

# New England Carnivorous Plant Society

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Happy New Year to all from the NECPS!

We're into winter now, and the temperate plants should be well into dormancy, while the winter growers like Tuberous Sundews and Pygmy Sundews should be growing well with the reduced light and temperatures. It's the start of our second year at the NECPS, and hopefully it will be an even better year than the first. Already things have been going on behind the scenes to make 2004 a great year.

Leslie Uhnak, Field Trip Coordinator, emailed me to give me an update on the 2004 ICPS meeting in Lyon, France, and to find out if there is interest in getting a group together to go over there in June. Money may be the deciding factor for many regarding this trip, and anyone interested in possibly making the trip may contact Leslie directly at [Otterplay@aol.com](mailto:Otterplay@aol.com) to let her know if there is any interest. The ICPS conference/meeting is held every 2 years, alternating between the USA and somewhere else. The 2006 meeting should be held in the USA.

I received several requests for a particular guest speaker, Tamlin Dawnstar, to attend a meeting, and hope to have a date for that firmed up by February. I have emailed Tamlin a couple of times, and we need to simply set a date and work out a few details regarding his appearance. Tamlin is well known on the web from chat rooms and forums, and is a long time grower particularly well informed on Sundews. I will have more info and a date shortly.

The NECPS will be exhibiting plants and looking for new members at the Kennedy's Country Gardens Open House weekend on 16~17 February, 2004 in Scituate Ma. If anyone would like to volunteer to spend some time there, show plants, and talk about the NECPS, the help would be great. Scituate Ma is located south of Boston, on Rt 3A, north of Plymouth and Duxbury. Their website is <http://kennedycountrygardens.com> .

Webmaster Nathan Lovell has signed up to lead a class at MIT in January during their Independent Activities Period, talking about Carnivorous Plants. Several members have said they would help Nathan with this, along with showing some plants and pushing the Society. If anyone is interested in helping out, either speak with Nathan at the January meeting or contact him through the website (send a message to webmaster). The dates are 21, 22 and 23 January 2004.

The program for the January meeting will be planning for 2004. PLEASE BRING IDEAS! We will be discussing the rules for the 2004 Plant Growing Contest, and it would be great if we could get some volunteers and ideas for programs and field trips. If you know of any places that would be good for the Society to visit as a field trip, please bring information to the next meeting. If you know of any people to contact who might know of field trip locations or act as guides, please bring that information to the meeting. If you would like to put on a program at a society meeting, please bring the idea and volunteer. These are the things that get us all involved and help make the society active and exciting for everyone!

The next meeting of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society will be at 12:30 pm on 10 January 2004 at the Greenhouses of the New England Botanical Gardens at Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI. As usual, I hope to be there at noon to set up, and anyone is welcome to come early and help. Don't forget plants for the Auction/Swap tables, as well as plants you may want to show off. **Please note that the weather may be very cold, and if you do bring plants for display, auction or swap, please protect them from the cold and wind.** Pay particular attention to the short time between the car and the building. If it is cold enough, even that short exposure can hurt or kill some plants.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting 10 January 2004.

**Happy New Year!**