

## NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

June 2007 Newsletter

NECPS's June 2007 meeting will be held on

**SATURDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> at 12:30 PM at**

**Roger Williams Park Botanical Center (Greenhouses)  
1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907**

### **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,

The midpoint of 2007 has arrived for the NECPS with the June meeting. It's been a great year so far for the Society, moving back into our home at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center, receiving an order of amazing plants from Andreas Wistuba in Germany, and the planting of the bog at the Botanical Center with donations from so many members and so many plants from Black Jungle terrarium supply.

The June meeting is the last meeting before the break for summer (as we do not have a formal July meeting ever) but still there is so much ahead for NECPS members. We have a Bog walk (with the RI Wild Plant Society ) June 16 at a new location for our members, and of course the July Bog walk at the great Swamp in southern RI; followed by a short trip to my house to see my bog and greenhouse. Then the annual pilgrimage to Black Jungle Supply's greenhouses in August, and of course the 2007 Carnivorous Plant Show that will be held September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the wonderful new Botanical Center!

So while we've had a great year so far, we have LOTS more in store in the second half of the year for members, families and friends of the New England Carnivorous Plant society!

I hope to see you all at the June meeting before we take our annual break, and I wish you all a fantastic summer of growing, and FEEDING, the plants we all love.

Namaste

~ John Phillip, Jr.

## **NECPS Program: June 9, 2007**

### **"Infections in the Garden"**

**Presented by: Frank Meglio**

As cultivators of carnivorous plants, we always have to keep an eye out on our always-hungry plants, lest we want to be known posthumously as the first person to be eaten alive by a voracious *Nepenthes rajah*!

More seriously, there are many hidden perils when working in the garden. Most of us are inundated with warnings of the hazards of using "chemicals" but little is said regarding the dangers of bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and even worms found in the horticultural materials we commonly handle.

Come to the June meeting and find out about the horrors that await you in the garden. This lecture is not for the hypochondriacs among us!

#### **Other business:**

- Members are encouraged to bring plants for display.
- There WILL be a silent auction, so members are encouraged to donate plants for a good cause.
- **We need Plants!** One of the most asked about and exciting displays in the new Botanical Gardens is our Carnivorous Plant Display Bog. **We need plants to fill this display!** Specifically, we need HUNDREDS of Sundews, preferably tropical or subtropical, to fill the landscape and to use as a backdrop for other plants. If you have any extra plants we can use them, and if you can and want to, please consider propagating MORE sundews and VFTs to help fill this bog. **We need 300 plants in 3 months!** Lets all chip-in in any way we can.

## CP Tidbit for March

There were no entries for this section for this month's newsletter. We encourage members to submit entries.

## Secretary's Minutes

May 12, 2007 — Attendance: 21

### Meeting Notes:

- John Phillip led the meeting.
- A discussion on the June bogwalk was initiated by John. More information was to follow.
- Ken Sicard motioned that the bylaws be discussed at the May meeting as voted on at the April meeting. The Chair of the Bylaws Committee was not present and it was decided the bylaws be discussed at the June meeting.
- Shaun Montminy talked to the membership about creating pens or mugs with the NECPS logos on them. Members expressed interest in the idea but no vote was taken.
- A silent auction took place.
- Mike Stiffler gave his presentation.
- Meeting Conclusion: John Phillip concluded the meeting.

## Events of Note

- For the first time, the NECPS is offering members the opportunity to participate in a bogwalk scheduled one week after the June meeting. Please come to the meeting for more details—an additional email will also likely be sent to you in the next week regarding this.

## Nursery / Mail Orders

- The Wistuba order arrived without any difficulties and all the plants have been distributed! I was very pleased by the condition of the plants on arrival and by the large size of some of them! **Andreas and his distributor (Travis)** worked diligently to ensure that the plants arrived to us quickly and I wish to thank them. I also wish to thank **John** for picking up the plants at the post office and **Jeff Matteson** for holding the plants and then distributing them to the membership! Thanks also to **those who participated (in no particular order: Mike Stiffler, Dave Sackett, Jeff Matteson, Fran Ingersoll, Bill Matthews, Kirk Martin, John Phillip, Glen Lord, and Ken Sicard)**—if it weren't for you this order would not have been possible. Thanks also to everyone for paying on time, it made things much easier for me.
- If you haven't paid for your plants yet, please do so at the next meeting.

~ Ken Sicard, Nursery Mail Order Coordinator

## Library News

- Please contact me to suggest books that should be purchased or if you have books to donate.

~ Shaun Montminy, Librarian

## Treasurer's Report

May 2007

- The Treasurer's Report will be available at the June meeting.
- Membership dues were due in January for the 2007 year—if you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. 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

Meeting Date	Location/Program
January 13	Loutitt Library
	Nepenthes Cuttings
February 10	RWP Botanical Center
	Sarracenia Bog Planting
March 10	RWP Casino
	Lady-Slipper Orchids
April 14	RWP Botanical Center
	Sarracenia Propagation
May 12	RWP Botanical Center
	Aldrovanda Propagation
June 9	RWP Botanical Center
June 16	Bogwalk with the RIWPS
July	Great Swamp Bog Walk (no official meeting)
August 11	Blackjungle (cookout)
September 8	RWP Botanical Center
September 29-30	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual NECPS Show (Roger Williams Park)

October 13  
November  
December 8

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- 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.

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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 RWP Botanical Center

- **South on I-95:** Take exit 17 (Elmwood Avenue), left at light, Park entrance is 1/2 block on left.
- **North on I-95:** Take Exit 16 (Elmwood Avenue), bear right, left at light, Park entrance is half a block on right.
- **West on I-195:** I-195 West to I-95 South, Take Exit 17 (Elmwood Avenue), left at light, Park entrance is half a block on left.
- Once you enter the park follow the signs to the "Greenhouses."

# 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:

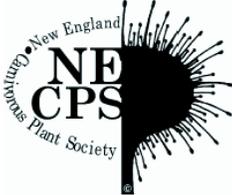
<http://www.NECPS.org>

## Membership

Regular, \$20 / year

Family, \$25 / year

Student (any age), \$10 / year



For more information contact:

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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