial cities of Latin America. The capital of the Yucatán State, Mérida was named the 2017 Cultural Capital of the Americas. Mérida is an ideal site for the 2016 Symposium, with its wealth of historical, cultural, and natural attractions. Mérida boasts an unsurpassed number of beautifully preserved Mayan and Colonial historical sites, a gentle climate, typically around 30°/86°F in late October with little chance of rain, and an abundance of fauna and flora. Where else in the world can you swim amongst native Nymphaea in an ancient *cenote* amid Mayan temples? Mérida is also easily accessible, directly via both its own international airport and the major international hub of Cancun.

Tuesday, 10/25

Open Day in Mérida. If you're arriving on your own, check-in at the Hotel Gamma de Fiesta Inn el Castellano

7 pm – Orientation and Welcome Dinner at the Hotel

8:30 pm – Concert by Roberto Mendez Gopar: Healing Music with Traditional Instruments

Wednesday, 10/26

7 am – Breakfast downstairs right in our Hotel at the award-winning buffet of El Salmantino, featuring both traditional Yucatecan and international favorites

8 am – To the Buses!

8:45 am – Hacienda Sotuta de Peon is a restored *henequén* plantation from the age of the Green Gold of Yucatan, the agave fibers the world has come to know as sisal

11:45 am – Lunch at Hacienda Sotuta

1:30 pm – Chocó-story Uxmal

2:30 pm – Uxmal, a World Heritage Site

5:30 pm – Dinner at Restaurant/Bar Cana-Nah

8 pm – The Uxmal Light and Sound Show



Mérida Ruins Uxmal, (photo courtesy of IWGS)



Mérida Cenote, (photo courtesy of IWGS)

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2016 IWGS Symposium

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Thursday, 10/27

- 7 am** – Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8 am** – To Dzibilchaltún, the “Place of the Stone Writing”
- 11 am** – To Hunucmá
- 2 pm** – Lunch
- 3 pm** – Centro de Investigacion Cientifico de Yucatan
- ***BACK TO HOTEL MTG/BANQUET ROOM FOR LECTURES BY RENOWNED IWGS MEMBERS!!!**
- 7 pm** – Annual General Meeting International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society
- 9 pm** – Banquet at Hotel

Friday 10/28

- 7 am** – Breakfast at the Hotel prior to 12 noon checkout
- 8 am – 11 am** – LECTURES
- 11 am** – Museum of the Mayan World
- 12 pm** – Symposium Concluded

For more information, please go to the IWGS website at: <http://iwgs.org/iwgs-2016-symposium/>. While you are there, sign up for a FREE membership. There is a quarterly journal that contains a wealth of information and many other resources if you poke around the web site.

Take your hobby to the next level.

Water Blossom Festival

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Another important feature of this year’s festival will be a display of a variety of carnivorous plants at the information booth. Many of these plants are able to live in bogs or near the edges of water features where they add interest through their unusual structures. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy learning about these especially adaptive plants.

To truly celebrate the beauty of the water blossoms, there will also be docent-led tours of the Monet Pond and other water features around the Gardens. This includes viewing a collection of both Australian species water lilies and intersubgeneric crosses. Tamara has organized this grouping of magnificent water lilies in the Four Towers Pool adjacent to the Science Pyramid, and the blossoms are very stunning! (Intersubgeneric hybrids are crosses between two subgenera of water lilies to obtain desirable water lily characteristics such as color and size that are resistant to cold and freezing.)

The first tour will begin at 9:30 am, and others will be offered approximately every hour thereafter.

The event is free, but Denver Botanic Gardens membership or daily admission fee is required to enter the Gardens.

For more information, please contact Jim Arneill at (303) 843-9619 or arneill4@comcast.net, you can also visit: <http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/Category.cfm?CategoryID=41>.



Sherry & Pat Myers' Pond-less Water Feature, (photo courtesy of John Funk)



Art & Michelle Wolfe's Pond, (photo courtesy of John Funk)



Christine Treat's Pond, (photo courtesy of John Funk)

Pond Tour Wrap-Up

by Dorothy Martinez

This year's Pond Tour and Picnic was a great success! Thank you Dennis Weatherman, Sue Weatherman, Rebecca Nash, Fran Hoffman, Dorothy Martinez, Robert Kahn, and all of our Pond Tour participants for your help in organizing, hosting, and opening your yards for our Annual Pond Tour and Picnic. All participants said they had a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. Thanks to all our participants, without your vital involvement, the Pond Tour would not be possible.

We had 13 ponds included on this year's Tour. The various water features were all very beautiful and different. It is always nice to see how much creativity goes into a water feature. We had beautiful ponds, water lilies and marginal plants, and awesome garden features highlighted in yards both large and small.

A special thanks to Robert Kahn for opening his pond and yard to host our Picnic. We had a good turnout with about 50 people attending the Picnic.

THANKS for your support and participation!

Summer Pond-Side Program

by Bill & Janet Bathurst

With our summer weather turning hotter & hotter, it's time for our next Pond Side program. Janet and I will be hosting the second Pond Side program scheduled for Saturday, August 27th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Our house is located at 7630 Windy Court in Arvada. The nearest main intersection is Quaker Street and West 77th Drive. Please see the CWGS website at:

<http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/Category.cfm?CategoryID=41> for more details and a map.

Our water feature has a fifty foot meandering stream beginning at the side of the house, passing under two flagstone bridges, and down into the backyard where it falls into a 2,600 gallon pond with a wetlands area. There are many marginal plants along the stream and pond edge. The pond also contains several Koi and numerous types of tropical and hardy water lilies. We also have a smaller pond dedicated to lotus. Park on the street and enter the yard from the West gate.

We will be providing the main course, so please bring a favorite appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Also, bring a chair or beach towel to sit on. If you have any questions or need directions, please call us at (303) 421-1144.

New and Returning Members for June & July 2016

June 2016

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July 2016

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Susan Fayad & David Brunell (Returning)
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July 2016 (cont'd)

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Aurora, CO

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

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THIS YEAR

A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

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Denver Botanic Gardens, Monet Pond Area
Denver, CO

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Tours, Demonstrations, Free Information, & Plants

August 27: Pond Side Program
Bathurst Residence – Picnic Potluck
Arvada, CO

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Main Dish provided, please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert to share

Sept. 22: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, Presentation, & 2017 Planning Meeting – *Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM*

Oct. 13: Potluck & Planning Meeting – *Great Room, Waring House, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM*

Dec. 15: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition – *Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM*



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