



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

February 2010 Newsletter

NECPS's February 2010 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY February 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."

Vice-President's Message

Well, the groundhog didn't come through. Six more weeks of winter are before us. Don't get me wrong – I actually enjoy this cold weather! But there comes a point every winter when I just can't wait for spring to come and bring my plants back to life. It's been said many times...to plant growers, February is the longest month of the year!

But February is also a great time for planning and anticipation of what's to come. And the NECPS certainly has lots to look forward to this year! The flower shows are coming up in just a couple short weeks. We will also be renovating our bog garden at the Botanical Center in the near future. And, it is NOT too early to start counting down the days until the 2010 Carnivorous Plant Show (230 as of this writing)!

What better way to get excited for a new growing season than to see beautifully grown carnivorous plants? Our Membership Secretary, Shaun Montminy, will be giving a presentation on his recent trips to California and Atlanta Botanical Gardens. We hope you will come, learn from, and be inspired by what he shares with us!

There is a lot to be done in the months ahead, but lots to look forward to as well. It's time to get ready for another amazing growing season!

See you at the meeting!

Emily Troiano

NECPS Program: February 13th 2010

“Powerpoint Presentation of the Atlanta Botanic Garden”

Shaun Montminy, NECPS Membership Secretary, will give a Powerpoint presentation of his visit to the Atlanta Botanic Garden and California Carnivores.

Other business:

- There will be plants on display and a silent auction.

New Members

CP Tidbit for February

There were no articles submitted for this month's newsletter. If you wish to contribute an article for a future newsletter, please contact me.

~Ken Sicard

Secretary's Minutes

January 9, 2009 — Attendance (Meeting): 45+

Meeting Notes:

- The NECPS met for the first time at Tower Hill. Over 20 guests attended our program and meeting.

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

Priscilla Purinton requests that members bring any non-dormant VFT to the February meeting for loan to the Roger Williams Park until March. February is one of the busiest times of year for the Botanic Center and they are in need of VFTs for demonstration feedings. Donated plants can be picked up after Feb 22 or at the March meeting.

Devan Parker has the following information to share:

Update on the NECPS collaboration with Tower Hill botanic Garden

The NECPS's collaboration with Tower Hill Botanic Garden is off to a great start. On the morning of January 9th Dwight Bramble and Don Gammon gave a wildly popular Carnivorous Plant educational program called "carnivorous plants for kids" that entertained 20 children and 15 parents for over an hour! Both the Director and the educational coordinator at Tower Hill were very impressed. I would like to thank Dwight and Don for their excellent job creating and presenting this program.

On the same day we held the annual Nepenthes cutting propagation workshop meeting at Tower Hill. Along with many enthusiastic current members in attendance we had ten new members join just to part in the workshop! A significant number of these were family memberships. The new members went home with some excellent plants for their first CPs.

In the near future we will be putting on at least two more classes at Tower Hill as part of this collaboration. The next class is called "Especially for Families: Learn to Feed Carnivorous Plants" and is coming up on February 21 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. It will be an ~20 minute power point program teaching kids why and how CPs catch and eat insects. We will discuss the specifics of VFT, sundew, Sarracenia and Nepenthes trapping mechanisms in kid friendly terms. Next each child/adult team will learn to feed their very own VFT. Participants will be taught how to care for their VFT and get to take it home.

For those interested in bringing their child or children to this class the cost of the program (\$15 for Tower Hill member and \$18 for non members) is per adult/child pair and includes admission to the garden for both. Additional adults may attend the class with the child for free but have to pay the

\$10 entrance fee to the garden. Additional children may attend with an adult but must pay the full class fee to cover the cost of their plant.

Next up, in April, Priscilla Prunton will be putting on a program aimed at the adult crowd. She will teach people to build a mini bog container garden using CPs and other bog plants. This should be a very enjoyable and unusual program for Tower Hill patrons.

If any club members have VFTs, sundews, Sarracinas or Nepenthes that they would be willing to lend for use in the February program please contact me. We would be letting the kids put small crickets or fruit flies on or in them. The kids will be supervised during this, not turned loose on your plants.

