Get Wet – Water Gardening Fun in 2018
by Jim Arneill and Dorothy Martinez

Are you getting excited for Spring? The Club’s annual “Get Wet” event is coming up soon. Get Wet will take place on Wednesday, April 18th from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Gates Hall located within the Denver Botanic Gardens’ Boettcher Memorial Center. This event is co-sponsored by the Colorado Water Garden Society and the Denver Botanic Gardens.

This event is open to the public and free to all. You will need to park in the garage and enter through the Pinion Gate that is located just North of the Visitor Center.

The event will feature a program on the magnificent lotus plant and a look back at the 2017 IWGS Symposium held at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. The lotus is a fairly easy to grow plant that will add beauty and interest to any water feature. There will be a limited number of lotus plants for sale at Get Wet (see Vicki Aber’s article on pages 3 - 5). We will also be offering expert tips on planting, growing, and caring for them. Helpful information about water gardening and local water gardening events in 2018 will also be provided.

The lotus will be offered for sale on a first come first served basis. We ask that payment be cash or check only.

We will also be offering Plantabbs fertilizer for sale at Get Wet. The fertilizer will be available in packages of 100 tabs for $10, 50 tabs for $5, and 25 tabs for $3. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Burkert at teburkert85@gmail.com or 720-219-6481.

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The schedule for the evening is as follows:

Lotus & Plantabbs fertilizer Sale: 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Slide Show featuring beautiful Lotus: 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Introduction: 6:30 pm – 6:40 pm
2017 IWGS Symposium Presentation: 6:40 pm – 7:40 pm
Lotus Demo: 7:40 pm – 8:00 pm
Lotus Pick-up: 8:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Join us for an evening of valuable information and enticing visual beauty. For questions or more information, please contact Dorothy Martinez at dam@johnfunk.com, (303) 279-3137, or go to our website at: http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/Category.cfm?CategoryID=41.

CWGS 2018 Plant Swap by Dorothy Martinez

Be sure to set aside Thursday, May 24th on your calendar! This will be the date for our Annual Plant Swap. This year, the location will be held at The Hudson Gardens & Event Center located at 6115 S. Sante Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120.

For more information, please go to our website at:
http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/Category.cfm?CategoryID=8

In addition, details about the Plant Swap will be printed in our May Newsletter to be published sometime in early May.

Lotus Offered for Sale at Get Wet by Vicki Aber

We have a special treat for our April Get Wet meeting. We have ordered a selection of lotus that will be available for sale at the meeting. We tried to get something for everyone. There are super small to very large varieties, single blooms to many petaled blooms, and many color choices. These are likely to be popular and we have tried to devise a method so as many people as possible can get the lotus they want.

We will be selling lotus from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm outside of Gates Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet for each lotus variety and we will take payment then (cash or check only please). We will hold the lotus for you until after the meeting, so you don’t have to try to keep it safe during the meeting. If we have any lotuses that are not sold before the meeting, you will have a chance to buy them after the meeting.

We will also have an informative talk and demonstration on lotus planting and care by our own lotus expert Tamara Kilbane, Senior Horticulturist, Aquatics, Denver Botanic Gardens.
Lotus Offered for Sale at Get Wet

The following are the lotus varieties that we have coming: (descriptions are from the supplier).

‘Birthday’s Peach’ The flower has beautiful true pink petals. A long-time favorite in China, this lovely multi-petal lotus has rich color and blooms well. Look for lots of flowers! $25.00
   Flower Color: Pink
   Plant Size: Small – Medium
   Flower Type: Multi-petal

‘Like Yellow Antelope’ A delicate yellow flower with very pointed petals makes ‘Like Yellow Antelope’ distinctive. It is a small lotus that offers up 4” - 5” flowers all through the summer. Try this one in a small decorative pot for your balcony or patio. $25.00
   Flower Color: Yellow
   Plant Height: Small
   Flower Type: Multi-petal

‘Sparks’ A delicate classically shaped flower held high above the leaves makes this lotus a show-stopper. The bud and first day’s flower are deep red. A heavy bloomer, this variety sometimes produces several blooms at the same time. It is a perfect selection to try in a small pot as well as in your pond. $30.00
   Flower Color: Red
   Plant Size: Small, Exquisite of Bowl Lotus, Micro Lotus
   Flower Type: Single

‘Apricot Blossom’ With rich dark color rimming the petals on the first day, this flower really grabs your attention. These lovely flowers eventually turn white tipped with dark pink. $25.00
   Flower Color: Changeable
   Flower Size: Small - Medium
   Flower Type: Multi-petal

‘Holy Fire’ Want a lotus that will not let you down? Want lots of flowers? Want vibrant color and perfect shape? Want a lotus that is healthy and easy to grow? ‘Holy Fire’ is your answer! We highly recommend this variety because it is always reliable, producing numerous flowers throughout the summer. One of the Best! $30.00
   Flower Color: Red
   Plant Size: Medium - Large
   Flower Type: Multi-petal

