

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

September 2008 Newsletter

NECPS's September 2008 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY September 13TH 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

It's Showtime for the membership of the NECPS and the general public! THE highlight of the year for the NECPS, the Annual Fall show. So please, allow me to look back for a few years for a moment, to remind us all of where we've come from.

When I log onto my email account, the very first email message I have saved with an attachment is the September, 2006 NECPS newsletter. Looking back, September 2006 was the low point for the NECPS as I see it, and I remember it VERY clearly. It was the very low point of this society in my mind. At that time, the NECPS show was held the second weekend of October, and the new spectacular Roger Williams Park Botanical gardens greenhouse was far from completed. Things were very disorganized then, and it turns out we didn't even have a building or room to meet in at the park. This information was given to me about 3 days before the newsletter was to go out! In addition, I learned at the same time that the old greenhouse renovation meant we would NOT be able to use that greenhouse for the show. In other words, we were really a society without a home, a show with no place to go!

I think most of the members know how I feel about this society, what the NECPS means to me, and what my vision and ideas for it are. We had had some wonderful growth, the show was more successful each year, and we grew with more dedicated members each meeting. And now, suddenly in the confusion all we'd worked for seemed to be falling apart. Where would we meet, where would we have the show, would anyone know about it and attend, would the membership be disappointed and stop coming. I spent a sleepless night (one of several back then) Friday night, after Ken sent out the newsletter. We had decided to meet in the parking lot, under the big pine tree. We were without a home, but we would figure it out.

We talked about a lot of things at that meeting, and I remember that canceling the show was really not discussed seriously. It was not a question of **IF** we would do the show; it was simply **WHERE** we would have it. Ideas were thrown about, we came up with a plan, several members agreed to work on things. Some members might remember two new guys at that meeting, Shaun and Allen. Shaun had been working on some new things and showed them to the membership, a new way of voting and registering plants.

What amazed me then, and now about that meeting, that day, was that we **KNEW** we would still have a show, the members rallied around the problems, and we worked everything out and pulled off the show. That was the year of the URI show, the first year of organized registration of the plants, the first real year of organized seminars. It was our best run show up until then, and we continued to use it as a springboard for an even better show in 2007! But at 9 am on that Saturday morning, I didn't have a thought or clue it would work. It was the dedication and work of the NECPS members that made it all happen. I've never been more proud to be associated with any group of people.

I recall thinking after that show, in October, that we could do anything with this Society. That was when I had the first thought of maybe someday hosting an ICPS conference. Of bigger, better, more organized shows, trips and events. Anything this group put its mind to, we would be able to do it. When I park under that Pine tree, like I did today when I met Shaun to pick up the new mugs for the 2008 show, I remember how far we've come in just the past 2 years. It seems so far back in time, but it really isn't. And I was right when I thought back then...

We can do anything with the NECPS if we put our mind to it!

So let's all work together, to help make the 2008 New England carnivorous Plant Society Fall show the best show we've ever done!

Namaste,

John Phillip, Jr
President and Founder

NECPS Program: September 13th 2008

“Show Preparation”

Successful preparation = Successful show

That's what it boils down to. This meeting will be about brainstorming to make the show upcoming show the best yet. There are a few simple but helpful things each member can do to help:

#1. Attend the meeting!

#2. Register your plants with Shaun. Either use the form attached to the email or just email a list. *And though there are no “rules” on plant presentation, use your better judgment and, if possible, clean your pots and “beautify” your plant before entering it.

#3. Distribute the show flyer to everyone you know.

#4. Volunteer for some activity at the show.

#5. ATTEND THE SHOW!!! Support the NECPS and the vendors! Educate the public!

If every member does the above, the show will truly be spectacular.

Other business:

- There WILL be a silent auction and plants on display. Members are encouraged to contribute to both.

New Members

CP Tidbit for September

I'm sorry, there were no contributions for this edition.

Note: If anyone has cultivation tips that they'd like to share, please contact me.

Secretary's Minutes

August 3, 2008 — Attendance (Meeting): 19

Meeting Notes:

- We went to Blackjungle for drinks and plants, then went kayaking to see carnivorous plants on bog islands!

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

- Aidan Selwyn, a friend of the NECPS and owner of Insektenfang Plants, has created a new online carnivorous plant forum: <http://www.insektenfang.com/ipforum/index.php?act=idx>
Please visit the forum and join.

Stewart McPherson, author of Pitcher Plants of the Americas, has just published two new books on CPs and generously donated copies to the NECPS Library! The Board decided to make him an Honorary Member in appreciation for his continued support of the Society.

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

Meeting Date	Location/Program
January 13	RWP Botanical Center Nepenthes Cuttings
February 19	RWP Botanical Center How to Grow Heliamphora
March 8	Logee's Greenhouse Tour
April 12	UConn Greenhouses (South African CPs)
May 10	NYBG
June 14	RWP Botanical Center (Nepenthes pitcher fluid)
June	Bogwalk with the RIWPS Walk
July	Great Swamp Bog Walk (no official meeting)
August 3	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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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:

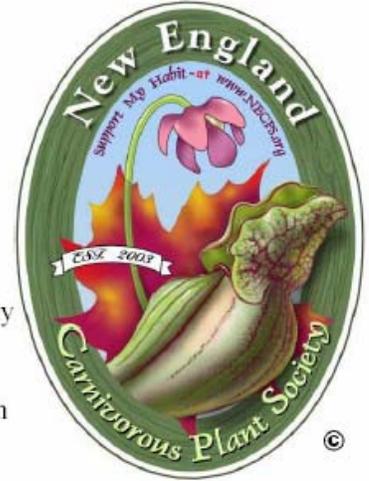
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Membership

Regular, \$20/year
Family, \$25/year
Student (any age), \$10/year

For more information contact:
New England Carnivorous Plant Society
P.O. Box 606
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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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Directions to RWP Botanical Center

- **South on I-95:** Take exit 17 (Elmwood Avenue), left at light, Park entrance is 1/2 block on left.
- **North on I-95:** Take Exit 16 (Elmwood Avenue), bear right, left at light, Park entrance is half a block on right.
- **West on I-195:** I-195 West to I-95 South, Take Exit 17 (Elmwood Avenue), left at light, Park entrance is half a block on left.
- Once you enter the park follow the signs to the “Greenhouses.”