

# New England Carnivorous Plant Society

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## June 2003 Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

Some interesting and exciting things have been happening at the NECPS this past month. At the May meeting, the attending members discussed and decided to put on a Carnivorous Plant Show that was open to the public. After discussions on the time of year and other matters, it was decided that this fall would be a good time, especially if it could be done to tie in with Halloween. Each October, the Roger Williams Park Zoo has a carved pumpkin display that attracts thousands of people to the park. This display starts the weekend of October 11, and it was decided that we would have the **New England Carnivorous Plant Society First Annual Show** the kick-off weekend of the pumpkin exhibit. The Charles Smith Greenhouse has been reserved for **Saturday, 11 October 2003** for this first annual show! Times will be discussed and announced at a later date. So, Mark your calendars now, and start getting those plants into top form!

Those who missed the May meeting missed a truly spectacular Outstanding Plant Award Winner. Matt Opel brought in a *Roridula dentata* that was a beautiful specimen! I've been growing CP's since the mid 70's and had never seen a *Roridula* like this! For those of you new to growing CP's, the Genus *Roridula* has plants that are considered "quasi-carnivorous" by most, trapping prey but not digesting the prey with out outside help.

Bill Matthews brought something to my attention that he'd like the society to know about. The Connecticut Botanical Society has several field trips planned in the coming few months, and a few might be interesting to NECPS members. The trips can be checked out at <http://www.ct-botanical-society.org/trip.html>. The Saturday June 28 trip to Beckley Bog might be of interest to many who want to view CP's in the wild. At the last meeting, some good ideas were brought out on how to find some guides for field trips, and I will be working on that in the next few weeks.

I have been working on a handout/brochure to have for interested people to know about the society. The first draft is done and I have had a few copies printed, and will be at the June meeting for comments and suggestions.

Something that has been discussed at previous meetings, the June meeting will be the last meeting for 2 months. There will be NO July meeting, due to the travel schedules of many of the members and of the President. After this June meeting, we will pick up again in August. There will be reminders sent out and updates, especially concerning the October Show.

I've gotten a peek at some of the plants going into the auction for the June meeting. There are several different *Nepenthes* that will be in the auction, plants that are nice ones in 4-inch pots. I've also had a few requests for some *Utricularia* plants, and there will be portions of some in the auction in June.

The June meeting presentation will be Bill Matthews talking about Propagating Venus Fly Traps. Some of you may remember that a few months ago, Bill had some of the plants that he'd propagated on display and they were doing well. Bill will share some of his propagating tricks with us at the June Meeting.

**The June Meeting is scheduled for Saturday 21 June 2003 at the Charles Smith Greenhouse of the Roger Williams Park, Providence RI. Directions to the park can always be found at the link: <http://rwpbotanicalgardens.com> .**

**I will be at the greenhouse early setting up as usual, so feel free to come any time after noon. The meeting starts at 1 pm.**

For those of you still interested and who may have missed it, the Butterfly exhibit will still be going on at the greenhouse for another few weeks. Details can be found on the Botanical Gardens website.

Start getting your plants ready for the October 11 show of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society, and make sure to get to the last meeting for a few months, the Saturday June 21 meeting of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society at the Roger Williams Park, Providence RI! I Hope to see you all there!

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