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2019 CWGS Plant Swap

Plant Society Building Denver Botanic Gardens

Thursday, May 16th Potluck, 6:00 pm Plant Swap, 7:00 pm

2019 CWGS Plant Sale

Hudson Residence Business Hudson Gardens, Littleton, CO

Sunday, June 2nd Members Only, 9:00 am - 10:00 am Public/Members, 10:00 - 2:00 pm

Pond Side Program

Alpine Koi & Reef **Fort Collins, CO**

Saturday, June 15th Tour, 10:00 am - 11:30 am Picnic Potluck, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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Tropical Water Lily 'Purple Joy', (photo courtesy of International Waterlily Collection)

Colorado Water Garden Society 2019 Annual Plant Sale

by Vicki Aber

Our Annual Plant Sale is coming up Sunday, June 2nd to be held at Hudson Gardens. Hudson Gardens is located at 6115 S. Sante Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120. The Plant Sale will take place on the South side of the Hudson Residence Business Offices. Park in the main parking lot and enter through the Welcome Center. A map of Hudson Gardens is posted on our website under "2019 CWGS Plant List & Hudson Map".

This is always a fun event and our main fundraiser. We will be ordering plants from 4 different suppliers. We will also have donations from our members, Hudson Gardens, and Denver Botanic Gardens. Plantabbs fertilizer will also be offered for sale in bags of 100, 50, and 25. The plants we plan to order are listed on pages 4 & 6 of this Newsletter and are also posted on the website under "2019 CWGS Plant List & Hudson Map". We cannot promise that all plants we order will arrive, but most usually do. The Sale starts at 9:00 am for members and 10:00 am for the public. Come and shop.

It takes a lot of time and energy to put on a successful Sale. We need help in several areas.

We need plant donations. Plant donations seem to be down in recent years. We order less common, harder to get plants for the Sale. We still have shoppers that need/want the basics. Bring plants you have that we can sell.

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Taro 'Mojito', (photo courtesy of Missouri Botanical Garden)



Tropical Water Lily 'Valentine', (photo courtesy of International Waterlily Collection)



Bloody Dock, (photo courtesy of Missouri Botanical Garden)

Colorado Water Garden Society 2019 Annual Plant Sale

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We cannot sell yellow iris, floating heart, or parrotfeather because they are included on the invasive plants list (**see the note below**). We do need to know what the plant is, so please help us out by labeling your plant, or find a volunteer and tell them what the plant is. Every year we end up with some plants off to the side that no one knows what they are or where they came from. We really need the plants to come on Saturday morning so that we can get them labeled, priced, and ready for Sunday. We will offer fish if there are any donated. If you have fish to donate, please let us know ahead of time so we can be sure and provide a place for them.

We need help setting up on Saturday, June 1st. There will be donuts and coffee. Over the years we have gotten this down to a science, so it only takes a few hours. We start at 9:00 am. We will be unpacking the ordered plants and putting labels on them. Next, they will be put in a container with water and a sign so they will be ready to go out the next day. We will be doing the same with donated plants.

We will also need help on Sunday, June 2nd. We start at 8:00 am (more donuts and coffee). We will be putting the plants out on the grassy area for people to shop and doing last-minute organizing, putting up signs, etc. Volunteers may begin shopping as soon as all the organizing is done. At 9:00 am the members will be arriving to shop and at 10:00 am the Sale will open to the public. During the Sale we need people to assist the shoppers. You don't need to be an expert to do this, we have plenty of talented people to ask and books if we don't know the answer. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers on Sunday. After the Sale we need help cleaning up. Hudson Gardens is so generous to provide this space for us free of charge, we try to leave it as clean as we can.

As if getting to meet a lot of plant geeks, see new plants, learn new things, and have a great time at beautiful Hudson Gardens wasn't enough, we have an extra bribe. For every hour you work at the Sale, you will receive \$2 in Lily Bucks, which in turn can be used towards any purchase total.

After that you get to go home and plant your purchases!

Note: Due to changing guidelines from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, we will not be able to accept the following plants for donation: Yellow flag iris (Iris pseudacorus) listed on the Colorado Department of Agriculture Noxious Weeds Watch List, Parrotfeather (Myriophyllum aquaticum) listed as an Aquatic Nuisance Species, or Yellow Floating Heart (Nymphoides peltata) listed as an Aquatic Nuisance Species.

4 Feature Articles

2019 CWGS Plant Sale Plant List

TROPICAL LILIES

Nymphaea 'Dauben' Blue flower, green pad, small spread

Nymphaea 'Emily Grant Hutchings'

Hot pink flower, green pad, medium – large spread, night bloomer

Nymphaea 'Maroon Beauty'

Dark pink flower, bronze pad, medium spread, night bloomer

Nymphaea 'Piyalarp'

Hot pink flower, green pads, large spread, night bloomer

Nymphaea 'Purple Joy' Cream center edged with deep purple flower, green pad, medium/large spread, viviparous

