This Year:
CWGS at 25
Our Silver Anniversary

July 12:
Pond Tour & Picnic
Centennial / Denver / Arvada
11:00 to 4:00 Picnic at 5:00
TOUR MAP ENCLOSED!

July 26 and 27:
Colorado Water Garden Society and
Denver Botanic Gardens present:

Water Blossom
Festival
2008
At Denver Botanic Gardens
Brochure / Registration Form Enclosed

Silver Anniversary Celebration!

Aug. 17: Waterside Program
2:00, Home of Deirdre Parker, Boulder

Sep. 14: Annual Mtg. And
Board Elections
1:30 to 3:30, Gates Hall

Oct. 5: Possible Extra Mtg.
Time, location and Program to be determined

Dec. 7: Holiday Banquet
6:00 – 9:00 Morrison Ctr.

12 Ponds On This Year’s
CWGS Pond Tour!

By Gary Blubaugh, Committee Co-Chair

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2008
CWGS Pond Tour and Picnic on July 12th. The Pond
Tour will begin at 11am and run until 4 pm. The
Picnic will start at 5 pm. We’ll offer a barbeque with
hamburgers, brats, and side dishes. Soft drinks and
t bottled water will be provided. To cover the cost of
the food we’ll collect $3 for children 7-12 and $5 for
everyone over 12. Children under 7 eat free.

This year’s Pond Tour cuts across the Metro area
from the shady yards of Centennial in the south to
Arvada in the north. It includes 5 ponds in
Centennial, 5 ponds in Denver, and two ponds in
Arvada. You’ll need a full tank of gas. Why not car-
pool with a friend?

A pull-out enclosure within this newsletter shows the
general locations of the pond sites and the picnic, but
you’ll need a good city map as well. The scope of
this year’s tour is too large to publish detailed maps to
each site. We also recognize that because of the
tour’s scope, you may want to pick and choose sites
to visit. Consequently, one tour route will not work
for all.

For purpose of organization, the tour is laid out
roughly as you would encounter the sites working
your way north from SE Centennial. Come and enjoy
the ponds in whatever numbers and order you
choose. Beginning pond owners and those thinking
of getting their feet wet will be able to ask the hosts
questions about starting up a pond. Experienced
pond owners always comment on the new ideas they
acquire from visiting ponds on the tour. And...be sure
and attend the Picnic at site 12. It provides an
opportunity to visit old friends and make new ones.
Aside from the food and the camaraderie, they’ll be
doors prizes and free plants, too! (Please bring a
blanket or folding chair.)

As a courtesy to the pond hosts, make your
bathroom stops before arriving. Also plan on leaving
the last pond you visit by 4 pm so the hosts can
secure their property and drive to the picnic.

Visit us online at www.colowatergardensociety.org

The Water Garden
Colorado Water Garden Society

JULY 12
2008 Pond
Tour & Picnic

JULY 26-27
See pull-out
enclosures this
issue for more
detail on both
July events

Festival Article
on page 4

I would like to thank all the pond hosts who are
generously allowing members to visit their ponds.
Thanks to their hospitality, we are able to feature
twelve ponds this year.
(Site descriptions follow on page 5)
We hope that you will take advantage of this exceptional program and attend one or both days. Brochures with complete information have recently been distributed to all major garden centers. An abbreviated brochure is included as a pull-out to this newsletter.

You may register by any of the following four means:

1. Mail-in the “Festival Registration” from the brochure available at sponsoring garden centers. Festival Sponsors include:
   - Arapahoe Acres Nursery
   - BR&D Landscape
   - Castle Rock Gift & Gardens
   - Echter’s Greenhouse and Gardens
   - Falls by Fox
   - Jared Nursery and Garden Center
   - Nick’s Garden Center and Farm Market
   - North American Water Garden Society
   - O’Toole’s Garden Center
   - Paulino Gardens
   - Tagawa Garden Center and Florist
   - True Pump and Equipment
   - Wilmore Nursery, Greenhouse, and Garden Center

2. Mail-in the “Festival Registration” from the pull-out in this newsletter.

3. Access the Denver Botanic Gardens Website (www.denverbotanicgardens.org) Select “classes,” and then “calendar & registration”

4. Call the DBG Registrar at 720-865-3580.

If you have questions about Water Blossom Festival 2008, please contact me at (303) 843-9619.

Thanks…and I’ll see you there!

Jim Arneill
Festival Chairperson

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**The Plant Sale**

**It was a dark and stormy…**

**…morning**

By Vicki Aber, Plant Sale Co-Chair

Depending on what part of town you were in, the morning of June 8th was anywhere from gloomy to a downpour.

As the volunteers set up the sale in raincoats we were thankful that at least we were dealing with ‘water plants’. Several prayers were muttered and we even tried to get a no-rain dance going. Something worked. Right before the sale was to open, the clouds parted and the sun came out.

The day ended up being perfect for a plant sale. It stayed dry and warm, but not hot. The plants arrived in great condition. We had a very wide selection of plants to choose from. We could have used a few more shoppers but we still managed to make a profit.

