



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

December 2009 Newsletter

NECPS's December 2009 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH 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

Happy Holidays to everyone!

The Holidays are a time many of us look forward to. The highlight of the year for many, family, shopping, gifts, food. And one of the most cherished traditions we share.

The Annual NECPS Yankee Swap and Holiday party!

Ok, so maybe it doesn't equal the joys of watching children open presents, or a family sharing time together. But the annual Yankee swap is still one of the most looked forward to events for the NECPS membership. I often have members come up to me and remind me of the fun at past events. Mike Stiffler going wild over a cache of square pots, the first showing and give away of NECPS hats, Emily and the Nepenthes cap changing hands multiple times. It's a time of laughs and fun that many of us look forward to all year.

And isn't that why we are members of the NECPS? To share with the others the time and fun, brought together because of the plants we love and enjoy growing. To build friendships based on growing both the plants, and growing together as friends and individuals. To share not only plants, cuttings, seeds, but to share stories and experiences about both plants and life? To not only learn about Nepenthes, Heliamphora, and Catopsis, but to learn more about others, life and even ourselves.

Einstein wrote that "Wisdom is not the product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it". We learn each time we come to a meeting, each time we interact with the other members of the NECPS. We learn about plants, we learn about ecology, we learn about growing techniques. We also learn about each other, learn how others see things, and learn how others interact with each other and us. And we learn about ourselves. How others see us, how we can help others more, and how we can maybe be better people, helping others with their problems. We can feel the joy of doing a job that brings enjoyment to others, and take the pleasure knowing we did something well. And we can grow wiser about plants, life and ourselves.

So in this joyous season, the end of one year and the beginning of another, let's all have fun at the Yankee Swap at the December meeting. Let's all enjoy the snacks and drinks. But let's all really enjoy the friendships and relationships we have with each other, and the joy of knowing that the NECPS is so much more than the sum of each member. We all bring something, and we can get back so much more.

Happy Holidays to all at this time of year,

Namaste,

~ John Phillip, Jr.

NECPS Program: December 12th 2009

“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.

New Members

- Please welcome the following new members who have joined the NECPS in the past few months!
Devan Parker

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 14, 2009 — Attendance (Meeting): unknown

Meeting Notes:

- I was unable to attend the November meeting and record minutes.

~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.

~ Don Gallant, Librarian

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report will be available at the meeting.
- Membership dues are due in January for the 2010 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 2009

Meeting Date	Location/Program
January 10	RWP Botanical Center Nepenthes Cuttings
February 14	RWP Botanical Center "A Potpourri of Activities"
March 14	TBA
April 11	RWP Botanical Center Educational CD Presentation
May 9	RWP Botanical Center

June 13	Sarracenia repotting & Bog reconstruction UCONN Tour of the UCONN Greenhouses
July 11 (date TBD)	*Special Meeting* Michael Szesze Carnivorous plant nursery
August 8	RWP (Show Preparation)
August 30	Blackjungle (Cookout)
September 12	RWP Botanical Center Annual Show Discussion
September 27-28	7 th Annual NECPS Show (RWP Botanical Center)
October 10	RWP Botanical Center Post-Show Celebration
November 14	RWP Botanical Center Dormancy
December 12	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.

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Title	Media	Author	Donated by
Lost Worlds 2 DVD set (copy)	DVD	Redfern Natural History Productions Limited	John Phlllip,Jr.
Carnivorous Plants of the World	Book	James and Patricia Pietropaolo	Shaun Montminy
Gardening with Carnivores	Book	Nick Romanowski	Shaun Montminy
Growing Carnivorous Plants	Book	Barry A. Rice	Shaun Montminy
cryptozoo crew	Magazine	allan gross & jerry carr	Dave Sackett
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (softcover)	Book	Stewart McPherson	Shaun Montminy
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (hardcover)	Book	Stewart McPherson	John Phlllip,Jr.
The Nature and Properties of Soils	Book	Nyle C. Brady	Bob Rafka
ICPS Newsletters, multiple	Magazine	Random authors	Shaun Montminy
Venus Flytraps, Bladderworts, and Other Wild and Amazing Plants	Book	Monica Halpen, National Geographic Science Chapters	Black Jungle???
ICPS Newsletters, Apr 1972 - Dec 2006 (copy)	CD	Random authors	Don Gallant
Little Shop of Horrors (DVD) copy	DVD	Warner Home Video	Shaun Montminy
The Curious World of Carnivorous Plants	Book	Wilhelm Barthlott, Stefan Porembski	Black Jungle???
Death Trap (copy)	DVD	Nature	Shaun Montminy
Hungry Plants (grades 2-3)	Kids book	Mary Batten, Step into Reading	Black Jungle
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Glistening Carnivores	Book	Stewart McPherson	Stewart McPherson
The Savage Garden	Book	Peter D ' Amato	Shaun Montminy
Lost Worlds of the Guiana Highlands	Book	Stewart McPherson	Stewart McPherson
Pitcher Plants of the Old World Volume One	Book	Stewart McPherson	Stewart McPherson
Pitcher Plants of the Old World Volume Two	Book	Stewart McPherson	Stewart McPherson
Allen Lowrie - Scientific papers/photos, Oct 2008, CP Presentations at ICPS Conference - Sydney Sep 2008	CD (copy)	Allen Lowrie	Kenneth Sicard
Lost Worlds 2 DVD set (original) not to be taken out	DVD	Redfern Natural History Productions Limited	John Phlllip,Jr.
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