

# New England Carnivorous Plant Society

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## December 2004 Newsletter

The cold weather has now descended upon us, the holiday season is in full swing, and all outdoor plants are completely dormant. Yet, all sorts of things are happening at the NECPS!

Plans are being made for the NECPS to again have a booth at the RI Spring Flower show in February 2005, in Providence RI. Last year the society got some good exposure, and this year we hope for even more. The NECPS will be giving 2 talks at the show, talking about CPs and promoting the society. We will once again be sharing a booth with the RI Orchid Society. Date will be announced shortly, and anyone who wishes to work the booth at any time is welcome to help out!

The Society is also working with several other groups in the construction of a large exhibit in the main exhibition hall. We will have a section in two different parts of the exhibit, and will have our name and information displayed there also. More details will follow as we near the show!

Society members Bill and Dena Matthews recently took a trip of a lifetime to England, where they got a chance to visit Kew Gardens! For those of you who do not travel or read, Kew is one of, if not the, premier botanical gardens in the world. Many of the plants we love were first collected by people sent out from Kew, and they still are in the forefront of research into all plants. I have gotten a few tidbits about the trip from Bill and Dena in emails, and hopefully they can let us know more about the trip at upcoming Society meetings. I know they were working on establishing ties between our society and Kew Gardens!

Bill has also been in touch with the Bay Area Carnivorous Plant Society of California, working on the details of a "Plant Swap". The idea would be for the societies to agree on a number of plants and send a package from each group to the other! This is something that has been in the works for a while, and Bill has gotten most of the details ironed out. It should happen when the weather warms in 2005. WHO KNOWS what we may send, and receive in return for the swap table! and members!

The program at the December NECPS will once again feature a **Yankee Swap!** It's fun and easy to be a part of it. The rules:

- Each member is asked to bring a *plant related gift, wrapped*, to the meeting. The cost should be no more than **\$ 10**. (But last year, a few cheated and there were some great items!)

- The gifts will be assembled, and all society members who bring a gift will draw numbers out of a hat.
- The first person, (#1) will go and pick the gift of their choice, and open it. All members will OOOOHH and AAAAAHHHHH.
- The Second person will chose a gift and open that gift. That person has the choice, of keeping their gift, or swapping with any gift that has been taken already, that someone has. And so on and so on.
- When the last person has picked the last gift, and decided what they want, either their gift or someone else's, the choice goes back to the very first person, #1, They have their choice of swapping with anyone who has a gift!

You never know what will happen, or what you may end up with till the very end! So, everyone, please bring a **plant related wrapped gift** and join in the Yankee swap! Since this is the Holiday meeting, members are also encouraged {more than at usual meetings} to bring a food item to help us all celebrate the end of another year. There will be better and more food supplied by the society also at this meeting, so bring an appetite along with the gift for the Yankee swap!

One last note, T-shirts are AT THE PRINTER as we speak, and we HOPE to have some available at the December meeting!

**The next meeting of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society will be on Saturday, 11 December at the Greenhouses in Roger Williams Park, Providence RI at 12:30 PM! Along with the Yankee swap, we will have the ever-popular silent auction table, and plants on display!** I will be there about noon to set up, if anyone is interested in coming early and helping out.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting! If anyone needs directions or has a problem, please give me a call or email!

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