



NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

November 2007 Newsletter

NECPS's November 2007 Meeting will be held on
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH 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."

President's Message

We're almost to the end of the year for the New England Carnivorous Plant Society, and already we've had a wonderful year! The Show is a full month or more behind us, the Yankee swap which highlights our December meeting is a month ahead of us, we've had elections for the Board, and there are still things ahead for this year and beyond to consider.

The society works best when we all can contribute ideas to make it works better and more smoothly. We are ALWAYS looking for new and better events, new ideas for meetings, exciting places to visit,

and ways to make the society even better than the last meeting, the last event. PLEASE feel free to let the board know anytime you have a suggestion to make this Society, OUR Society, more responsive and better for all the members. It's the ideas that come from all the members, the wishes that come true in this Society, that have made this group what it is today. The NECPS will never become stale, as long as we all contribute to the range of events and ideas that work with.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting, to talk about the upcoming Yankee swap for December, and to talk about any and all ideas that can, and do make this the best Carnivorous Plant Society around!

NECPS Program: November 10th 2007

“Maintaining the NECPS Bog at the RWP Botanical Center”

It's time to put more work into the NECPS-sponsored carnivorous plant bog at the RWP Botanical Center.

The NECPS and its members have donated hundreds of plants since creating the bog back in February 2007 and the bog is looking better than ever. The curators of the Botanical Center have taken to heart the NECPS' cultivation tips and are steadily improving their care of the bog, so the plants are really perking up. The bog is the most popular exhibit in the greenhouses and many people make a trip just to see them. The bog is good for the Park, for the NECPS, and for all of the visitors that see it. It helps us fulfill our mission to educate the public and is beautiful to boot!

We have a lot to be proud of! But we can't rest on our laurels. The bog needs to be maintained in order for it to look so good and it's our job to keep it tidy.

This meeting, we'll be planting the Nepenthes in the bog so that they can grow and start climbing up the pergola to be built in the near future. We'll also tend to the Sarracenia, Drosera, and VFTs already in the bog.

If you're a new member, it would be a great time to join us for a meeting as you'll learn what materials are needed to construct a bog, the soil mix used to fill it, and tips on how to design the layout for your bog. After attending this meeting, you'll have greater confidence in how to create a bog and at the same time, you'll be helping the NECPS in its mission to educate the public on wonders of carnivorous plants.

Other business:

- There will be plants on display and a silent auction.
- Ozzy (Mike) of Terraforums has offered to be our personal guide through the Green Swamp and other CP sites in North Carolina. MeadowView Station and John Hummer are close by as well! We will be discussing the possibility of having a NECPS Field Trip to these places sometime in the upcoming year!
- The NECPS has been asked to sponsor a carnivorous plant display at the 137th New England Spring Flower Show to be held on March 8-16, 2008 at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston. We need a coordinator for this effort. NECPS member, Glen Lord, has agreed to help whoever agrees to coordinate the project. More details will be given at the meeting so please attend and participate in the discussion.

- John Phillip, NECPS President, would like to know if any members would like to give a presentation at an upcoming meeting about the confusion between *N. alata* and *N. (x) ventrata*. There are plants being sold at garden centers that are labelled *N. alata* that are most likely *N. (x) ventrata*. This need not be a long discussion and it would benefit members by making them aware of the differences between the two plants.
- The NECPS has been receiving a great deal of requests from the public for educational lectures, demonstrations, and other requests pertaining to CPs. We need a “NECPS Programs Director” to receive these emails and coordinate responses.
- See the following links for some amusing stories on CPs that have made the news!
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/10/27/HOIASVF6T.DTL>
http://www.daijiworld.com/chan/exclusive_arch.asp?ex_id=697

New Members

- Please welcome the following new members who have joined the NECPS in 2007!

