



## NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

January 2007 Newsletter

NECPS's January 2007 meeting will be held on

**SATURDAY JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> at 12:30 PM at**

**LOUTTIT LIBRARY**

**274 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, RI 02817**

### **NECPS Mission Statement**

***"The mission of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society shall be to share, to gain knowledge of, and to achieve expertise in all phases of growing, education, appreciation, and conservation of carnivorous plants in both culture and in native habitats."***

### **Message from the President**

Hello All,

Every January I look back at the beginnings of the NECPS, and I am amazed where we've come to and what we've become. The NECPS started really in October 2002, when an informational booth was set up at a RI Orchid Society orchid show in Roger William's Park. Kirk Martin was the first member who came to talk to me, and is still an active member to this day!

The first "official meeting" was January, 2003 and was covered by the Providence Journal. The pictures are still on the website, and you can see many members who joined that meeting are still active, Dave Sackett, Nathan Lovell, Judy Gould, Jay Higgins, Tom and Dave from Dangerous Plants, Matt Opel, Dena Matthews (I know wild Bill is there somewhere!) and Jeff Matteson, among others! Apologies to any I missed!

We've grown since then. We've put on shows, attended ICPS conferences, developed a fantastic website, worked with the RWP Botanical gardens, and so many other events. But the thing that binds us, then and now, is the love we have for these plants, and the friends we find at each meeting. Being active in the Society isn't a chore, isn't a job, it really is a labor of love!

I've grown Carnivorous Plants for over 30 years, starting in a dorm room at the University of RI back in '74. Since this society was started, I've seen more and learned more from the members than I did all those previous years! Who knows that else we all will learn, and see, in the coming year and beyond as members of the NECPS!

Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary to the members of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society!

~ John Phillip, Jr.

## **NECPS Program: January 13, 2007**

### **"How to Make Nepenthes Cuttings"**

There's an old saying among carnivorous plant enthusiasts: "A plant's not really in your collection until you're able to propagate it!" The program at the January meeting will be how to take Nepenthes cuttings and it will be presented by NECPS President, John Phillip Jr.

The NECPS will supply the plants for the cuttings and materials to pot them. Members are also encouraged to bring in a plant that may need to be cut back. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Nepenthes are easy to propagate by stem cuttings. This is the fastest way to obtain large plants and the only way to multiply cultivars except for tissue culturing (which is not easy!). After attending this meeting, you'll be able to confidently take cuttings from your plants, simultaneously improving their appearance and expanding your collection.

### **Other business:**

We will also discuss the following at the January meeting:

- Potential sites and agendas for upcoming meetings.
- The group order from Wistuba, which will be finalized (see Nursery Orders).
- Rhode Island Spring Flower Show which will take place on February 22-25, 2007. The NECPS will have an informational booth and we need volunteers.
- The Roger Williams Botanical Garden is scheduled to open in March 2007. Please see "Events of Note" for more information.

- We would like to show-off our plants to the employees of the Louttit Library! Signs have been placed in the library so there may be some visitors (and potential new members) eager to see CPs. So, please bring your plants for others to marvel at!

## Cultivation Tips for January

January is a great month to begin stratification of seeds that require this pretreatment. Stratification is the process of wet cold (or sometimes heat) that breaks the dormancy of temperate plants, allowing them to germinate in the spring. Without this dormancy, seeds might germinate in the fall and then killed by the harsh winter weather.

To stratify, seeds can be sown into their trays then exposed to at least 4-6 weeks or more (depending on the species) of cold temperature and dampness, as they would be in nature. There are also space-saving methods of stratifying seed in the refrigerator should space be an issue or if natural cold is unavailable. The NECPS has an article on how to do this available on line. You might also view the ICPS website for more information at: [www.carnivorousplants.org](http://www.carnivorousplants.org).

January is also a month when we have to watch tropical plants indoors a bit more closely than we might think. When exposed to cold drafts and dry heat, plants can dry out even more quickly than in the warm summer sun. The warm, dry environment inside can cause an insect infestations. Spending a few extra minutes per day looking at your plants is a good way to keep them healthy throughout the winter.

If you have any questions about anything related to the cultivation of CPs, don't hesitate to ask your fellow members. That's one of the benefits of belonging to the NECPS!

Good growing,

~ The Officers

## Secretary's Minutes

**December 9, 2006 — Attendance: 29**

### Meeting Notes:

- John Phillip led the meeting.
- Membership issues: A majority vote was made that the NECPS newsletter will be available by email to all individuals who wish to receive it. The website contents will also be free to the public. However, only members will be able to regularly attend meetings and participate in Society activities in and out of meetings.
- Wistuba order: Members were reminded of the order and that the order would be finalized at the January 2007 meeting. Please see "Nursery Orders" for more information.
- Library: Members were encouraged to donate books to the newly formed NECPS library and to recommend books that the Society should purchase for the library.

- Several members suggested that member Glen Lord give a presentation on how to prepare plants for show. The membership agreed that the Society should follow up on this.
- Website: The membership requested updates to the society website for newsletters, Board Member names and contact information, and a calendar of meetings for 2007.

### Other Meeting Events:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NECPS Yankee Swap took place.
- Meeting Conclusion: John Phillip concluded the meeting.

