



NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

April 2007 Newsletter

NECPS's April 2007 meeting will be held on

SATURDAY APRIL 14TH at 12:30 PM at

**Roger Williams Park Botanical Center (Greenhouses)
1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907**

NECPS Mission Statement

"The mission of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society shall be to share, to gain knowledge of, and to achieve expertise in all phases of growing, education, appreciation, and conservation of carnivorous plants in both culture and in native habitats."

Message from the President

Hello All,

Welcome back to the Roger Williams Park greenhouses!

April marks our first official meeting inside the newly renovated greenhouse complex since late last year. The changes have been, and continue to just be spectacular! We've been somewhat wayward

souls since we last met here, but our new/old home is better than ever, and we are forging an even stronger partnership with the Botanical Gardens.

When I speak with the people who work in and run the botanical gardens, they always have only wonderful things to say about the NECPS, and in particular the people they continue to come in contact with from our society. Whether it is Alix, the Providence Park Dept Superintendent, MaryEllen who did the majority of the planning for the project or any of the guys who work in the greenhouse on a daily basis, they always have only good things to say about the NECPS and its members! The strength of the NECPS is always in the membership.

I'd like to share something that happened at the end of our March meeting, after the wonderful lecture on Slipper Orchids we attended. I was leaving the building with Karen Asher, President of the RI Wild Plant Society, and she had a big smile on her face and laughingly said to me, "What an amazing group you have, they wouldn't let me leave till they had given me all these plants! I'm so excited, I've never grown these before, this is wonderful!" That is the real beauty of the NECPS. The members. The people. The camaraderie.

As was stated in the Hartford Courant article that ran about the society, "The plants are amazing," says Priscilla Purinton of West Kingston, R.I., Vice President of the society. "but the people are what you come for."

I could not have said it any better.

Welcome back!

~ John Phillip, Jr.

NECPS Program: April 14, 2007

"How to Propagate Sarracenia"

Presented by: Kirk Martin & Dave Sackett

Sarracenia are some of the most beautiful and easy to grow carnivorous plants. Their flowers and pitchers are showy, and the myriad of subspecies, varieties, forms, cultivars, and hybrids is enough to keep even the most enthusiastic collector busy for a lifetime! Best of all, these plants can be easily grown in our climate.

Most Sarracenia produce offshoots year after year. These clumps of plants can be easily divided. This is a great way to expand your collection, give or sell plants to others, and preserve the integrity of a favorite cultivar or hybrid. However, there are a few "rules" that should be followed to increase likelihood of successfully dividing a Sarracenia.

Come to the April meeting and find out how two of our most experienced CP growers, Kirk Martin and Dave Sackett, divide their Sarracenia. Bring a plant or two that you've been afraid to divide and you'll be shown how to do it the right way!

Other business:

- Members are encouraged to bring plants for display. There will be a vote on the Outstanding Plant on Display.

- There WILL be a silent auction, so members are encouraged to donate plants for a good cause.
- **We need Plants!** One of the most asked about and exciting displays in the new Botanical Gardens is our Carnivorous Plant Display Bog. **We need plants to fill this display!** Specifically, we need HUNDREDS of Sundews, preferably tropical or subtropical, to fill the landscape and to use as a backdrop for other plants. We also can use any Venus Fly Traps that you may want to donate. If you have any extra plants we can use them, and if you can and want to, please consider propagating MORE sundews and VFTs to help fill this bog. **We need 300 plants in 3 months!** Lets all chip-in in any way we can.

CP Tidbit for March

April is a great time for sowing seeds of temperate plants. How do you know if a plant is temperate, tropical or in between? The easiest way is to go online and search for information on the plant.

April is a month when any plants growing outside that were covered with mulch for winter protection should definitely be uncovered. They should be hardy enough to withstand April weather and the warm weather will start waking them up from their winter sleep.

Remember with ALL plants this time of year that the sun is getting higher, and they plants may need more water than you might suspect. This especially applies to plants INSIDE near windows. More frequent watering is often needed this time of year.

Some semi-tropical plants can even be brought outside this time of year on warmer days. ALWAYS be careful when bringing plants out for the first few weeks. Plants that have wintered inside and are suddenly subjected to the real sun outside can burn easily. It is best to try to bring plants out on cloudy warmer days, or to put them in shaded locations. I have had a lot of success by putting plants on the north side of the house for a week. Just always remember to bring them in at night. In addition to temperate plants, some of the hardier “tropical” species can remain outside if temperatures do not go below 40F, such as highland Nepenthes.

Secretary’s Minutes

March 10, 2007 — Attendance: 27

Meeting Notes:

- John Phillip led the meeting. No official business was discussed except for voting for the April Program. Plants were on display. No auction was held. A presentation on lady-slipper orchids was given by William Cullina.
- Meeting Conclusion: John Phillip concluded the meeting.

Events of Note

- Two members, Glen Lord and Ken Sicard, won awards at the 136th New England Spring Flower Show held in Boston, MA.