Thank you,
Devan Parker
willowpro@aol.com

Nursery / Mail Orders

- Charlie MacDonald is organizing an NECPS group order for plants from Mike King, Shropshire Sarracenias. <http://www.mikeking64.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/ssar/homepage.htm>.
- Here is a message from Charlie regarding details of the order:

This past spring I placed an order with Mike King, of Shropshire Sarracenia in the UK. He has a great listing of plants, and I wanted to check him out.

I sent him all my permit info, etc, and the plants arrived in BEAUTIFUL condition, with no issues, right to my door. His prices aren't bad and he has a huge variety.

I'm preparing to put in an order for this Spring. Right now he's dividing up his plants, and will set aside plants for larger orders with priority over smaller orders, so if we give him a wish list, based on the plants he had for sale last year, he will do what he can to fill it.

Unfortunately, the inspection price went up from L7 to L59 (I don't have the 'pounds' symbol on my keyboard, sorry). The bigger order I can place, the better we can spread that price out among the plants.

I figure we can spread the inspection fee around based on the percentage of NUMBER of plants (ie: if you order half the plants, you pay half the fee). The shipping can be spread across the dollar amount (figuring that larger plants cost more, and also cost more to ship, so if someone order 3 small plants, they won't pay as much for shipping as someone who ordered 3 large plants). I'm open to other suggestions.

I'm attaching a spreadsheet of his price list from last year. I THINK it's pretty accurate, but please compare it to the price list at <http://www.mikeking64.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/ssar/homepage.htm> to verify the prices on the items you are interested in.

I'd like to get this to him as soon as possible, like maybe mid-January, so please let me know if you are interested in ordering anything, and what. I do NOT have a permit to import endangered stuff, I don't think (the permit process sounds very specific, but they end up being pretty vague), so no oreophilas or endangered rubras.

Remember the prices on the spreadsheet are in Pounds, not dollars. the last I checked, 1 L = 1.62 \$, or something like that. You can google exchange rates to get the most up-to-date one. That is subject to change up until I place the order, of course.

I am happy to handle the money part of things. I'll need payment for plants up front, and then we'll figure out shipping once we get a final number from Mike.

I can't tell you how impressed I was with his plants he shipped me, and I can't wait to place another order. Please contact me if you have any questions.

- **If you have questions, please contact Charlie at: farkie62@hotmail.com**

~ 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—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 2010

Meeting Date	Location/Program
January 9	Tower Hill Botanical Center
February 13	"Nepenthes Cuttings" RWP Botanical Center
March 13	"Powerpoint presentation" RWP Botanical Center
April 10	TBA RWP Botanical Center
May 8	TBA RWP Botanical Center

June 12	RWP Botanical Center TBA
July "x" (date TBD)	Bog Walk (no official meeting)
August "x" (date TBD)	Blackjungle (cookout)
September 11	RWP Botanical Center Annual Show Discussion
September 25-26	8 th Annual NECPS Show (RWP Botanical Center)
October 9	RWP Botanical Center Post-Show Discussion
November 13	RWP Botanical Center TBA
December 11	RWP Botanical Center Annual Holiday Party

TBA = to be announced

- 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:

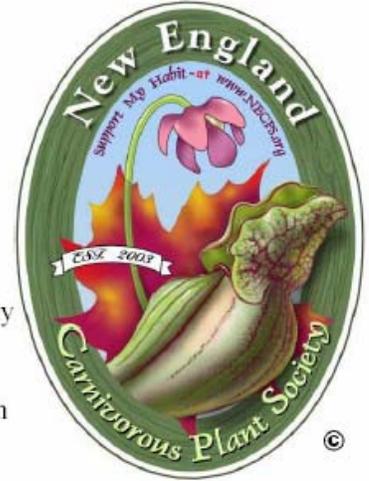
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Membership

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

For more information contact:
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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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Last updated 10/05/2009

Title	Media	Author	Donated by
Lost Worlds 2 DVD set (copy)	DVD	Redfern Natural History Productions Limited	John Phillip, 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 Phillip, 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 Phillip, Jr.
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