

**NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY
(www.NECPS.org)**

December 2007 Newsletter

NECPS's December 2007 Meeting will be held on

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

Roger Williams Park Botanical Center (Greenhouse)

1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907

<http://www.providenceri.com/botanical-center/>

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

Hello everyone,

December is always an interesting month in the New England Carnivorous Plant Society. We celebrate another year as a group, have our Holiday party with food and friends, and have our

always popular and anticipated ‘Yankee Swap’ to highlight the meeting. Who will bring a dynamic plant to put in the swap?, will there be new clothing there?, what will be the one item everyone wants?...The meeting is always one of the highlights of the entire year for the Society.

It’s always a time for me to look back also, and see where we are and where we’ve come from. There’s always time in January to look ahead (the January meeting in 2008 will be the start of our 6th year as a group!) but December is the time to look back and see what we’ve done. What a run it’s been so far for our little (and growing!) group.

We’ve ordered plants from outside the USA as a group this year, we’ve returned to our home in the fantastic renovated Botanical Gardens of Roger Williams Park, we’ve taken bog walks, we’ve installed and maintained a beautiful permanent display at the Botanical gardens, we’ve had our most successful show ever, and had more people come thru the door of the gardens for our show than any other event! We’ve swapped or purchased plants that we never thought we’d have, and we’ve learned to grow those plants better from the ‘experts’ that sit next to us at every meeting. We’ve treated the public to all sorts of new plants that they never even dreamed existed, that grow around us in the wild, and in our collections.

And we’ve had fun. We’ve made friends. We’ve grown as individuals with the society, learning more about not only the plants, but about each other, people from all walks of life. From doctors to educators to town workers to sales people, we’ve all come together and shared a common interest, the plants we love. And we’ve had a blast along the way!!

Many of you have heard this before, but it bears repeating here at the end of our 5th year. I will often look back at pictures on line of our shows, or I’ll just watch during a break at our meeting. I see everyone laughing, talking, trading, learning, and always having fun with each other and the plants. I see the group we’ve become, from that first meeting in Jan. 03, or even the first time I set up a table to form a group in October 02. I see the enjoyment and fun we’ve shared with each other, and those who have been in contact with our Society, thru class visits or shows or whatever.

Author Charlotte Gray has said “Success is not fame or money or the power to bewitch. It is to have created something valuable from your own individuality and skill - a garden, an embroidery, a painting, a cake, a life”. We are all successful, each and every member. We’ve all had a part in the formation and growth of the NECPS. And in the upcoming years we can look back and smile more, as we build an ever better New England Carnivorous Plant Society for us all!

Thank you all for allowing me to work with you and be a part of this wonderful group.

Namaste,

~ John Phillip, Jr.

NECPS Program: December 8th 2007

“Annual Holiday Party & Yankee Swap”

The December meeting is always one of the most anticipated meetings of the year, due in large part to the annual Yankee swap! The Yankee swap is lots of fun and sometimes more cutthroat than the silent auctions.

For those who have never attended a Yankee swap, all you need to do to participate is bring a gift wrapped carnivorous plant-related gift (suggested retail \$10-15).

Rules for the Yankee swap:

- Gifts will be arranged on a gift table.
- All society members who bring a gift will draw numbers out of a hat.
- The first person (#1) will pick the gift of their choice and open it. All members will OOOOHH and AAAAAHHHHH!
- The second person will choose and open a gift from the table. That person has the choice of keeping the gift or swapping with any gift that has been already taken. The same procedure will apply to subsequent numbers.
- When the last person has finalized their choice of a gift, the first person has the option of swapping their gift with anyone!

You never know what will happen, or what you may end up with till the very end! So, everyone, please bring a plant related wrapped gift and join in the Yankee swap!

Other business:

- There will be plants on display but NO silent auction.
- The volunteers of the New England Spring Flower Show display project would like members to fill-out the pre-registration form (attached to the email) so that we can have an idea of what plants people are willing to volunteer for the effort. The due-date for plants to be submitted is soon approaching, so if you can fill out this form and email it back to Shaun Montminy, the project coordinator, at the following address: shaun_montminy@yahoo.com. We will discuss this, and other topics related to the project, at the December meeting. Thank you!

New Members

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

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	Bernadette & Nathan Gasek
Richard & Wanda Macnair	Jonah Delasanta
Normand Dufresne	

CP Tidbit for December

December can be a very tough month on the CP's we grow. The lowest natural light levels of the year, heat and dry air inside our home, and neglect due to the holiday rush all can contribute to the

slow decline of our plants. A little decline is not a bad thing, as the plants slow their growth and rest a little. But we have to be aware of several things to help the plants get thru the next few dark months.

