

# NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

## May 2006 Newsletter

Spring is in full bloom in New England. Days are a full hour longer, temperatures are mild, and flowers abound. The opus of vibrant colors on a lush green background make this time of year marvelous for traveling and, of course, for meeting with fellow NECPS members to chat about the carnivorous plants we love to cultivate!

### Exciting News:

1. [ICPS Conference](#): The 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Carnivorous Plant Society (ICPS) will take place at Frostburg State University, Maryland, USA on **June 1-5, 2006**. Some NECPS members plan on attending this conference so if you're going, please email me ([johnatthebeach@cox.net](mailto:johnatthebeach@cox.net)). Visit <http://www.frostburg.edu/6thICPS/> for more information on this conference.

2. [MassHort Society Row Plant Sale](#): The plant sale sponsored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society will take place at Elm Bank Horticultural Center, 900 Washington St., Wellesley, MA on **Sunday, May 21, 2006** from 9am-4pm. The plant sale will consist of over 30 displays by local plant societies and vendors, including our beloved Black Jungle! Admission is FREE and a suggested donation of \$5 for parking supports MassHort's Educational Programs. Visit <http://www.masshort.org> for more information. Vendors who have committed to the event include:

- a. **[Black Jungle \(carnivorous plants\)](#)**
- b. Begonia Society
- c. Massachusetts Cactus and Succulent Society
- d. Chestnut Foundation
- e. Clivia Society
- f. New England Daylily Society
- g. Heather Society
- h. Holly Society
- i. Hosta Society
- j. Indoor Gardeners/Hobby Greenhouse Society
- k. Iris Society.... AND MORE!!!!

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:** The NECPS would like to man an informational booth at the sale and Mike & Richard of Black Jungle have graciously permitted us to use some of their vending space to setup the booth. Ken Sicard is a definite volunteer and I may be there as well, but one or two additional volunteers would be a big help. Please let Ken ([kenneth.sicard@umassmed.edu](mailto:kenneth.sicard@umassmed.edu)) know whether you'll be able to volunteer.

**Dues:**

Dues for the NECPS for 2006 have been due for several months now. Those who have not paid are asked to send dues by mail or make payment at the upcoming meeting. The postal address for the NECPS is:

NECPS  
PO Box 606  
Saunderstown, RI 02874

**Recap of Last Meeting:**

Those who attended the April Meeting of the NECPS were treated to a demonstration on root cuttings and division of Sundews and Pitcher Plants. Everyone who attended was able to go home with a free plant or two. The meeting was held in the Mediterranean room of the Greenhouse of Roger William's Park, and this may be the last meeting there for a few months, since they will shortly be rebuilding the Med Room and greenhouses.

On 2/23/06 the NECPS displayed plants at the RI Orchid Society Show in the Bard across from the Greenhouses. Despite the cold weather, there was a good crowd and lots of interest (of course!) in our plants. The Mayor of Providence attended the show and was WOWed by our plants also!

## **This Meeting:**

The May 2006 meeting of the NECPS will be held on Saturday, May 13 at East Farm in Kingston, RI from 10am-2pm. East Farm is located approximately ½ mile south of the intersection of Rts-108 and 138, on Rt 108 near the Kingston campus of the University of Rhode Island. There will be no official meeting but members are invited to attend the East Farm Spring Festival from 10am-2pm where the NECPS will have an informational booth with a plant display. Visit [www.uri.edu/news/releases/?id=3547](http://www.uri.edu/news/releases/?id=3547) for more information. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to man the booth and to bring display plants. I will be unable to attend, so Vice President Priscilla Purinton will preside over the meeting—please contact her if you are able to help (PPurinton@aol.com).

**Please note:** The rain date for this event is Sunday. If the fest is held Sunday, we are in desperate need of someone to be there and set up, since Priscilla cannot attend the fest that day. Please contact Priscilla if you can help out this way. If it's rainy and you're in the area looking for plants, visit the nearby Farmer's Daughter Garden Center on Rt 138—it was voted RI's best Trees and Shrubs by RI Monthly Magazine.

## **June 2006 Meeting:**

The June 2006 Meeting of the NECPS will be held at **Logee's Greenhouses** in Danielson, CT on Saturday, June 10. More information will be available in the next newsletter but in the meantime, please visit [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com) for more information on the site of the meeting.

## **Plant Growing Tips for May:**

May is a great time for seed sprouting and repotting plants, before the dry heat of summer sets in. Any seeds that were stratified over winter should be planted by now, and warm growing species can start to be planted also.

Also, this is the time to start bringing plants outside for the summer. Be careful of TWO main things when bringing plants outside. First, the sudden exposure to strong outdoor sunlight can quickly burn tender leaves that have been growing inside or under lights. Try

bringing plants out on cloudy days first, or keep them in a shady location, like the North side of a house for a few days or weeks, till the plants have hardened off. Also, be wary of temperatures that can drop in the evening. The temps do NOT have to go to freezing to hurt some plants. Only cool or intermediate temp growing plants should be coming out now. If you are unsure, check online, or ask other growers in the NECPS. Good growing!

Thanks to NECPS Secretary Ken Sicard for writing and mailing this month's Newsletter. You may have received 2 newsletters, one from Ken and one from John Phillip, President. We are trying to update the mail list. If you want to remain on the mail list, and only received one newsletter, please send a reply letting us know which one you received.

**Send the reply to Ken Sicard at [kenneth.sicard@umassmed.edu](mailto:kenneth.sicard@umassmed.edu)  
And to John Phillip at [johnatthebeach@cox.net](mailto:johnatthebeach@cox.net)**

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