



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

**September 2010 Newsletter**

**NECPS's September 2010 Meeting will be held on**

**SATURDAY September 11 at 12:30pm at:**

**Roger Williams Park Greenhouses  
1000 Elmwood Avenue  
Providence, RI**

<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:

We are living in very difficult times. Everywhere we look, there seems to be more uncertainty, unhappiness, discontent and even anger now than ever before in the world around us. It seems like we all are craving good news that doesn't seem to come often enough. All the more reason for us to get together and do something fun.

What can YOU do to help? Some very simple things;

- **Spread the word!** Do all you can to get the press release to anyone and everyone that might make a difference. Local papers, news organizations, school groups and teachers. *Everywhere.*
- **Put up posters!** Again, *everywhere.* Especially libraries, garden centers, Community centers, YMCA's public places, everywhere. Anywhere you see posters, think about putting up an NECPS show poster.
- **Tell other people about the show!** Let others know when you are just having conversations. If you are at a place where people gather, do not be afraid to mention the show. It is a GREAT conversation starter!
- **PLANTS, PLANTS, PLANTS.** Get your plants ready and bring them to the show! Many of you have heard me tell of how I am sleepless the week before the show, because I am worried that we will have people and no plants to display. Think back and remember the excitement the first time you saw a CP up close? The fun of learning more and more about these plants? PLEASE do not think that your plants are 'not good enough' for the show. ALL plants are good enough! We need all sorts of plants to help the public learn and see that these plants can be grown by anyone. PLEASE BRING PLANTS!
- **Be excited and have fun.** The whole point of the NECPS is to have fun with the plants and people we enjoy. Excitement and happiness are contagious! Help spread them before and during the show, and you will get back much more than you spread out!

This is a difficult year to have a show. But with a little more work from all of us, we can ALL help make this the best show ever, and do more to enrich and uplift our own lives, and the lives of many others.

See you ALL at the meeting, and the show!!

Namaste

John Phillip, Jr  
NECPS

President and Founder

## **New Members**

Welcome to these new members since July:

**Jimmy and Marie Baker, Emma and Lawrence Wilson, Louis Lastarza, Johnny Maiocchi, and Louise-Marie Sherman!**

## **Announcement: Election of Officers**

The fall show is the time for the election of officers. Members will have the chance to run and vote for a new board for the NECPS at the show.

IF YOU are interested in running for any position on the board of the NECPS, please contact the president and you will be added to the ballot

Currently, we are in need of a secretary as there is no one in that position at this time.

**NECPS Program: September 11th, 2010, at 12:30 PM  
It's Showtime!**

**Location: Greenhouses of the Roger Williams Park Botanical Gardens.**

In this meeting, we will prepare and brainstorm ideas for the upcoming NECPS plant show. Our annual show features thousands of carnivorous plants and attracts hundreds of people from all over New England, so we need all the help we can get!

**If you wish to bring plants to the NECPS show, please preregister by contacting Shaun Montminy at [Shaun\\_montminy@yahoo.com](mailto:Shaun_montminy@yahoo.com). This year, anybody who preregisters their plants a week in advance will receive a free gift at the show! (limited to one gift per household).**

## Grow Tips for September: Tips for displaying plants at the Show!

- **Never think your plants are not good enough!** Remember the first time you saw a Carnivorous Plant? It wasn't the 'best' plant of that species, but you were still amazed by it.
- Clean the surface of the media! Weeds and litter on top of the pot can detract from the beauty of a plant. Weed free and debris free is always best.
- Top dress if needed. Don't be afraid to line the top of the pot with something that looks more attractive. Often simply adding Long fibered sphagnum to the top will make the whole plant look better. Live sphagnum to top dress is beautiful but often dries out too quickly.
- Misting might help! You will often see experienced growers misting their plants during the show. When we take plants out of their growing space and display them the change in humidity can affect them in a day or two. Misting takes care of this and keeps the plants looking great.
- Water before the show. Always try to water a plant before the show starts, so it looks fresher all day.
- Remove dead parts, sometimes! This part is open for debate among NECPS members. Of course a dead leaf or two should be taken off. But what about 'dead' parts that add to the plant's look? I'll often leave a beautiful dried 'dead' pitcher on a *Nepenthes*, since I think the dried part may look as attractive as the live pitchers. Sometimes, a dried 'dead' flower stalk can serve the same purpose. Don't be afraid to leave attractive parts on the plant, but also don't be afraid to cut off any unattractive bits. Cutting off a dead part of a pitcher, leaf, or tendril will not hurt the plant at all. Many members also choose to cut off traps that detract from the look of the plant (for example, a *Nepenthes* pitcher that is hanging upside-down).
- Pots can matter! Sometimes simply taking a plant growing in a plain clay or plastic pot, and slipping that pot into a decorative pot, may make all the difference in the world. Think how the pot highlights the plant. Maybe a tall plant for a trailing *nepenthes*. Or a small wide pot with a few sundews or butterworts in it.

- Keeping the Pitcher Plants Clean: Often, North American Pitcher plants (Sarracenia) catch so much prey that their tall pitchers fill to the brim decaying insect matter. This can cause the pitchers to topple! To stop this from happening and to keep your Sarracenia pitchers pristine, you can plug them shortly after they open with cotton balls. Many of our members do this and then sell their end-of-season cut pitchers to florists!

## **Secretary's Minutes:**

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

## **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

## **Program Outline for 2010**

Meeting Date	Location/Program
September 11	RWP Botanical Center/Annual NECPS show discussion
September 25-26	RWP Botanical Center/8 <sup>th</sup> 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

## **NECPS Officers and Contact Information:**

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**NECPS Yahoo Group:** <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/NECPS/>

# 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:

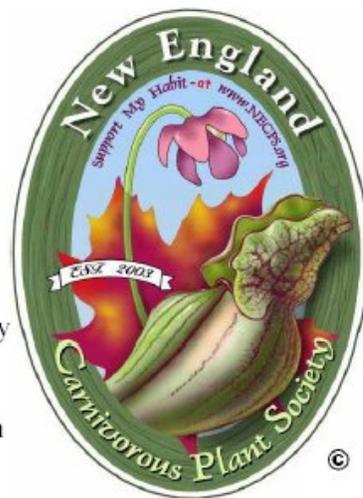
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## Membership

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

For more information contact:  
New England Carnivorous Plant Society  
P.O. Box 606  
Saunderstown, RI 02874  
Email: [necps\\_membership@yahoo.com](mailto: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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