



NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

September 2007 Newsletter

NECPS's September 2007 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH at 12:30pm at the:

**Roger Williams Park Botanical Center (Greenhouse)
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 time has just about arrived! The highlight of the year is just about here! Earlier than the previous years, the annual fall New England Carnivorous Plant Society Show is just around the corner.

The September meeting will be the all important, last meeting before the show. Lots still has to be done, and thankfully lots have already been done for this show. But we need everyone who can attend to try to make the meeting, so we can finalize the last minute plans.

The success of the show comes from many things, but the most important part is always the plants themselves. This year more than any other, we need the NECPS members to bring lots of plants to display for the public. Even the plants that we sometimes take for granted are amazing to the public when they are seeing them, and learning about them for the first time. So all members, this is a call for plants for the show! Get them ready and get them to the show!

Above all, the show has become the highlight event for members to get together and have fun. That is the point of the NECPS, and the show, to have fun. With each and every member chipping in, bringing plants and helping out, we can all continue to have fun with the show, and these amazing plants we all love.

See you all at the meeting, and see you all at the show!

~ John Phillip, Jr.

NECPS Program: September 8th 2007

“Discussion of the 5th Annual Carnivorous Plant Show”

As John stated in his President’s Message, the Show is just around the corner. The Officers request a few things from the membership:

1. Members should bring any printed material from prior NECPS shows, such as signs, flyers, handouts, etc. that they may have to the meeting. We need to see what we have, so that we don’t buy duplicate material.
2. Members should bring any and all ideas, comments, questions, and suggestions they have about the show. Two heads (or, for that matter, 20+) are better than one!
3. Members should bring their enthusiasm to the meeting! The Officers need help from everyone! So if you haven’t already volunteered to help out, please do.

As a Society, we really have a lot to be grateful for—a beautiful botanical center for meetings; an active, knowledgeable, and friendly membership, and some great plants in our collections. Let’s put it all together to ensure that this year’s show is the biggest and best ever!

~ Ken Sicard

Other business:

- There will be plants on display and a silent auction.

CP Tidbit for September

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

Secretary's Minutes

July 21, 2007 — Attendance: 38

Meeting Notes:

- Members were treated to a bog walk led by Richard Revis and Mike Wallitis.
- Everyone got together at the private greenhouses of Richard Revis and Mike Wallitis for a cookout, a tour of the greenhouses, and a fun raffle.
- John Phillip opened and led a general discussion on the upcoming 5th Annual Carnivorous Plant Show. Members were encouraged to attend the September meeting for a more in-depth discussion on the Show.

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

- The URI Outreach Center at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center is conducting several programs in partnership with staff at the RWP BC and with horticultural groups throughout the region, including the NECPS. Please see the attached Course Schedule for more details. Several NECPS members are holding lectures as part of this program, including:

“Growing Carnivores and Orchids Together”

John Phillip, Jr.

Fri: Oct. 19 1:00pm – 2:30pm \$15

Growing orchids and carnivorous plants together as houseplants? It's not as hard as you might think here in southern New England. Strategies for growing plants in the home and specific plants that work well together will be reviewed. As an added bonus, your fee includes a 1 yr membership in the New England Carnivorous Plant Society!

“Plant Adaptations”

John Phillip, Jr.

Sat: Oct. 28 1:00pm – 2:30pm \$15

This class will have some fun looking at the different ways plants adapt and change to fit different ecological niches in the world. Plants that eat insects, plants that house insects, plants that grow where you'd least expect them and more, will be discussed. Live plants from around the world will be used for the discussion and demonstration.

“Go Indoors With The Carnivores!”

Dr. Kenneth Sicard

Sun: Nov. 18 2:00pm -3:30pm \$25 (includes materials)

Although carnivorous plants have many times been described as “creepy” or “savage”, they hold a unique fascination by both children and adults alike for their propensity to trap and digest insects for nutrition. Ken Sicard will introduce you to these botanical wonders and show you how easy it is to cultivate and maintain them indoors. Each participant will go home with a specimen plant and with instructions to successfully raise his or her own little “carnivore” indoors. This lecture is suitable for all age groups.

