

Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the 2008/2009 Water Garden News Industry Directory and Buying Guide. This is our fourth edition and we are proud to provide you with the water gardening industry's most comprehensive reference of products and services for retailers and pond builders.

Whether you're a seasoned professional or a pond retailer just starting out, we're sure you will find our listings and special features useful. Our database department is constantly updating the contact information for manufacturers, distributors, manufacturers' representatives, importers, growers and breeders. The governmental agencies and boards are updated each issue, bringing you the most up-to-date federal regulations and contact information. Please note that we have moved these listings to the back of the directory just before the industry address book.

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You will find a list of upcoming industry conferences and seminars in our calendar of events on page 4 and the 2007 International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society's Waterlilies of the Year winners and entrants on page 6 (as of press time, the 2008 winners have not been decided).

The 2008 IWGS Aquatic Plant Selections are on page 8 and Joel Burkard of Pan Intercorp has supplied us with a handy detailed koi gallery that identifies 18 varieties of koi on page 9. Kelly Billing of Maryland Aquatic Nursery shares with us her detailed State and Federally Regulated List of Noxious Weeds on page 22.

We invite you to share with us any questions or comments you may have about our directory and we welcome your ideas and suggestions for making this a better source for your professional water garden business needs. Please contact me at escholtz@bowtieinc.com or 949-855-8822, ext. 3654.

We hope that you'll keep this issue handy throughout the year as a reference tool to make running your business easier.

Sincerely,

Eva Scholtz
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Having a listing in the Water Garden News Industry Directory and Buying Guide is an excellent way to attract thousands of buyers searching for water garden products and services. If you have any questions regarding your listing, please feel free to call 213.385.2222 Ext 2152 or 2100, or send an e-mail to wgnd@bowtieinc.com.

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