--**Glen Lord** won the following awards:

- ◆ Twenty-four 1st places, two 2nd places, and one 3rd place
- ◆ Sweepstakes Award (won twice), for the most 1st places in each entry day
- ◆ Anne Crowley Award, for the finest exhibited gesneriad
- ◆ Cunningham Award, for horticultural and artistic excellence
- ◆ Libby Stephenson Award, for the most meritorious exhibit grown under artificial light

--**Ken Sicard** won the following awards:

- ◆ Seven 1st places, two 2nd places, and an honorable mention
- ◆ Bennett Award, for the exhibit demonstrating the most outstanding horticultural achievement

Nursery / Mail Orders

- The Wistuba order has been placed. However, Andreas is making periodic updates to his website (www.wistuba.com) and will accept updates to our order until April. So if you'd like to order additional plants, please email your request to me (include the plant name, code, and price). The plants will be shipped to the NECPS PO Box sometime after late April. John Phillip will collect the plants and a special pickup meeting will be held where members will have the opportunity to pick up their plants on the weekend after they've arrived. These meetings will likely be held at the Roger Williams Park and possibly also in Worcester, MA. If you cannot attend the pickup meeting, you may contact John and arrange a place and time to pickup the plants, at his discretion. As a last resort, you may pickup your plants at the following NECPS meeting. Once they arrive, I suggest you pickup your plants as soon as possible due to their fragile nature. The NECPS nor the nursery order organizers will be responsible for damaged or dead plants. You must pay for your plants when you pick them up so please have cash or a check with you. As discussed at prior meetings, any extra plants will be auctioned or raffled. Please contact me with any questions.

~ Ken Sicard, Nursery Mail Order Coordinator

Library News

- Please contact me to suggest books that should be purchased or if you have books to donate.

~ Shaun Montminy, Librarian

Treasurer's Report

March 2007

- The Treasurer's Report will be available at the April meeting.
- Membership dues were due in January for the 2007 year—if you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. Dues are \$10 for students, \$20 for adults, and \$25 for families. Dues may be paid in cash or check made out to "NECPS." A copy of the membership renewal form is attached at the end of the newsletter for your convenience. Remember to complete a

membership renewal form and submit it along with dues to the Membership Secretary, Mike Stiffler. Dues may also be paid by mailing a check to:

NECPS
PO Box 606
Saunderstown, RI 02874

~ Dave Sackett, Treasurer

Program Outline for 2007

Meeting Date	Location/Program
January 13	Loutitt Library Nepenthes Cuttings
February 10	RWP Botanical Center Sarracenia Bog Planting
March 10	RWP Casino Lady-Slipper Orchids
April 14	RWP Botanical Center Sarracenia Propagation
May 12	RWP Botanical Center Aldrovanda Propagation
June 9	NETC, Vermont
July	Great Swamp Bog Walk (no official meeting)
August 11	Blackjungle
September 8	Roger Williams Park (?)
September 29-30	5 th Annual NECPS Show (Roger Williams Park)
October 13	Roger Williams Park (?)
November	Roger Williams Park (?)
December 8	Roger Williams Park (?)

- Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month, except for July when there is no official meeting. We are in the process of finalizing a program outline for 2007. Please contact one of the Officers with questions or if you have a suggestion for a meeting place.

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- NECPS Yahoo Group: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/NECPS/>

Directions to RWP Botanical Center

- **South on I-95:** Take exit 17 (Elmwood Avenue), left at light, Park entrance is 1/2 block on left.
- **North on I-95:** Take Exit 16 (Elmwood Avenue), bear right, left at light, Park entrance is half a block on right.
- **West on I-195:** I-195 West to I-95 South, Take Exit 17 (Elmwood Avenue), left at light, Park entrance is half a block on left.
- Once you enter the park follow the signs to the “Greenhouses.”

New England Carnivorous Plant Society

An organization for the appreciation and enjoyment of carnivorous plants

Meeting dates and locations

Generally the society meets the second Saturday of each month at the greenhouse in the Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI, at 12:30 pm. Meetings are occasionally held at other locations.

Visit the website for information on the next meeting and for travel directions:

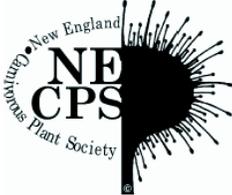
<http://www.NECPS.org>

Membership

Regular, \$20 / year

Family, \$25 / year

Student (any age), \$10 / year



For more information contact:

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New England Carnivorous Plant Society

Membership Application and Renewal Form

Circle One: New Member Renewing Member

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Date _____

Email _____ Year Joined _____

How did you hear about the NECPS? _____

Would you be able to travel to RI for meetings? Y / N

Would you be interested in being on the NECPS board? Y / N

New Members Please Pick Up a Welcome Pack (with Membership Card)!

Renewing Members Please Pick Up Your New Membership Card!

Please return this form to NECPS membership secretary Mike Stiffler