## Events of Note

- The two new greenhouses at the Roger Williams Park look magnificent! Lots of plants are in place already and some of the trees are at least 20-25 feet tall. The Carnivorous Plant Display is taking shape. The CP display will feature a 16-foot circular planting bed that the Botanical Garden has requested we help with. The NECPS will build, fill and plant the entire raised bog garden! WE WILL NEED ALL HANDS AVAILABLE FOR THE BUILDING AT THE FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING! A grand opening party and fundraiser will be held at the Botanical gardens on February 14 and the bog should at least be built and filled by then (it may have to be planted at a slightly later date). The Nepenthes Wall project is on temporary hold while funds are being raised. The NECPS will likely help the staff of the Botanical gardens with this display.

## Nursery Orders

- I will finalize orders at the January meeting and place an order by the end of the month, so please have your list of plants at the meeting. There are several important things to consider before placing the order. First, the NECPS will not be held financially liable for plants that die after they arrive, though Andreas Wistuba typically replaces plants free of charge if they are dead on arrival. Second, the plants will be shipped to the NECPS PO Box. John Phillip will collect the plants and a special pickup meeting will be held where members will have the opportunity to pick up their plants on the weekend after they've arrived. These meetings will likely be held at the Roger Williams Park and possibly also in Worcester, MA. If you cannot attend the pickup meeting, you may contact John and arrange a place and time to pickup the plants, at his discretion. As a last resort, you may pickup your plants at the next NECPS meeting. I suggest you pickup your plants as soon as possible due to their fragile nature. You must pay for your plants when you pick them up so please have cash or a check with you. As discussed at prior meetings, any extra plants will be auctioned or raffled. Please contact me with any questions.

~ Ken Sicard, Nursery Mail Order Coordinator

## Library News

- Please contact me to suggest books that should be purchased.  
~ Shaun Montminy, Librarian

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **December 2006**

- The Treasurer's Report for December 2006 will be available at the upcoming meeting.
- Membership dues will be due in January for the 2007 year. Dues are \$10 for students, \$20 for adults, and \$25 for families. Dues may be paid in cash or check made out to "NECPS." A copy of the membership renewal form is attached at the end of the newsletter for your convenience. Remember to complete a membership renewal form and submit it along with dues to the Membership Secretary, Mike Stiffler. Dues may also be paid by mailing a check to:

NECPS  
PO Box 606  
Saunderstown, RI 02874

~ Dave Sackett, Treasurer

## **Program Outline for 2007**

<b>Meeting/Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
January 13	Louitt Library
February 10	To be determined
March 10	Roger Williams Park (?)
April 14	Roger Williams Park (?)
May 12	Roger Williams Park (?)
June 9	NETC, Vermont
July	Great Swamp Bog Walk (no official meeting)
August 11	Blackjungle
September 8	Roger Williams Park (?)
September 29-30	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual NECPS Show (Roger Williams Park)
October 13	Roger Williams Park (?)
November	Roger Williams Park (?)
December 8	Roger Williams Park (?)

- Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month, except for July when there is no official meeting. We are in the process of finalizing a program outline for 2007. Please contact one of the Officers with questions or if you have a suggestion for a meeting place.

## New Members

- We welcomed 15 new members 2006! During a time when many societies are seeing their membership stagnate or dwindle, we increased our ranks. This is a testament to the many benefits offered by our society. The following members joined in 2006:

Nelson Debarros  
Peter Frye  
Joel Koos  
John & Kelly Lewis  
Glen Lord  
Colton MacKenzie  
Shaun & Dana Montminy  
Jennifer Anne Ross  
Zackary Severino  
Alex Straub  
Conley Taylor  
Laurel Williams  
Alan Wran

## Officers & Contact Information

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- NECPS website: [www.necps.org](http://www.necps.org)
- NECPS Yahoo Group: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/NECPS/>

## Directions to Louttit Library

- Using Route 95 (north or south) take Exit 5B. This exit leads you on to Route 102 North. Stay on Route 102 North for approximately 3 miles. The library is on the right just after the West Greenwich Town Hall.
- Louttit Library phone number: 401-397-3434; website: <http://web.provlib.org/louttit/>

# New England Carnivorous Plant Society

An organization for the appreciation and enjoyment of carnivorous plants

## Meeting dates and locations

Generally the society meets the second Saturday of each month at the greenhouse in the Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI, at 12:30 pm. Meetings are occasionally held at other locations.

Visit the website for information on the next meeting and for travel directions:

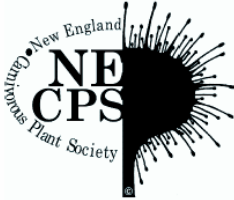
<http://www.NECPS.org>

## Membership

Regular, \$20 / year

Family, \$25 / year

Student (any age), \$10 / year



For more information contact:

**New England Carnivorous Plant Society**

**P.O. Box 606**

**Saunderstown, RI 02874**

**Email: [necps\\_membership@hotmail.com](mailto:necps_membership@hotmail.com)**

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## New England Carnivorous Plant Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

**Circle One:      New Member      Renewing Member**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the NECPS? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be able to travel to RI for meetings? Y / N

Would you be interested in being on the NECPS board? Y / N

**New Members Please Pick Up a Welcome Pack (with Membership Card)!**  
**Renewing Members Please Pick Up Your New Membership Card!**

Please return this form to NECPS membership secretary Mike Stiffler