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| Jeffrey Allen | Regal Reptiles |
| Peter Briccetti | Jennifer Ross |
| Connecticut Carnivores | Greg Sweet |
| Donald & Rachel Gallant | Atticus & Wendy Trayford |
| Diane & Ray Huling | Bob & Dan Warren |
| Alex Lindman | |
| Richard & Wanda Macnair | |

CP Tidbit for November

Here’s why it’s important to clean up your plants before bringing them to a show!



Priscilla Purinton brought a *N. miranda* to the 5th Annual NECPS Carnivorous Plant Show held on September 29-30, 2007 at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center in Providence, RI. One of the pitchers smelled horrible and Priscilla decided to empty the pitcher so as not to drive the public away! Behold! This is what came out of the pitcher! Absolutely disgusting!

Secretary's Minutes

October 13, 2007 — Attendance (Meeting): 27

Meeting Notes:

- The NECPS Show was the busiest day ever for botanical center next to Mother's Day.
- Barry Rice congratulated us on our show!
- 3000+ hits on Teraforums.com as of 10/13/07 for our thread
 - Frank M: discussed that cobra lilies were needed for the bog and he would like to grow them.
- Comments about the show:
 - TWO times as much merchandise was sold compared to prior shows.
 - 7 new members
 - Plants looked crowded. We may need more tables for next year.
 - Information on where the plants naturally grow should be included on information cards.
 - Awards will be given at the December meeting.
- Next year's show has been tentatively booked for September 27th & 28th 2008.
- Emily has agreed to update the website.
- The NECPS Bog Pergola will be built by the NECPS
- Members voted to elect all officers to their respective positions for another year, with changes to Membership Secretary (Shaun) and Librarian (Alan).

- Mike Stiffler was acknowledged for his help with membership in the past.

~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.

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.

~ Alan Winn, Librarian

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report will be available at the 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, Shaun Montminy. 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 |
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| 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 |

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| | (RWP Botanical Center) |
| October 13 | RWP Botanical Center Post-Show Discussion |
| November 13 | RWP Botanical Center Maintaining NECPS Bog |
| December 8 | RWP Botanical Center Annual Holiday Party |

- 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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- NECPS website: 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 greenhouses at the Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI at 12:30pm. Meetings are occasionally held at other locations. Visit the website for information on the next meeting and for travel directions:

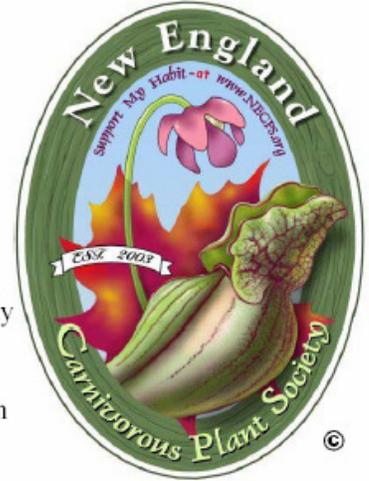
<http://www.NECPS.org>



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@yahoo.com



Please fill out form below and submit with payment to Shaun Montminy, Membership Secretary.

New England Carnivorous Plant Society - Membership Application and Renewal Form

Check one of the following: Application for: New Membership Renewing Membership

Type of membership: Student Membership (\$10) Regular Membership (\$20) Family Membership (\$25)

Type of payment: Cash Check (Please make check payable to "New England Carnivorous Plant Society") Check number _____

Please print the following clearly:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Family names to be included and separated by semicolon ";" (if applying for family membership only):

Mail Address 1: _____

Mail Address 2: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the NECPS? _____

Would you be able to attend the RI meetings? No Yes Yes, but I need to carpool

All new members please be sure to inquire about our welcome packs as well as getting your temporary membership card

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 | Redfern Natural History Productions Limited | Jeff Matteson |
| Carnivorous Plants of the Word | James & Patricia Pietropaolo | Shaun Montminy |
| Gardening with Carnivores | Nick Romanowski | Shaun Montminy |
| Growing Carnivorous Plants | Barry A. Rice | Shaun 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 Shaun |
| Death Trap | Nature | Montminy |
| 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 |