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2022 Holiday Banquet and Gift Exchange

By: Dorothy Martinez

Please join your fellow water garden enthusiasts for an evening of food and fun!

The 2022 Holiday Banquet and Gift Exchange will be held on Monday, December 12th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. We are trying a new venue this year to avoid parking conflicts and crowds associated with the Blossoms of Light display.

The banquet and gift exchange will be held at the Arbor House, located in Maple Grove Park. The address is 14600 W. 32nd Avenue, Golden 80401. The Arbor House and Parking are located on the West side of the property and to the South of 32nd Avenue.

An opportunity to catch up with fellow water gardeners will start at 6:00 pm. The potluck begins at 6:30 pm where we will also recognize volunteers. The gift exchange will take place about 7:30 pm.

The Club will be providing drinks, the main dish, and dessert. Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, or side dish to share.

Our gift exchange is a laughter and surprise filled good time. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at about \$15.00. We usually bring gifts with some type of water garden theme, but that is not necessary. Be creative! As a gardener, especially a water gardener, what would YOU like to receive? Rules about how our gift exchange will be explained prior to the gift exchange.

Please come and enjoy the evening!! If you have questions, please call Sue at 303 457-1783 or Kim at 303-919-6112. Please leave a message if the call is not answered.

Upcoming 2023 Board Meetings in January and February

By: Dorothy Martinez

The Board will be holding its annual planning meetings on January 8th and February 5th. Both meetings will be held from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Classroom 2 of the Freyer-Newman Center located within the Denver Botanic Gardens. Park in the Denver Botanic Gardens parking structure. Enter the Gardens through the front entrance of the Freyer-Newman Center. The Freyer-Newman Center is located to north of the Visitor Center. The building is on the corner of East 11th Avenue and York Street.

These meetings are open to the public and we welcome anyone who wishes to attend. These meetings are primarily for the purpose of planning our annual meetings/events for the upcoming year. We would love to hear from our members as to what topics you would like to know more about. The Club does not exist in a vacuum and without your support and participation, we can't offer the information that is most important to you. This is your Club, so any feedback you can provide is very welcome and appreciated!

If you have ideas or preferences for meeting/event topics, but don't want to attend the January or February meetings, please call me at 303-279-3137 to discuss or email them to me at dam@johnfunk.com.

Membership and the Perks That Go With It

By: Teresa Burkert

Now that the gardening season is drawing to a close, are you considering what went well and starting to plan for next year? The Colorado Water Garden Society is the place for meeting both experienced and new gardeners as well as providing an online resource for information you may need. You can access the website at <https://www.colowatergardensociety.org/>.

Membership is \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. There is an easy link on the website for you to renew your membership or join for the first time (<https://www.colowatergardensociety.org/SignUp.cfm?o=0?CategoryID=115>). Dues are effective from January to December. A change this year allows all returning members to have these same dates.

CWGS provides almost monthly opportunities to visit with other gardeners. Member's evening meetings are usually held in March, September, and October with expert presentations on growing various plants or gardening techniques.

April brings the spring highlight event, Get Wet! Gardeners look forward to this evening and consider it to be the beginning of the season. In past years, we have sold dormant lotus tubers or canna rhizomes.

The annual member's Plant Swap takes place in May. This is an opportunity to learn about someone else's favorite plants and get a start for something new in your garden. This year it was held in Northglenn and will be hopefully held in the southern part of the city in 2023.

The CWGS annual Plant Sale takes place at Hudson Gardens the first weekend of June. Members enjoy shopping the first hour before the general public and have

first choice of a huge variety of water lilies and lotus, plus a large variety of tropical and hardy bog plants.

The annual Pond Tour and Picnic is scheduled for mid-July. This year about 40 people enjoyed individual tours of wonderful gardens and the Picnic.

Pondside meetings take place in June and August at various businesses active in water gardening or at individual member's ponds.

The December Holiday Party is filled with good food and lots of laughter including a small gift exchange.

The website also provides an ASK THE EXPERT opportunity! A click on the "More Great Information Here" button located near the top center of the website's Home Page will open a pop-up Menu on the right-hand side of your screen. Simply click on the "Ask the Expert" and an easy to fill out form will appear (<https://www.colowatergardensociety.org/contact.cfm>).

Membership renewal or new membership sign-up can also be accessed in two places on the website. On the Home Page, just scroll down to the "Become a Member/Renew" area and click on it, or alternatively, from the "More Great Information Here" button, click on "Membership" from the pop-up Menu.

If you are a current member and want to renew, be sure to login first before renewing. If you don't remember your login information, no problem, just click on the "Login" button located at the top right-hand corner of the Home Page, and then click on "Lost Password?". You will be prompted to enter your email and your login information will be sent to the email address you provided.

Please join or renew your membership in the Colorado Water Gardening Society for a really wonderful 2023 gardening year!

October 20, 2022 Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

By: Dorothy Martinez

The PowerPoint Presentation from the October 20, 2022 has been published to the website. To access the presentation, you will need to login to the Member Only area.

To login, click on the "Login" button located at the top right-hand corner of the Home Page and enter your User Name and Password. If you don't remember your login information, click on the "Login" button located at the top right-hand corner of the Home Page, and then click on "Lost Password?". You will be prompted to enter your email and your login information will be sent to the email address you provided.

Once logged in, click on the "More Great Information Here" button located at the top of the Home Page, a pop-up Menu will appear, click on "Member Forum", scroll down to the Blue Water Pump icon, click on "October 20, 2022 PowerPoint Presentation", and then click on the "Download Here" to download the presentation.

A Recap of 2022

By: Dorothy Martinez

It was so great to have in-person meetings and events again this year plus we saw increase in attendance and participation as well. I was able to join in most of our meetings and events and was so happy to see old and new faces. Thanks to everyone who helped with the planning and execution as well as those of you who came!

We started the season with a great presentation in March that covered water gardening from A to Z and a hands-on seminar on how to divide and plant various aquatic plants. In April, we put together a panel to answer various water gardening topics covering construction, plants, algae control, and container gardens - we were also able to offer canna rhizomes for sale. In May, we held our annual Plant Swap which offered a great opportunity to share and collect some wonderful aquatic plants. We also got to see the return of an in-person Plant Sale at the Denver Botanic Gardens. In June, we had a very successful Colorado Water Garden Society Plant Sale at Hudson Gardens as well as an organized outing at Professional Ponds in Northglenn. The July Pond Tour and Picnic were fantastic and we had a great turnout. In August we hosted the annual Water Blossom Celebration at the Denver Botanic Gardens that was well attended by members and non-members alike. We have had decent attendance at our fall meetings as well.

Here is to another successful and bountiful growing season in 2023!