

New England Carnivorous Plant Society

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December 2003 Newsletter

The first winter storm has descended upon New England and the Northeast USA, and left many of us digging out of up to 2+ feet of snow! Being homebound gives us time to work with our plants, search the web for more information, and look at what we want to add to our collections in the spring. And most of the snow should be cleared well enough for everyone to attend the next meeting of the NECPS on Saturday, 13 December at 12:30 pm. This is the new day of the month and time for our meetings from now on, so mark your calendars accordingly.

The December meeting will feature the presentation of awards from the October Carnivorous Plant show. There will be food and refreshments also to help us celebrate the first year, along with the usual swap table and silent auction. We will also have a Yankee swap for the exchange of presents. What's a Yankee swap? If you've never been to one, I promise that you will enjoy it, the combination of exchanging presents and getting even with the person who outbid you on the silent auction! Members and guests who wish to participate should bring a gift, wrapped if possible, in the \$6 range, relating to Plants or Carnivorous Plants. Things like a bag of sand, seeds, a book, anything that might be related to CPs. **USE YOUR IMAGINATION!**

We received a letter from Chuck Carberry, the Executive Director of the New England Botanical Gardens congratulating us for the CP show of October, and thanking us for raising \$459 for the non-profit organization, The Friends of Roger Williams Park Botanical Gardens. I have heard through the grapevine that Chuck has been telling everyone about the great show we put on, and how well it was attended. Wait till he sees what we do for next year!

I was speaking to Peter D'amato at California Carnivores recently, and he thanked us for putting a link to his site on our website. An article about myself is in the winter edition of *People, Places and Plants* Magazine {the article deals with people obsessed with plants, I have no idea why they picked me!} and I also gave Peter a plug for his book and his nursery. I asked Peter if he ever comes out this way, we'd love to have him attend and speak at one of our meetings. Peter did say that he has plans to come out east, so I will be working on him for the coming year to try to get him to attend one of our meetings! Peter would be a great speaker for us!

The Annual Christmas train exhibit will be running the weekend of our next meeting, so anyone who attends may also want to consider getting there early and checking out the exhibit. It is in the same greenhouse where we had our show. Also, since we may have some people come into our meeting from the exhibit, you may want to bring a nice plant to show off on the display table for the meeting.

Remember, the next meeting of the NECPS will be Saturday, 13 December at 12:30 PM in the greenhouse of the NE Botanical Gardens, Roger Williams Park, Providence RI. For directions, please check out our website, <http://www.NECPS.org>. As usual, I should be there about Noon or so if anyone wants to arrive early. Don't forget your present for the Yankee Swap, and come help us celebrate our first year!

I hope to see everyone there!