

New England Carnivorous Plant Society

July 2006 Newsletter

July is a quiet month at the New England Carnivorous Plant Society, a month where we do not have a regular meeting and many members are away. However, as always, there are a few interesting things going on at the NECPS!

The June meeting of the NECPS at Logee's Greenhouses was held June 10th (<http://www.logees.com>) and was a great success! Not only did the members get a chance to do some shopping, but customers that visited Logee's that day were treated a great display of NECPS member's plants! The people who seemed to be the most impressed that day were the staff at Logee's, which was amazed at the plants members brought to the meeting. These are people that work with strange, exotic plants every day, so they are NOT easy to impress! The meeting went well, the members enjoyed, and we hope to make this an annual event each late spring.

At the June meeting the idea of putting together a group order from Andreas Wistuba (<http://www.wistuba.com>) and his nursery, *The Nepenthes Nursery*, was brought up and discussed. Most of the members thought this was a great idea. Jeffrey Luz-Alterman offered to be the person to coordinate this. Please take a look at Andrea's website and see if you'd be interested in placing an order as part of a group order. At the recent ICPS conference in Frostburg Maryland, the plants for sale by Andreas were a HUGE hit! So take a look and see if there are things (or maybe, see how MANY things) you'd be interested in, and we will have more details in the August newsletter, after we work out the details on how we will do this.

As previously stated, there is no formal meeting of the NECPS in July as usual. However, we once again are sponsoring a Bog walk to the Great Swamp, Kingston, RI in conjunction with the RI Wild Plant Society. This bog walk is free to all members of the NECPS (the fee is paid by the society). In the past we have seen 5 or 6 species of CPs, plus all sorts of other plants, including some Bog orchids. Some of the *Drosera intermedia* That we've seen in the past were huge, clumps 8 to 12 inches across and as just as high! The details for the walk are as follows:

CARNIVOROUS PLANT WALK

West Kingston, RI

Co-sponsored with the New England Carnivorous Plant Society

Saturday, July 22, noon-3:00 p.m.

PRE-Registration required (401) 453-3777, office@riwps.org

Fee: \$3 members, \$5 non-members

With such an ominous name it is not surprising that the Great Swamp is a place to find carnivorous plants. There are several species. We hope to all of them in bloom along with some other uncommon species. *Moderate.*

While NOT required for NECPS members we do ask that if possible you let the RIWPS office and myself know if you'll be there for this event. Please send emails to:

office@riwps.org and johnatthebeach@cox.net

Directions are available to those who need them. The Great swamp is located off Rt 138 Just west of the Kingston campus of the Univ. of RI.

As an added highlight, we will once again be able to visit the greenhouse and outdoor bog that I have at my house, and see what plants I am growing. This is a chance to see just about all the US Pitcher plants plus some other great plants all in one area, growing in a small raised bog outside!

Refreshments will of course be served.

For those interested in purchasing any NECPS clothing, it will be available after the bog walk at my house. While on the subject of clothing, we are still looking for someone to take charge of clothing sales. If you are interested in this, please contact any e~board member.

Don't forget the Annual NECPS show we have planned once again for the 14th and 15th of October 2006. If you have any plants that you want to have available for sale at the NECPS booth, NOW is the time to start propagating them! We will start talking about and planning this show at the August NECPS meeting. Start thinking of ways to make this the best show ever!

Good growing in July, and I hope to see many of you at the Bog walk in the Great swamp, Kingston RI. July 22nd. Stay tuned for more information on our August meeting also!

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