



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

July 2010 Newsletter

NECPS's July 2010 Bog Walk will be held on

SATURDAY July 17 at 10:00 AM at

**Eppley Preserve, West Kingston, RI
See below for directions**

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:

The dog days are upon us! The Dog Star Sirius is way up in the sky during the day, hence the name Dog days given to this time of year by the ancients. They thought that this brightest of all stars contributed to the heat we feel at this time of year. We now know this isn't the case, but it makes no difference to our plants which are growing full speed, bigger and better almost every day.

I love this time of year. Many of my plants are outside, exposed to the elements and enjoying the fresh air and real rainwater. We had a thunderstorm last night, and I know the plants all reveled in the flooding they got. Years ago, my father would tell me that the plants in our vegetable garden grew better after a thunderstorm because it helped the nutrients become available in the soil. Scientists have since discovered that the combination of rain and electricity (lightning) DOES increase nutrients (especially Nitrogen) available to plants. Some myths really are true!

It is a time of year to enjoy what we grow, take some time to really look at the plants. On a hot July or August day, when warm weather slows us down, we can linger over the plants in full beauty, looking at the way a Nepenthes lip curves, or the way a cape sundew curls around its prey. We can enjoy the colors of the flytraps, from maroon to lime green and all colors in between. Take the time to look at a pitcher plant from any of the different continents and wonder how they all evolved so differently, yet so similarly. Take some time to discover your plants again, and rediscover why you grow them.

I am looking out my window this morning, and an Epiphyllum (a jungle cactus that grows on trees) is opening a beautiful purple and white trimmed flower about 6 or 7 inches wide. The dog days of summer and the rains of last night have combined to bring this jewel to full beauty on my deck. I am going outside to enjoy it!

I hope you all take the time to enjoy your plants, and to rediscover why we love these plants and nature around us.

Namaste

John Phillip, Jr.
NECPS
President and Founder

New Members

Unfortunately, We have no new members since June 1.

NECPS Program: July 17th, 2010, at 10:00 AM

As always, there is no official meeting for July, but instead a bog walk where members may enjoy carnivorous plants in their natural environment. This year's bog walk will be at Eppley preserve, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM. Here are the directions:

Destination:

Audubon Society of Rhode Island - Marion Eppley Preserve.

Dugway Bridge Rd, South Kingstown, RI.

Meeting 1/2 mile north of Rt 138

From Rt 95 take exit 3a onto Rt 138 east (Kingstown Rd/Usquepaugh Rd).

Follow Rt 138 east for 5.9 miles.

Turn left (north) onto Dugway Bridge Rd.

From Rt 2 (South Country Trail), turn west onto Rt 138 (Kingstown Rd/Usquepaugh Rd).

Follow Rt 138 west for 1.4 miles.

Turn right (north) onto Dugway Bridge Rd.

We will be walking on in woods without trails.

We will be walking on a quaking sphagnum bog with difficult footing.

The bog is wet. Expect to be standing in a few inches of water at times. Some experienced bog-walkers wear rubber boots, while others concede the wet feet and simply wear old sneakers.

Recommendations: Long pants, long sleeves, and hat of moisture-wicking fabrics; boots; walking stick for balance; water; sense of adventure.

Upcoming Events:

The NECPS show is drawing nearer! Please enter your favorite CP photos into the NECPS poster contest! The winning entries will be available in poster form at the NECPS show. The rules are as follows:

- Up to 4 pictures may be submitted
- Any common format is allowed, but the pictures MUST be high resolution, so that they will not become fuzzy when expanding to a poster size
- Pictures must be taken by the person submitting them or a family member.
- Pictures must be submitted by Midnight, July 24 2010
- Voting will be Monday, July 26 thru midnight Fri July 30, 2010
- The top 2 pictures will be used as posters for the 2010 show.
- The people submitting the winning pictures will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Black Jungle, a store selling dart frogs, terrarium supplies, and many species of carnivorous plants!

Send all entries as attachments to djambient@gmail.com
The show is scheduled for September 25th-26th.

Secretary's Minutes:

Unfortunately there are no secretary's minutes for this month. The secretary position is still unoccupied.

Library News:

- Please contact me (d.gallant89@gmail.com) 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

Program Outline for 2010

Meeting Date	Location/Program
July 17	Bog Walk (not an official meeting)
August "x"	Black Jungle Terrarium Supply/cookout
September 11	RWP Botanical Center/Annual NECPS show discussion
September 25-26	RWP Botanical Center/8 th Annual NECPS show
October 9	RWP Botanical Center/Post-show discussion
November 13	RWP Botanical Center/TBA
December 11	RWP Botanical Center/Annual Holiday Party

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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
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Saunderstown, RI 02874
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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? _____

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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