

# New England Carnivorous Plant Society

## March 2003 Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone's gemmae are doing well since the last meeting. Some interesting things have been going on behind the scenes at the NECPS.

Have you seen the updated NECPS website? Thanks to Nathan Lovell and Jay Higgins, we have a website with 2 registered domain names, <http://www.NECPS.org> and <http://newenglandcarnivorousplantsociety.org>. Jay has donated the web space, and Nathan has put it all together. Hopefully, it will soon be listed on the International Carnivorous Plant Society Web ring, which will help with the society's visibility. Also, you will note on the updated website that there are now better directions to the NECPS meetings at the greenhouse at Roger Williams Park. We will be posting meeting dates and information on the website, for members and non-members to check on for the latest updates.

**The meeting date for the next NECPS meeting has been changed to one week later, 22 March 2003 at 1 pm.** This meeting will be held in association with the Rhode Island Orchid Society March meeting, and will feature a lecture by Bob Chabot, horticulturist for the Roger Williams Botanical Center. Bob recently returned from Papua New Guinea, where he was studying the flora to enable him to construct a permanent rainforest exhibit at the botanical gardens. He should have some interesting stories and tales to tell, along with a first hand account of what the plant life is like in this part of the world! Several different species of *Nepenthes* are native to this area, along with hundreds of Orchids. It should be a great talk and experience for all.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the RI orchid society, and will be held in the Mediterranean room of the greenhouse. There will be a potluck dinner also. NECPS members are not required to bring any food, but are welcome to if they want to. Since the Mediterranean room is a limited capacity room, we are asking all NECPS members and non members who will attend to please RSVP to our club secretary, Judy Gould, at 401~885~6237, or email Judy at [rainforest@efortress.com](mailto:rainforest@efortress.com). Bob has an engagement after the meeting, so the seminar will start at 1 PM SHARP! After the seminar, we will have our regular meeting in the classroom. If anyone would like to bring plants for display, auction or swap, please try to get there a bit early to get these plants set up in the classroom. As usual, I will be there by 12 noon to set up. This is a chance to also show off some of our plants to the RIOS members, and show them why we enjoy our carnivores! The link to the RI Orchid society page is <http://www.riorchidsociety.org/>.

As of the last meeting, we have a new Vice President and a new Treasurer. Susan Rifai of Gloucester, RI has agreed to be Vice President, and Dave Sackett of Dracut, MA has agreed to take on the responsibilities of Treasurer. These are important positions, and their involvement on the E board is greatly appreciated.

It was mentioned at the last meeting that if anyone would like to do a presentation to the Society, please contact myself or any board member to let us know what you would like to do, and when. Even if you have a simple idea that you can share with the other society members, a way to grow a plant better, or maybe sharing the history, ecology, or some other facet of these plants, we are looking for short programs to have at our meetings. We will also continue to look for outside speakers and topics, but we hope that the members themselves will contribute some of the presentations. We are a diverse group, and we all know things about these plants that we can share with others.

I am presently working on a certificate so that when a member makes a presentation to the society, they will receive a certificate of appreciation for making the presentation!

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting, 22 March 2003 at 1 PM sharp at the Roger Williams Park greenhouses, Providence RI.

Thanks

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