A few of the leftovers were given as door prizes at our meeting June 22nd at the Neuperts. More will be door prizes at our picnic after the pond tour, so plan on being there!

We had a large number of great volunteers help with the set up and the day of the sale. We gave ‘lily bucks’ for helping with the sale and had over 200 hours redeemed! I’m sure the plants that went to new homes are settling-in nicely, and their new owners will enjoy them for a long time to come.

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**Water Garden Tour**

Saturday, Aug. 9th, 9-5
Sunday, Aug. 10, 10-5

Over 20 Beautiful Water Features
Call (303) 666-5430 for details

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**New and Returning Members**

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**Treasurer’s Report**

Balance as of June 18, 2008: $21,428.85.
A Wealth of Beauty at the Water’s Edge and A Celebration of CWGS’s Silver Anniversary!

When it was pointed out that 2008 would mark the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Colorado Water Garden Society, it was inevitable that a very special program would be needed to honor this distinctive occasion.

After much planning and effort, Water Blossom Festival 2008 is quickly approaching. We believe it’s an event that will offer unique opportunities to our members and the general public. Co-presented by CWGS and Denver Botanic Gardens, the Festival takes place on Saturday, July 26, and Sunday, July 27 at Denver Botanic Gardens.

Presenters from around the United States will share their expertise and highlight the latest thinking in the water gardening world. Don Bryne, internationally known for his hybridization and introduction of numerous waterlily species, will share both his propagation experience and his recent discovery of a dwarf variety of Victoria waterlily in South America.

The Victoria will also be featured in an entertaining and informative presentation by Nancy Styler, who provides Victoria seeds and plants to gardens and conservatories around the globe.

Trevor Cole, a plantsman and nursery owner from Huntsville, Alabama, will speak on attracting wildlife to water gardens as well as tours to local sites of interest.

The following topics are offered in the Activity Sessions:

- Behind the Scenes Tour of DBG’s Tropical Waterlily Greenhouse
- Biological Filtration and UV Sterilization/Clarification
- Botanical Sketching
- Camivorous Plants
- Container Water Gardens
- Digital Photography 101
- End of Summer Pond Maintenance Tips
- Guided Tour of Denver Botanic Gardens Water Features
- Life in the Water Garden – the Wee Creatures (pond insects)
- The Wonderful World of Koi
- Water Quality and Clarity

Tours to sites of local interest include:

- Best Way Imported Koi (large, fabulous site for koi)
- Denver Botanic Gardens
- Enery Water Gardens ( wholesale nursery for aquatic plants and fish)
- Hudson Gardens
- Styler Gardens (spotlight on Victorias)
- University of Denver Water Gardens

Pond Tour Site Descriptions (continued from cover)

In Centennial:

1. Tozz Pegues
18480 E. Powers Pl.
Enter the backyard through gate on right side of the house. The large waterfall is the focal point of this 8,000 gallon water feature built just 9 months ago. Tozz dug this pond by himself and had it finished professionally.

2. Efrian & Renee Soltanovich
7854 S. Olive Court
Enter backyard through gate on left side of the house. This is the third pond for the experienced Soltanovichs. The upper pond (1,500 gallons) empties into the lower, 5,000 gallon koi pond via a twisting 45 foot stream containing another 1,000 gallons of water. This water feature was completed 5 years ago.

3. Mike & Kelly Booth
7694 S. Olive Circle
Enter the backyard from the left side of the house. This pond was remodeled in 1999. The 25 ft. stream flowing down into this 405 gallon pond catches the visitor’s attention and provides a relaxing retreat.

4 Jim & Tudi Arneill
7689 S. Olive Circle
One main pond of 2700 gallons and three small ponds; located throughout the backyard, compose this site. This a mature water garden, completed 15 yrs ago. Over this time Jim, our vice president, has added a large number and variety of water plants.

5. Ann Shannon
6953 S. Belleare
Enter the backyard along the right side of the house. The petrified tree trunks draw your attention as you walk around this 2,900 gallon pond. This water garden was designed by the owner to reflect Japanese influences in a natural setting. This four-year-old water garden also includes a long stream and a waterfall.

6. Lois & Jeff Meinerz
4074 S. Nagahi Way
Look for the house number on a rock below the mailbox. Please enter the backyard to the right side of the house. The Meinerz built this water garden themselves in stages over the past 8 years. Four waterfalls centerpiece this 2700 gallon pond.

7. Jim & Marilyn Wilson
5 Polo Field Lane
Enter the backyard from the left side of the house via the driveway. This water garden includes two container gardens, a 2,000 gallon pond, and wetlands. The Wilsons designed the water garden with help from Rocky Mt. Waterscapes just 2 yrs ago. Four small waterfalls and a weeping red maple provide a calming effect.

8. Bill Powell & Bruce Polkowsky
1210 Clayton St.
Enter the backyard by following the walk along the left side of the house. Bill is a long-time CWGS Board member and editor of our newsletter. Bill and Bruce created a small and deliberately formal 1,000 gallon pond and rill (water gutter) with an Asian sensibility to blend with the arts and craft style of their 95-year-old bungalow.