“Five Part Container Gardening Series”

Priscilla Purinton

Wed: Sep. 19, 26 Oct. 3, 10 Nov. 7 7:00pm -8:30pm \$35 per class OR \$150 for all five

Each class includes a demonstration and discussion of building the container garden. Students will receive a list of appropriate plants as well as a DVD showing basic container gardening techniques (limit one DVD per student regardless of number of classes taken). Online support for container gardening questions will be included for 12 months. Classes include: 1) Butterfly and hummingbird gardens, 2) Fall Container Garden, 3) Tropical Foliage 4) Bog Container Gardens, 5) Winter Container Garden.

- Congratulations to Shaun Montminy got married on Saturday, September 1st! Shaun is currently honeymooning but promises to be at the meeting on Saturday. What dedication!

Nursery / Mail Orders

- There are no current nursery orders in progress. Please contact the Nursery/Mail Order Coordinator with any suggestions.

~ 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.
- The NECPS Library inventory and library policy has been attached to the end of the newsletter.

~ Shaun Montminy, Librarian

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report will be available at the September 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
February 10	Nepenthes Cuttings 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 Annual Show Discussion
September 29-30	5 th Annual NECPS Show (RWP Botanical Center)
October 13	RWP Botanical Center
November	RWP Botanical Center
December 8	RWP Botanical Center

- 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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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:

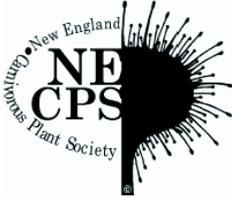
<http://www.NECPS.org>

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 _____

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

NECPS Library Policy

The loan period for all items including: books, magazines, and videos are 1 month with one renewal period. No renewals are allowed for books, magazines and videos on reserve.

All material will be stored at a secure location deemed by the library committee and confirmed by the Executive board.

Failure to bring back books within 2 months will result in loss of borrowing privileges!

A valid membership number must be presented by any member wishing to check out any NECPS library materials. Cards are not transferable. You are responsible for any materials checked out in your name.

NECPS library patrons may take out one (1) item as they are willing to be responsible for. NECPS library patrons may sign up for one (1) additional book such that at the end of the meeting if no one has already signed up for the item you will be allotted to take that item for the duration until the next meeting. When there is a high demand for a particular item, there will be a limit of one (1) item per person. The only exception to the above rules are for approved functions by the Executive board that are sponsored by the NECPS may reserve any and all material providing a months notice is given to guarantee that material will be available.

The NECPS Library reserves the right to determine charges for lost or damaged materials and the right to deny borrowing privileges to anyone who has library materials overdue for more than two (2) months to the NECPS library or owes fines amounting to more than ten dollars (\$10.00) from the NECPS. The NECPS library also reserves the right to deny borrowing privileges to any parent or guardian whose child and/or children has the above delinquencies.

All material taken from the NECPS library is the responsibility of the NECPS library patrons. For one of a kind items NECPS library has the right to refrain from loaning the material and may keep it as a reference item to be viewed solely at meetings and functions.

Please be kind. Rewind the videos before returning them to the NECPS library. Patrons are responsible for damage to videos, so please be careful. Never leave the tape partially rewound as this can cause damage to the tape. Also, videocassettes and equipment are to be used at room temperature as extremes of heat and cold may damage the video or equipment. Also exposure to magnetic fields can cause erasure or distortion.

The NECPS library is not responsible for damage to patron's VCR that may result from damaged or defective videos.

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NECPS Library Inventory

Title	Author	Donor
Lost World 2 DVD Set	Redfern Natural History Productions Limited	John Phillip
Lost World 2 DVD Set (copy)	Redfern Natural History Productions Limited	copy Shaun
Carnivorous Plants of the Word	James & Patricia Pietropaolo	Montminy Shaun
Gardening with Carnivores	Nick Romanowski	Montminy Shaun
Growing Carnivorous Plants	Barry A. Rice	Montminy
Cryptozoo Crew	Allan Gross & Jerry Carr	Dave Sackett Shaun
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (softcover)	Stewart Mcpherson	Montminy
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (hardcover)	Stewart Mcpherson	John Phillip Shaun
Death Trap	Nature	Montminy
Death Trap (copy)	Nature	copy
Venus Flytraps Bladderworts, and other Wild and Amazing Plants	National Geographic Science Chapters	Blackjungle.com
Hungry Plants	Mary Batten, illustrated by Paul Mirocha	Blackjungle.com