Nymphaea 'Tina' Deep violet-purple flower, green pad, medium spread, viviparous

Nymphaea 'Valentine' Deep pink flower, mottled pad, medium spread

Nymphaea 'William McLane' Deep blue flower, mottled pad, medium spread

Nymphaea 'Wood's Blue Goddess' Blue flower, green pad, large spread

Nymphaea 'Wood's White Knight' White flower, green pad, medium spread, night bloomer

TROPICAL MARGINALS

Alpinia aquatica, Ginger 6' tall, glossy green linear leaves, cluster of pale pink flowers

Alternanthera ficoidea, Joseph's Coat 6" - 12" tall, leaves blotched with yellow, red, & purple

Alternanthera philoxeroides, Alligator Weed 2 1/2" tall, 20' spread, hollow stems, white papery flowers on stalks Asciepias curassavica, Mexican Butterfly Weed 2' - 3' tall, orange & yellow flower, green lance shaped leaves

Canna 'Australia' 5' tall, red bloom, burgundy foliage

Canna 'Bengal Tiger' 4' tall, orange bloom, green and white striped foliage

Canna 'Cleopatra' 4' tall, multi-color red & yellow blooms, multi-color purple & green foliage

Canna 'Endeavor' 4' tall, red bloom, sage green foliage
Canna 'Erebus' 4' tall, pink bloom, sage green foliage

Canna 'Paton' 4' tall, yellow bloom with red center, sage green foliage
Canna 'Pink Sunburst' 2' tall, rosy-pink bloom, reddish pink striped foliage

Canna 'Ra'

4' tall, yellow bloom, sage green foliage

5' tall, yellow bloom, green/white striped foliage

Canna 'Taney'

4' tall, orange/apricot bloom, sage green foliage

Colocasia esculenta, Taro 'White Lava'

3' tall, green leaves with a white band in the center

Colocasia esculenta, Taro 'Mojito'

3' tall, green leaves with dark purple irregular markings

Colocasia esculenta, Taro 'Black Coral' 3' tall, glossy black leaves

Cyperus alternifolius, Umbrella Palm
2' - 3' tall, grass like clump topped with umbrella like heads
Cyperus haspans, Dwarf Papyrus
18" tall, grass like clump topped with small pom pom like heads
Cyperus papyrus, Giant Papyrus
6' tall, grass like clump topped with large pom pom like heads
Gymnocoronis spilanthoides, Water Snowball
3' tall, bushy dark glossy green leaves, 1/2" white flowers

Limnobium spongia, Frog's Bit

6" tall, small emerald green oval leaves that float on the water surface

Myriophyllum papillosum, Dwarf Red Stem Parrotfeather

1" - 2" tall, 12" - 24" spread, red stems with bright green foliage

Nymphoides geminata, Yellow Snowflake 2' spread, mottled green lily-like leaves with small yellow fringed flowers

Nymphoides indica, White Snowflake 1' - 2' spread, bright green lily-like leaves with small white fringed flowers

Pistia stratiotes, Water Lettuce 4" - 6" tall, rosettes of soft velvety green leaves

Ruellia brittoniana, Mexican Petunia 'Dwarf Blue'

12" tall, blue/purple flower, bushy green lance shaped leaves

Ruellia brittoniana, Mexican Petunia 'Dwarf Pink'

12" tall, pink flower, bushy green lance shaped leaves

Spilanthes oleracea, Peek-A-Boo Plant 1' - 2' tall, round yellow flower tipped with red, bronzy green foliage

Tulbaghia violacea, Variegated Society Garlic 12" tall, small purple flowers, green/white striped foliage Zephyranthes candida, Rain Lily 6" tall, narrow grass like leaves, white crocus like flowers

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Tropical Water Lily 'Piyalarp', (photo courtesy of International Waterlily Collection)



Hibiscus 'Plum Crazy', (photo courtesy of Missouri Botanical Garden)



Bugleweed, (photo courtesy of Missouri Botanical Garden)

2019 Colorado Water Garden Society Plant Swap

By Vicki Aber

It is that time of year again. Time to get ready and get in the water again. As I write this, there is snow on the ground! Gardeners have to be endless optimists. Hopefully, during a manic phase of our weather (i.e. sunshine), you have had a chance to do some cleaning up and dividing. Save those divisions because our Plant Swap is coming up on Thursday, May 16th. We will be back at Denver Botanic Gardens this year in the Plant Society Building. Park in the parking garage and enter through the Visitor's Center.

If they don't figure it out by the fact you are schlepping plants, just tell them you are attending the Colorado Water Garden Society Meeting. The Plant Society Building is in the back, past the greenhouses. After you get past the greenhouses, turn right, go through the gate, and it is on your left. If you need help getting your plants in, call my cell (303-669-9760) and we will get someone to help you, hopefully with a cart.

As usual, we will be having a potluck starting at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish of your choosing to share. We will not be providing beverages, so bring your own. We always have great potlucks and usually have a nice balance of dishes (except for the great dessert fiasco).

The Swap will begin at about 7:00 pm. So how does it work? Remember those extra divisions you have? Bring them to the Swap and set them out. You will be asked to talk about the plants you are contributing. Give as much information as you can. For instance: the name of the plant, how it grows, is it hardy or tropical, does it bloom, what color. The more information you can provide, the better chance it will have with its new owner. Once everyone has talked about their plant the free for all starts. For every plant you brought, you are invited to pick a plant from other's offerings. It's magic, you turn your extras into new additions to your pond.

