

New England Carnivorous Plant Society

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January 2005 Newsletter

The New Year has arrived, and the cold weather hasn't been too much of a bother so far this winter. Spring is still several months away, but the Flower Shows and winter events can keep us busy till we can get to work outside with our plants. There are still lots of things going on at the NECPS!

Work has been progressing for the display that the NECPS is participating in for the Rhode Island Spring Flower show, Feb 17 ~20 in Providence RI. We will be responsible for a Bog Garden, roughly 10ft X 10ft on one end of the BIG display in the main display area, plus we will have a chance for some plants to be displayed in the Container area in the same display. To give you an idea how large this display will be, they are working on a house facade that will be the centerpiece of the display, and will be assembled in the flower show! Plants have been ordered from Kennedy's Country garden and are being forced as we speak. The Bog Garden will feature mostly Pitcher Plants {Sarracenia} and maybe some different Sundews if we can have some that would look good in the display.

Along with the display, the NECPS will be sharing a booth with the RI Orchid Society {RIOS} on the 5th floor of the show, in the area for all the non-profit groups. Once again we have the area right next to the stairs, so that when you come up to the floor you will have to see our booth. We will be working on the booth in the next few weeks, and will be discussing ways to highlight the Society at the next meeting. If you have any ideas for the booth, please bring them and yourself to the January meeting!

I attended a meeting, along with representatives from all the affiliate groups, with the new Parks Director for the City of Providence, and we were all shown the new updated plans for the NE Botanical Gardens at Roger Williams Park. While the plans have been downsized, there will still be some great improvements done, and new greenhouses built and displays available. I hope to have the New Parks Director attend a future meeting and fill the whole society in on what will be happening to our home in the near future. It was a wonderful feeling, however, to walk into the meeting and have the Director mention right away that she had heard great things about our society, about the people in it and the shows we have done! This can only make it easier for us in the future.

The program for the January meeting will be a talk and show about Kew Gardens, put on by Bill Matthews. Bill and his bride Dena recently took

the trip of a lifetime {for plant people} to England, and were able to spend time and make fantastic contacts with the people of Kew Gardens. Many of the plants we see and grow today were first brought back to Kew, and they have been doing research into so many plants for many many many years! Bill will have pictures to show and more, and knowing him, some great stories to relate about the visit. It should be a great time and show!

Bill has also been talking with another society about a plant swap, and we will be filled in on the details for that at the February meeting. And, as always, we will have the display table {don't forget to bring any plants you would like to show off} and the ever popular swap/silent auction table.

The next meeting of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society will be Saturday, 8 January 2005 at 12:30 PM in the greenhouse at Roger Williams Park, Providence RI. For directions, please check the link on our website {<http://www.necps.org> }, or call me at the number on the bottom of this page. As usual, I will be there about Noon to set things up, if anyone would like to get there early. Refreshments will be served, and anyone is welcome to bring any goodies to add to the table. And never forget plants to show off, or add to the swap/auction table. I hope to see everyone on Saturday, 8 January 2005 at the next meeting of the NECPS!

Good growing!

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