



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

**January 2008 Newsletter**

**NECPS's January 2008 Meeting will be held on**

**SATURDAY January 12<sup>TH</sup> 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

I never expected all this.

January 13, 2003, a group of people got together to talk about Carnivorous plants. We were able to meet at the greenhouse classroom at Roger Williams Park for free, so I'd set the meeting up for there. Kirk Martin, the very first person I'd spoken to a few months earlier was there and Judy Gould, who had allowed me to set up a table at the RI Orchid show in October was acting secretary. Dave Sackett sat in the very front row. Bill and Dena Matthews made the trip together, (they had not gotten married yet). Nathan came from Cambridge Ma for the meeting. Jeff Matteson stood quietly in the back of the room, watching as he still does. The guys from Dangerous plants, Dave and Thom, came from NJ and Virginia respectively! Yes, from Virginia for the first meeting! Jay Higgins was there, as was Tom Meade from the Providence Journal Bulletin, writing a story about the meeting. About 20 people were there that day. We had an auction at that meeting, an ICPS mouse pad, and some plants that Dangerous Plants donated for the day. And we decided to name the group, the New England Carnivorous Plant Society. I had thought that name up ahead of time, because I was VERY worried that we'd never have enough members if we called it the RI Carnivorous Plant Society.

I never expected that from that meeting, we'd grow to what we are today. Never expected that we'd have over 60 members who love the plants we do. Members who get upset if we even THINK about cancelling a meeting due to terrible weather. Members who stand outside meetings 2-3 hours after they are over, just to talk, share experiences and ideas. A group that can have a 3 hour discussion about sand, or a permanent display at the Botanical Gardens.

I never expected to get so much from that first meeting. The NECPS has been such a big part of my life for the past 5 years. Allyson, my wife knows NEVER to schedule anything on the second Saturday of the month. That is the NECPS Saturday. I've seen things in the last 5 years I'd not seen in 30 years of growing Carnivorous Plants. But more than that, better than that, I've met some wonderful, amazing people, the members of this society. And I've never been associated with a better, more friendly, fun, exciting group of people.

I never expected to be writing a President's message for a newsletter 5 years later. But it is something I look forward to every month now.

I thank you all, every one of you that ever has been, and is, a member of the NECPS. You've all, every one of you, given me something I can never thank you enough for. But I can promise you, that with all your continued help and involvement, we are going to be going places, doing more, and growing even more in 2008. And I will keep working so that sometime, someday, every one of you will stop, think about the NECPS, smile, and say "I never expected all this".

Thank you all, for what the NECPS is today.

Namaste

John Phillip, Jr.

**NECPS Program: January 12<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**"Hands-on Workshop on how to make Nepenthes Cuttings"**

There's an old saying among carnivorous plant enthusiasts: "A plant's not really in your collection until you're able to propagate it!" The program at the January meeting will be how to take *Nepenthes* cuttings and it will be presented by NECPS President, John Phillip Jr.

The NECPS will supply the plants for the cuttings and materials to pot them. Members are also encouraged to bring in a plant that may need to be cut back. Everyone is welcome to participate!

*Nepenthes* are easy to propagate by stem cuttings. This is the fastest way to obtain large plants and the only way to multiply cultivars except for tissue culturing (which is not easy!). After attending this meeting, you'll be able to confidently take cuttings from your plants, simultaneously improving their appearance and expanding your collection.

#### **Other business:**

- There will be plants on display and a silent auction.
- We will have a brief discussion about progress regarding the NECPS plant display at the 137<sup>th</sup> New England Spring Flower Show to be held on March 8-16, 2008 at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston.

### **New Members**

- We welcomed 17 new members in 2007. Let's hope we grow even more in 2008!

### **CP Tidbit for January**

January is a great month to begin stratification of seeds that require this pretreatment. Stratification is the process of wet cold (or sometimes heat) that breaks the dormancy of temperate plants, allowing them to germinate in the spring. Without this dormancy, seeds might germinate in the fall and then killed by the harsh winter weather.

To stratify, seeds can be sown into their trays then exposed to at least 4-6 weeks or more (depending on the species) of cold temperature and dampness, as they would be in nature. There are also space-saving methods of stratifying seed in the refrigerator should space be an issue or if natural cold is unavailable. The NECPS has an article on how to do this available on line. You might also view the ICPS website for more information at: [www.carnivorousplants.org](http://www.carnivorousplants.org).

January is also a month when we have to watch tropical plants indoors a bit more closely than we might think. When exposed to cold drafts and dry heat, plants can dry out even more quickly than in the warm summer sun. The warm, dry environment inside can cause an insect infestations. Spending a few extra minutes per day looking at your plants is a good way to keep them healthy throughout the winter.

If you have any questions about anything related to the cultivation of CPs, don't hesitate to ask your fellow members. That's one of the benefits of belonging to the NECPS!

~Ken Sicard

## Secretary's Minutes

December 8, 2007 — Attendance (Meeting): 33

### Meeting Notes:

- We discussed the cleaning project at the RWP Old Greenhouses on Saturday, January 19 at 9am. There will be refreshments available and, best of all, most of the plants in the old greenhouses are FREE to those that help remove them. Please contact John Phillip if you plan to attend so that the appropriate amount of refreshments can be ordered: johnatthebeach@cox.net
- We discussed the NECPS plant display at the upcoming NESFS.
- Members were given their awards for plants displayed at the Annual NECPS Carnivorous Plant Show held in October 2007.
- Last, but not least, we had our fun Yankee Swap. The unofficial consensus was that Emily Troiano brought the best gift—a hand knitted winter cap with 3-dimensional Nepenthes pitchers dangling from the top (also knitted)!! Dena Matthews ended-up stealing (oops, I mean “swapping”) the hat from Priscilla Purinton.

~Ken Sicard

## Events of Note

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## 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—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

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Location/Program</b>
January 13	RWP Botanical Center Nepenthes Cuttings
February 19	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 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## Officers & Contact Information

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- NECPS website: [www.necps.org](http://www.necps.org)
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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 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](mailto: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
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
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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