Keep the humidity up! Misting plants can help short term, and things like humidity trays work even better! If you grow many plants on a light cart or rack, try carefully wrapping the cart in plastic sheeting to maintain humidity (be careful of the hot lamps against the plastic!) Simply grouping many plants together will help increase the humidity for them all.

Watch for insect attacks! When the plants get crowded together after being brought inside, some insects like Aphids, scale and Mealy bug can seem to explode overnight. This can happen any time once the plants come in, but seem to occur most often when the heat comes on and warms the insects and plants.

I routinely keep a small closed bottle of rubbing alcohol and some Q tip swabs near my plants, and if I see some infestation starting, I use the swab dipped in the alcohol to remove the offensive pests. That way they hopefully do not get a jump on me, and do more damage to the plants. Flower stalks in particular are magnets for some bugs like Aphids, and I unless I want the flower for grow for seed, I usually let one flower open, then cut the stem off and discard it away from my plants, taking any bugs with it.

But you can have some fun with pests! Try this sometime to help get rid of some bugs. Take a toothpick and touch the end to the dew of a sundew (*D. capensis* works well here) to pick up the dew at the end of the toothpick. Find an offensive little aphid on a plant, and pick them off the plant using the dewy toothpick. Then transfer the bug to a sundew, putting him right in the middle attached to a sticky tentacle! I've fed many of my other sundews this way, and it is a wonderful turn of events, the aphids become food themselves! It's a fun way to spend some time with our plants in December!

~ John Phillip, Jr.

Secretary's Minutes

November 10, 2007 — Attendance (Meeting): 29

Meeting Notes:

- New England Spring Flower Show display: The membership voted unanimously that the NECPS will sponsor a window display at the 137th New England Spring Flower Show (NESFS), March 8-16 2008, at the Bayside Expo Center, Boston, MA. Shaun Montminy was elected to be in charge of this project and the liaison between the NECPS and NESFS. Many members agreed to help with this event, including: Nathan, Bill, Dave, John, Charlie, Ken, and Glen Lord. Glen has significant experience with plant displays at the show and has agreed to help us along the way.
- 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! Jeff Matteson volunteered (and was elected) to be in charge of coordinating this effort. 10+ members expressed interest in attending this field-trip.
- A new position "NECPS Educator" was created, and Priscilla Purinton and Nathan Lovell were elected to fill this position. They will receive all emails forwarded to the NECPS website regarding public requests for help from the NECPS.

- The NECPS donated two copies of “The Savage Garden” to the RWP Botanical Center.
- Shaun Montminy showed the membership the new version of the membership form.
- See the following links for some amusing stories on CPs that have made the news!
- <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/11/071120201931.htm>

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

- There are no events of note for this month.

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 are due in January for the 2008 year (unless you paid at the show)—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 2008

Meeting Date	Location/Program
January 12	RWP Botanical Center Nepenthes Cuttings
February 9	RWP Botanical Center How to Grow Heliamphora
March 8	Logee's Greenhouse Tour
April 12	RWP Botanical Center (program undetermined)
May 10	RWP Botanical Center (program undetermined)
June 14	RWP Botanical Center (program undetermined)
June "x" (date TBD)	Bogwalk with the RIWPS Walk
July "x" (date TBD)	Great Swamp Bog Walk (no official meeting)
August 9	Blackjungle (cookout)
September 13	RWP Botanical Center Annual Show Discussion
September 27-28	6 th Annual NECPS Show (RWP Botanical Center)
October 11	RWP Botanical Center Post-Show Discussion
November 8	RWP Botanical Center (program undetermined)
December 13	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 2008. 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

- 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:

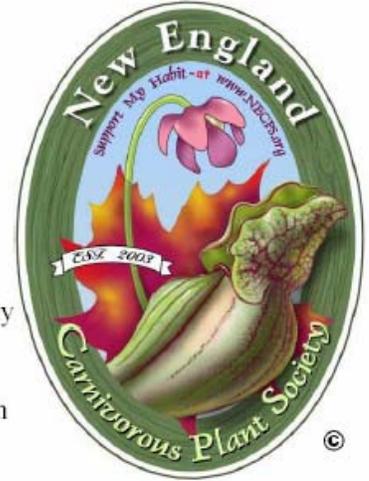
<http://www.NECPS.org>



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.

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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
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (softcover)	Stewart Mcpherson	Shaun Montminy
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (hardcover)	Stewart Mcpherson	John Phillip
Death Trap	Nature	Shaun Montminy
Death Trap	Nature	Shaun 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