‘Golden Autumn’ This is a small bowl lotus. This spectacular lotus blooms early and often. The green petaloids sometimes found on early spring blooms stand in stark contrast to the pure white petals. Later in the summer, a green receptacle offers the same beautiful color to the flower. $25.00
   Flower Color: White
   Plant Size: Small - Medium
   Flower Type: Multi-petal

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‘Olympic Lotus’  An elegant lotus with sophisticated color and style, ‘Olympic Lotus’ is cream white with a faint blush of purplish-pink on the edges of the petals. The leaves are an extra deep green, acting as the perfect foil to the lovely blooms. **$25.00**
- Flower Color:  White
- Plant Size:  Small - Medium
- Flower Type:  Multi-petal

‘Winter Chrysanthemum’  Produces a beautiful, large, white, fully double flower that shows up well against the dark green leaves. The bud is pink. The very light pink picotee around the edges of the petals emphasizes the pure white of the petals. This lotus is particularly easy to grow and it is a heavy bloomer! **$25.00**
- Flower Color:  White
- Plant Height:  Small - Medium
- Flower Type:  Multi-petal

‘Rosy Red Duplicate’  This is a stunning addition to any water garden. The large multi-petal, deep pink flowers sometimes have a neon yellow-green receptacle. This lotus grows well in pots and pools. **$30.00**
- Flower Color:  Red
- Plant Size:  Large
- Flower Type:  Multi-petal

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Aber at docvicki@msn.com or (303) 423-9216.

Seeking Pond Tour Participants
by Rebecca Nash

The Pond Tour is coming up again this summer, and once again, we are looking for participants.

The location this year will be in the Arvada and Golden area. If you choose to participate in the Tour, you will receive a one-year free membership to CWGS.

We encourage you to participate, no matter what type of water feature you have. We really like variety on the Pond Tour, so all pond sizes and types are welcome on the Tour. It's nice to see smaller features, pondless features, as well as container gardens included on the Tour.

To make the Tour a success we need 10 to 12 participants. Please seriously consider participating in this year's Tour. It really is enjoyable and a lot fun.

If you would like to participate or if you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Nash at nashrebecca@q.com or at (303) 921-8144.
DBG Spring Plant Sale  
by Brenda Parsons-Hier

Remember to add Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12th to your calendar. These are the dates for the Denver Botanic Gardens Plant Sale. The hours for the Sale are Friday, May 11th, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday, May 12th, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

There will be great selection of hardy water lilies, lotus, as well as hardy and tropical marginal plants.

For more information, go to our website at:

http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/Category.cfm?CategoryID=8

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Parsons-Hier at either moose.4bph@q.com or 303-278-2106.

CWGS Educational Brochures On-line  
by Dorothy Martinez

Did you know we have many informational brochures available for download on our website? They cover a wide range of topics.

Titles include:


You can access these educational brochures anytime on our website at:

http://www.colowatergardensociety.org/Category.cfm?CategoryID=25

Printed copies of the brochures will also be available at the following events: DBG Plant Sale on May 11th & 12th, the CWGS Plant Sale on June 3rd, and the Water Blossom Celebration on August 4th.

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

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THIS YEAR
A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

April 18: Get Wet – Lotus Sale, Presentation on 2017 IWGS Symposium, Lotus Planting Demonstration, Lotus Pick-up
Gates Hall, Boettcher Memorial Center
Denver Botanic Gardens

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Lotus Sale, 6:40 PM – 7:40 PM Presentation on 2017 IWGS Symposium, 7:40 PM – 8:00 PM Lotus Planting Demonstration, 8:00 PM – 8:30 PM Lotus Pick-up

May 11 & May 12: DBG Annual Plant Sale – Area near Marnie’s Pavilion, DBG, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM on Fri. and 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sat.

May 24: Potluck & Annual Plant Swap – Business Office/Residence, The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, Littleton, CO, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

June 3: CWGS 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 23: Pond Side Program – Water’s Edge, Picnic Potluck, Elbert, CO, 12:00 AM – 3:00 PM

July 21: CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic – Arvada & Golden Area, Pond Tour 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Picnic 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

August 4: Water Blossom Festival – Monet Pond Area, Docent Tours of DBG Gardens & Opportunity to Buy a Venus Fly Trap, DBG, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

August 25: Pond Side Program – Blakley/Hamm Residence, Picnic Potluck, Lafayette, CO, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Sept. 20: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, Presentation featuring a round-robin discussion on pond experiences & favorite plants, & 2019 Planning Meeting – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Oct. 18: Potluck, possible Ghosts in the Gardens’ Tour, & 2019 Planning Meeting – Great Room, Waring House, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Dec. 13: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition, – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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