

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

October 2008 Newsletter

NECPS's October 2008 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY October 11TH 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

What a show we just had! By far the most successful, best show ever for the New England Carnivorous Plant Society!

This year we had 500 people come in and enjoy the plants we love to grow and show. We had more members participate, and as always we had the most amazing plants around. We were featured on the television, Channel 6 (Providence) news on Saturday night, and the Providence Journal did a web story about us on ProJo.com. All this despite about the worst weather one could imagine on the weekend of the show.

But the most important thing, we ALL had fun, learned more, swapped plants, bought plants, and got to talk to many people about the plants we grow. Isn't that the point of all this that we do, to enjoy even more the things we love, the plants, and the fellow members of the society? To share the knowledge and love with others in the society, and with the public?

In January 2003 we didn't have any of this, we were just a bunch of people meeting to get together and talk about Carnivorous Plants. But now we have a wonderfully successful show and a plant society that people want to be a part of. And we are growing better plants, more plants, doing more things than ever before. All this because of the members, the people who participate in the society, continue to elevate it to new heights.

Congratulations to all the members, to all of us for what we have become, and what we will continue to do in the future! Congratulations for the show, and a job well done! I cannot wait to see what comes next!

Namaste,

John Phillip, Jr
President and Founder

NECPS Program: October 11th 2008

"Post-Show Celebration & Wrap-Up Discussion"

WOW! This year's show was, in this writer's humble opinion, the best ever. The exact numbers will be available at Saturday's meeting, but there were over 300 plants on display and over 500 visitors, beating last year's attendance.

The plants displays were organized, professional-looking, and typed information cards accompanied each plant. The lectures covered a wide variety of topics and were well-attended, from a discussion about South African CPs to selling carnivorous plants on Ebay. Our first "ugly pot" contest was a smash and was won by Bill Matthews who must have gone out of his way to find such a hideous piece of pottery! The VFT feeding station amazed onlookers of all ages and the "CP painting and drawing" station was a hit with the kids. The vendors did well. A local news crew shot a VIDEO of the show, starring our beloved President, John Phillip ([visit www.projo.com/video/?nvid=287585](http://www.projo.com/video/?nvid=287585)).

The program for this meeting will include show wrap-up discussion, welcome to all our new members, and, most importantly, showing off all the great plants we got at the show! Come and learn to grow your new flytrap, or brag about what you won at the silent auction!

Other business:

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

~Ken Sicard

New Members

Warm welcome to the new members who joined at the show!

**Joann Foley
Redmondi Foley
Harrison Foley
Eli Lurie
John Leonart
Kenny Salhany
James Thorbjorassen**

CP Tidbit for October

The summer's heat has left and the early autumn winds begin to blow the cold air our way, it is time to start putting the outside beds to sleep and to bring the tropicals that have summered outside in for the winter. Some ideas and thoughts for fall:

- Always, always check plants for bugs when bringing them inside. This includes the soil for nasties that hide there. A good way to eliminate these is to soak the pots with the plants in water for an hour or so before bringing them in. Simply put the entire pot into a bucket or tray of water, submerging the pot till the soil line is about an inch below the surface of the water. MOST insects will come out with this treatment. Several years ago I found a hornet nest in a slat basket plant that would have come in, had I not gone this!
- Spraying plants with a strong spray of water will dislodge many insects. Do this outside, and they will stay out.
- Check the underside of leaves especially for insects. I often use a q tip or cotton ball dipped in rubbing alcohol to remove insects.
- I always like to keep outside plants together when brought inside, and TRY NEVER to mix them with plants that have stayed in all summer. Plants grown inside never seem to be as tough as those that summer outside, and when outside pests do make it in (and some always seem to), the more tender plants seems to suffer more damage, more quickly. Keeping these plants separated if possible minimizes damage.
- Bring the plants in according to the hardiness of the plants. I bring the tropical lowland nep's from my somewhat heated greenhouse first, but leave the highlanders and cloud forest orchids till later. Some plants, like cymbidium and masdevallia orchids enjoy the cooler temps of early autumn and will reward you with flowers later. Recent studies show that possibly some pygmy sundews benefit from cool to very cool (NOT freezing) temps.
- Start clearing the weeds from pots and outside bogs now, but don't mulch these in till after the first freeze.

- Inspect the plants as you bring them in and make note of any that will need repotting this fall, winter or spring. Doing this now lets you look for the right repotting materials earlier, and get prepared for the task when it comes.
- Trim off dead material now, of course. All sorts of nasties can hide in dead plant material. Weed the plants also, for the same reason.

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BE VERY CAREFUL WITH FEEDING at this time of year! Too much feeding can result in a growth spurt, and with the lower light levels of fall, the growth will be weaker and more susceptible to bugs and infection.

~ John Phillip

Secretary's Minutes

September 13, 2008 — Attendance: 28

Meeting Notes:

- We planned and prepared for the Annual Show.

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

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:

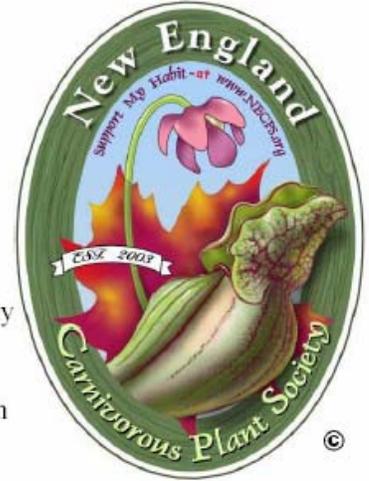
<http://www.NECPS.org>



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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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.”