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2022 CWGS Plant Sale

By: Vicki Aber

It has been an interesting couple years on many fronts. In 2020 we had a very abbreviated Plant Sale due to COVID. We did have a great response from shoppers. I think people were desperate to work outside! Last year we geared up for a more normal Sale, but unfortunately, the wholesale suppliers we buy from had not geared up and we weren't able to get many of the plants we ordered. Here's hoping that won't be the case this year. We have a nice list of plants we plan to order and hopefully one or two we haven't had before.

It is great to have the plants we order, which are often tropical and different types of plants, but the life blood of the Sale is the donated plants. Plants that have done well in our ponds are likely to do well in other people's ponds. We often have new pond owners at our sale and like to offer plants beginners will succeed with.

On Saturday, June 4th starting at 9:00 am we will set up the Sale. We will inventory the ordered plants, label them, and put them in containers for the Sale. We will also do the same for donated plants. To do this, we need plants fairly early on Saturday so we can label them and get them ready for sale. Donations brought Sunday may or may not get a chance to be sold because we might not have the manpower to label them and get them set out. We are usually done by around noon on Saturday.

Sunday, June 5th is the big day! Volunteers will arrive at 8:00 am to get the plants, signs, tables, check-out etc. set up. At 9:00 am CWGS members will be allowed to start shopping. At 10:00 am the general public will be invited to shop. We need people throughout the day to help shoppers pick the right plant, help with check-out, and answer general plant questions. The Sale ends no later than 2:00 pm but, things are usually slowing down before that. At the end we will also need help cleaning up.

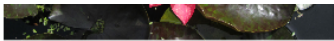
If you can help in any of these areas, please call me 303-423-9216 or email me at docvicki@msn.com. We will have coffee and donuts both mornings and lunch will be provided for volunteers on Sunday. If you know you are bringing plants to donate, please let me know that also. That way, we can get them on the Plant List and make sure we have a sign for them.

We hope to see you at the CWGS Annual Plant Sale!



Tropical Lily Bull's Eye (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)





Hardy Lily Wanvisa (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)



Water Willow (photo courtesy of www.gardenia.net)



Mosaic Plant (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

2022 CWGS Plant List

By: Dorothy Martinez

For a list of the plants to be offered at the CWGS Plant Sale, please go to:

<https://www.colowatergardensociety.org/files/ItemFileB209.pdf>

Upcoming June Pond Side Meeting

By: Dennis Weatherman

Need fish? Fish Food? Water garden supplies? Want to build a water feature?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, join us at Professional Ponds on June 25th for a pondside event from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Talk to Mike, the proprietor, about anything involving water gardening, he has helped out yours truly a lot already. This location opened on June 1, 2021 and it is full of great products, beautiful fish, and plants, as well as whatever you might need to maintain or build a water feature. Another location in Parker is available for those who live on the south side of Denver. It is great to finally have a pond supply on the north end of town!

We are also having a potluck lunch! Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or main dish to share. We usually have between 12 - 15 folks show up; post-pandemic, it could be a few more.

Come have lunch and talk ponds and water gardening. Besides Mike (the professional), there will be plenty of CWGS members available, who are also wealth of information, to answer your questions.

June 25th, 12pm - 3pm.

Professional Ponds
6100 E. 104th Avenue
Northglenn, CO 80233
Cross street is McKay Road
720-636-2925

Next to Dreamscapes Landscape Materials. Pull into Dreamscapes' lot and go around their building. See you there!



Pond Professionals, Northglenn (photo courtesy of Dennis Weatherman)



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2022 Plant Swap Meeting Was a Success



Participants at 2022 Plant Swap
(photo courtesy of Kim Kimpton)

By: Vicki Aber

What a great Plant Swap we had on May 19th. Thank you to everyone that helped prepare for the Swap, bring plants and food, and just attend.

It was a warm pleasant day, bordering on hot. Teresa and Ken Burkert opened their beautiful yard for our meeting. Many people got great pointers on how to grow in containers and I think many were inspired.

We had a good turnout of about 27 people. There was a delicious potluck. A little heavy on the desserts, but I for one don't have a problem with that! You never know what is going to happen with a potluck. Next time it will probably be all salads. Before and during our meal there was much time to chat and get to know people better, we even had several new people.

After the meal we got to play with plants. Everyone gathered around and talked about what they brought. I always say I have too many plants and won't take any home, but always find something new to try. Then the free for all started. This is always more orderly than you would think. I hope everyone got what they wanted. There was much information exchanged on how the donors grow a certain plant.

About 8:00 pm Mother Nature decided our meeting was over and dropped the temperature and turned up the wind. Everyone rushed to get their plants to their cars and hopefully went home contented.

I feel having someone host the Swap at their home worked out much better than when we host the Swap at the Denver Botanic Gardens. It was a lot easier to not have to lug plants from the parking garage, through the Visitor Center, and to whatever spot we have reserved. I know this meeting might have been challenging for some people to attend, especially if they live on the south end of town. My challenge to those people is to volunteer your yard next year, so you don't have to go as far, and we get to see what wonderful things you have in your yards.