



## NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

October 2007 Newsletter

NECPS's October 2007 Meeting will be held on

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 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."*

### **NECPS Program: October 13<sup>th</sup> 2007**

#### **"Reflecting on a Successful Show"**

Well, the show was a resounding success! Over 400 visitors, 300 + plants on display, and lots of fun was had by all! But we can't rest on our laurels—please join us for a discussion on what went well, what went OK, and what could have been improved at the show. This meeting is important since preparation for next year's show begins now.

## 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

**September 15 (Meeting) and September 29-30 (Show), 2007 — Attendance (Meeting): 27**

### Meeting Notes:

- During the September meeting, all discussions were show-related and were lead by John Phillip. Plants were on display and a silent auction was held.
- I did not attend the show, but I think it is fair to say that a show did occur and that it was a resounding success. Enough said!

~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 1<sup>st</sup>! 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<br>RWP Botanical Center<br>Sarracenia Bog Planting |
| March 10        | RWP Casino<br>Lady-Slipper Orchids                                    |
| April 14        | RWP Botanical Center<br>Sarracenia Propagation                        |
| May 12          | RWP Botanical Center<br>Aldrovanda Propagation                        |
| June 9          | RWP Botanical Center  |
| June 16         | Bogwalk with the RIWPS  |
| July            | Great Swamp Bog Walk<br>(no official meeting)                         |
| August 11       | Blackjungle (cookout)   |
| September 8     | RWP Botanical Center<br>Annual Show Discussion                        |
| September 29-30 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual NECPS Show<br>(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.

## Officers & Contact Information

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| President                     | John Phillip, Jr.  | johnatthebeach@cox.net      |
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- NECPS website: [www.necps.org](http://www.necps.org)
- NECPS Yahoo Group: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/NECPS/>

# 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:

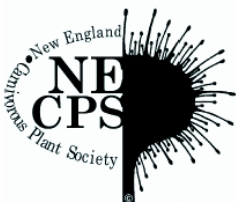
<http://www.NECPS.org>

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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.

The copyright proprietor has licensed the picture contained in these videocassettes for private home use only and prohibits other use, copying, reproduction, or performance in public, in whole or in part. (U.S. Code, Title 17, Sec. 501 & 506).

## NECPS Library Inventory

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