Anyone saying, "I'm new to this, I don't have any divisions"? Don't let that scare you away. For one thing listening to people talk about plants is very informative. For another, many bring more than they take so there is always some extra. After everyone has taken their allowed number of plants, we open it up to people that didn't bring anything or people that want more than they bought. Still feeling like you have to bring something? We are not plant snobs, terrestrial plants are allowed as well as containers, yard art, house plants, you name it. Sorry, spouses cannot be traded.

See you May 16th, let the gardening season begin!

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2019 CWGS Plant Sale Plant List (cont'd)

HARDY MARGINALS

Ajuga reptans, Bugleweed 'Catlin's Giant'

Anemopsis californica, Yerba Mansa

Aster elliottii, Purple Marsh Aster

Caltha palustris, Marsh Marigold

Ceratophyllum demersum, Hornwort

Hibiscus moscheutos, Hibiscus 'Fireball'

Hibiscus moscheutos, Hibiscus 'Luna Pink'

Hibiscus moscheutos, Hibiscus 'Luna Red'

Hibiscus moscheutos, Hibiscus 'Plum Crazy'

Houttuynia cordata, 'Chameleon' Plant

Hydrocotyle ranunculoides, 'Crystal Ball' Pennywort

Justicia americana, Water Willow

Lobelia cardinalis 'Black Truffle'

Lobelia x Speciosa 'Fan Blue'

Lysimachia ciliata, Fringed Loosestrife 'Firecracker'

Lysimachia nummularia, Creeping Jenny

Lysimachia punctata, Golden Candles 'Alexander'

Marsilea mutica, Variegated Water Clover

Marsilea quadrifolia, Four Leaf Clover

Mimulus guttatus 'Magic White Blotch'

Myosotis scorpioides, Forget-Me-Not

Plantago major, 'Rubrifolia' Red Leaf Plantain

Pontederia cordata, Blue Pickerel

Ranunculus repens, Creeping Buttercup

Rumex sanguineus, Bloody Dock

Sagittaria latifolia, Arrowhead 'Fantastic'

3" - 9" tall, bronze-green foliage, whorls of blue flowers on spikes

4" tall, waxy gray green leaves, white flowers on 1' tall spikes

4' tall spikes with green leaves, 1" pink/purple daisy flowers in the fall

1' tall, green leaves with yellow flowers in the spring

Rootless/free floating, feathery fan shaped leaves

4' - 6' tall, bushy green and purple leaves, red saucer shaped flower

2' - 3' tall, bushy dark green leaves, pink saucer shaped flower

2' - 3' tall, bushy dark green leaves, red saucer shaped flower

3' - 4' tall, bushy purple/green leaves, purple saucer shaped flower

1' tall, 2' spread, heart shaped blue/green leaves with blotches of white and red

1' - 20' spread, variegated green and white 2" scallop edged leaves

1' - 2' tall, brilliant white flowers with purplish upper lips

2' - 4' tall, purple/black leaves with 4' tall spikes of red flowers

2' tall, compact bushy habit, deep green leaves, blue/violet flower spikes

2' - 3' tall, bronze leaves, yellow flower

2" - 4" tall, 2' spread, rounded leaves, 3/4" cup shaped yellow flowers

2' - 3' tall, lance shaped leaves, cup shaped bright yellow flowers

3" - 6" tall, large dark green floating leaves with light green mottling in the center

10" tall, 2" diameter green leaves with four lobes

6" - 12" tall, green leaves, white flower with spots of burgundy

 $6\ensuremath{^{"}}$ tall, oblong bright green leaves, small sky-blue flowers

6" - 12" tall, red/purple leaves

2' tall, arrow shaped green leaves, small blue flowers on 3" spikes

1' tall, spreads to 36", shiny dark green leaves, bright yellow flowers

1' tall, green leaves with red veins

12" - 18" tall, arrow shaped leaves with splashed creamy yellow blotches

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A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

May 16: CWGS Annual Plant Swap Plant Society Building Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG)

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Potluck 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Plant Swap

June 2: CWGS Annual Plant Sale Hudson Residence Business Offices Hudson Gardens, Littleton, CO

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Members Only 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Open to the Public/Members

June 15: Pond Side Program Alpine Koi & Reef Fort Collins, CO

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Tour 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Picnic Potluck

July 20: CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic – Centennial & SE Englewood Area, Pond Tour 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Picnic 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

August 3: Water Blossom Festival – Monet Pond Area, Docent Tours of DBG Gardens, Demonstrations, Information, & Free Carnivorous Pitcher Plants, DBG, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

August 24: Pond Side Program – Leinster Residence, Picnic Potluck, Westminster, CO, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Sept. 19: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, Presentation on the Cairns Botanic Gardens in Australia – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Oct. 17: Potluck, Program with Slideshow "2019 Season Wrap-up – What Plants Did Well or Didn't Do Well" & 2020 Planning Meeting – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Dec. 12: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition, – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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