9. Duff Kerr
525 Humboldt St.
Enter the backyard to the left side of the house by following a path lined with many plantings. Duff is a past vice president of CWGS. This above-ground 300 gallon concrete pond with its fish provides a very attractive note in a small and quiet backyard.

10. Cathy Hawk
1632 Vene St.
Enter this backyard from the right side of the house through the gate. This is the oldest pond on the tour, built 20 years ago by the owner. The Hawks became owners of the pond when they bought their house. Four waterfalls can be found in this 1,795 gallon informal pond.

In Arvada:

11. Rosayn Warwick
7126 Orchard St.
Enter the backyard on the right side of the driveway. This small pond has a large waterfall, which cascades down from the steep slope in the corner of the backyard.

The Picnic Site in Arvada:

12. Bill & Janet Bathurst
7630 Windy Cl.
Enter the backyard through the gate to the right of the driveway. Follow the 40 ft. stream down to the 2,600 gallon pond. Completed professionally just 6 months ago, this pond overlooks Tucker Lake. Bill is our secretary and Janet is also a member of the CWGS Board.
Picnic will be held at site 12. 7630 Windy Ct., Arvada.  Picnic begins at 5:00 pm.

This proximity map gives only a schematic depiction of the tour site locations.  Use it in conjunction with a detailed city map.  Flip this sheet for directions that will help you locate each site with respect to it's nearest major street intersection.

1. Pikes Peak 16480 E. Powers Place Centennial
   Site 1, just a few doors from site 3 on S. Olive Circle.
   Suggested route: From site 3, drive north and west.
   General location: Centennial at S. Quebec and Powers Place.

2. Saffronvich 7934 S. Olive Court Centennial
   Site 2, 3, and/or 4, drive north and west.
   Suggested route: From site 2, retrace route to intersection of Vassar and S. Quebec.
   General location: Centennial at S. Quebec and Vassar.

3. Booth 7894 S. Olive Circle Centennial
   Site 3, drive north.
   Suggested route: Drive east along E. Orchard to S. Quebec.  Turn left onto Vista and S. Quebec.  Follow Vista up to S. Quebec.
   General location: Centennial at S. Quebec and Vista.

4. Arvada 7689 S. Olive Circle Centennial
   Site 4, just a few doors from site 3 on S. Olive Circle.
   Suggested route: From site 3, drive south and west.
   General location: Centennial at S. Quebec and S. Oneida.

5. Shannon 6053 S. Baleave Way Centennial
   Site 5, 6, and/or 7, drive south and west.
   Suggested route: From site 5, retrace route to intersection of E. Quincy and S. Oneida.
   General location: Centennial at E. Quincy and S. Oneida.

6. Memorial 4874 S. Niagara Way Denver
   Site 6, drive north and east.
   Suggested route: Drive east along E. Orchard to S. Quebec.  Turn right onto S. Quebec and E. Orchard.  Follow S. Quebec up to E. Orchard.
   General location: Centennial at E. Orchard and S. Quebec.

7.wilson B Polo Field Lane Denver
   Site 7, drive north and west.
   Suggested route: From site 6, retrace route to intersection of University and Powers Place.
   General location: Denver Tech Center.

8. Kerr 523 Humboldt St. Denver
   Site 8, 9, drive north and east.
   Suggested route: From site 8, retrace route to intersection of University and Powers Place.
   General location: Denver Tech Center.

9. Powell / Polkowsky 1251 Clayton St. Denver
   Site 9, 10, drive north and west.
   Suggested route: Drive west along E. Orchard to S. Quebec.  Follow S. Quebec west along S. Oneida to S. Niagara.
   General location: Denver Tech Center.

10. Hawk 1632 Vine St. Denver
    Site 10, drive north and west.
    Suggested route: Drive north on Clayton to Colorado Ave. (10th).  Turn left onto S. Niagara.
    General location: Denver Tech Center.

11. Warrick 7129 Orchard St. Arvada
    Site 11, drive west and north.
    Suggested route: From site 10, retrace route to intersection of York St. and S. Quebec.
    General location: Arvada Tech Center.

12. PICNIC SITE Bathurst 7630 Windy Ct. Arvada
    Site 12, drive north and west.
    Note: This is a ferry route as the Bathurst development is not near it.  Therefore, the ferry route will show any of the current projects or intersections.
    Correct route: Exit site 11, retrace route to intersection of S. Quebec and S. Quebec.  Turn right (north) onto S. Quebec St.  Continue west on S. Quebec St. through the city of Arvada.
    General location: Centennial.

13. City of Denver 7630 Windy Ct. Arvada
    Site 13, drive north and west.
    Suggested route: Drive north on DCPA Way to intersection of S. Quebec and S. Quebec.  Turn right (north) onto S. Quebec St.  Continue west on S. Quebec St. through the city of Arvada.
    General location: Centennial.