

**NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY
(www.NECPS.org)**

March 2008 Newsletter

NECPS's March 2008 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY March 8TH at 12:30pm at the:

**Logee's Greenhouses
141 North Street, Danielson, CT 06239
<http://www.logees.com/>**

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."

President's Message

CONGRATULATIONS! If you are reading this in the Northern hemisphere, you've made it thru the longest month of the year! Forget what the calendar says about February having only 28 days (An even longer 29 this leap year) February is the longest, coldest, snowiest, seemingly darkest month of the year for plant growers in New England.

But the NECPS helped make February shorter. We participated in not one, but TWO shows in February, giving members and the public the chance to see and talk about the plants we love. And this month in March, we'll have a display at the New England Flower Show in Boston for the very first time. Our plants and society will be on exhibit to a whole new group of people, who can see and learn why we grow these amazing plants.

Isn't that a big part of what the NECPS is about? Sharing the knowledge, the growing skills, the plants with each other and the general public, letting others know about the plants we enjoy growing, and sharing with them how to grow them? Sharing the times we do together at the society meetings and events, exchanging ideas in person and on line, and growing. Growing the plants, and growing ourselves. As our plants grow, as our collections grow, as the society grows, so we grow also, so we learn from each other. We grow and learn when we talk to people at the shows, we grow and learn as we try new things to help the NECPS at its events, and we grow and learn as we interact with all the people we come in contact with thru our love of these plants.

The NECPS is about growing plants. But it's also about the growth of each one of us, as we move along in life and learn more. Not only about Carnivorous Plants, but about people, about interacting with others, and ultimately, learning more about ourselves thru the plants, thru the Society, and thru each other. Yes, the NECPS is about the plants. But it is each and every member we have and come in contact with that makes the NECPS the special group it is. A society that can make even the dreary month of February brighter for all.

Namaste,

John Phillip, Jr

NECPS Program: March 8th 2008

"Shopping at Logee's!"

This month's meeting program is "Shopping at Logee's."

Logee's Greenhouses have existed for over 80 years and they carry a wide assortment of interesting plants. There's nothing wrong with a little self-indulgence from time to time, and our meeting at Logee's is certainly one of those times. Relax, enjoy, and shop. And as a courtesy to others, just be sure you've mastered the "Logee's Shuffle" before shopping!

Other business:

- There will be plants on display. Please bring as many plants as you can, as the public has been notified by the Logee's staff that we will be meeting at the greenhouses and there may be lots of folk interested in seeing CPs!

- There will be NO silent auction.
- We will have a brief discussion about the Boston Flower Show and our upcoming visits to the UConn greenhouses (April) and New York Botanical Gardens (May).

New Members

CP Tidbit for March

“Tips on the Cultivation of Pygmy Drosera”

I have been growing four species of pygmy sundews for 5 years and wish to share some information regarding their indoor cultivation.

There are several important things to think about after acquiring your pygmy sundew. **1.** First, be careful about how much light you give them—some can take long periods of direct sunlight but many cannot. I keep them 4” under 160W daylight fluorescent lights with a 15 h photoperiod. **2.** Second, be sure never to let them dry out but, also, don’t keep them sitting in water—evenly moist is their preference. **3.** Third, when watering from the top, be careful not to damage the tiny plants with a deluge of water! I usually water from the bottom to avoid this but every so often, I’ll gently water from the top to rinse the mix of any salt buildup. **4.** Fourth, water with distilled or rainwater to prevent aforementioned salts from accumulating.

5. Fifth, don’t worry too much about humidity—if the medium is constantly moist the local humidity should be high enough. **6.** Sixth, I foliar fertilize them once per month with a ½ strength urea-free orchid fertilizer (20-10-20). **7.** Seventh, be careful not to overdo the fertilizing as these plants can be easily overrun by carpet moss. **8.** Eighth, remove that carpet moss before it chokes your plants—it can be very difficult to remove once it’s taken a hold of the pot and you can easily uproot your pygmies in the process.

9. Ninth, propagate them using the gemmae that they produce. **10.** Tenth: how do you induce the production of gemmae? Easy, just reduce the temperature (50-70F) and photoperiod. **11.** Eleventh, pot the gemmae on the surface of a deep (6-7”) pot, using a 1:1 peat:coarse silica sand mix, give them high humidity until they germinate, then slowly acclimatize them to lower levels.

There, the cultivation of the common pygmy sundews is as easy as that!

Good growing,

~ Ken Sicard

Note: If anyone has cultivation tips that they’d like to share, please contact me.

Secretary’s Minutes

February 9, 2008 — Attendance (Meeting): 29

Meeting Notes: We discussed/did the following:

- Priscilla Purinton led the meeting.
- NECPS plant display at the upcoming NESFS.
- Rhode Island and Connecticut Flower shows.
- Voted on having the April meeting at UConn and the May meeting at the NYBG.
- Dave Sackett presented the program “The Cultivation of Heliamphora.”
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- A silent auction was held.

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

“The New England Spring Flower Show”

- The New England Spring Flower Show begins next Saturday, March 8 and runs all week until March 16. Thank you very much to the following members who have generously donated their plants and/or time for our spectacular plant display:
 - Shaun Montminy (Event Coordinator)**
 - John Phillip (donated LOTS of plants)**
 - Emily Troiano**
 - Bill Matthews**
 - Jeff Matteson**
 - Matt Opel**
 - Priscilla Purinton**
 - Ken Sicard**
- a. We still need volunteers to educate the public about our display on each day of the show.
- b. We also need volunteers to “check in” on the plants during the mornings prior to the show opening—2 people can check in BEFORE the show starts- parking and admission are free so long as you leave BEFORE the show starts. Watering times are as follows:
 - Saturday & Sunday, March 8 & 9, 6:00-7:00am
 - Monday – Friday, March 10-March 14, 7:00-9:00am
 - Saturday & Sunday, March 15 & 16, 6:00-7:00am
- c. We need one volunteer for “Geek Night” on Tuesday, March 11 (see prior email).
- The RI and CT Shows were a huge success. Thanks to **Bill and Dena Matthews** for setting up the NECPS booth at the CT Show, and to **Matt Opel**, and **Bob and Lauren Rafka** for manning the booth. Thanks to **John Phillip** for representing the Society at the RI Show, and to **Emily Toiano** and **Shaun Montminy** for manning the booth.

- Thank you to **Dave Sackett** for giving a wonderful presentation on the cultivation of Heliamphora at the last meeting. Everyone was impressed and thankful for his tips!
- The RWP Botanical Garden is looking for a group that will work together to plan, coordinate and run different events for the Botanical Center. Please see the attachment for more details.

Nursery / Mail Orders

- There are no current nursery orders in progress. Please contact the Nursery/Mail Order Coordinator with any suggestions.

~ 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.
- The NECPS Library inventory and library policy has been attached to the end of the newsletter.

~ Alan Winn, Librarian

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report will be available at the meeting.
- Membership dues are due in January for the 2008 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, Shaun Montminy. Dues may also be paid by mailing a check to:

NECPS
PO Box 606
Saunderstown, RI 02874

~ Dave Sackett, Treasurer

Program Outline for 2008

Meeting Date	Location/Program
January 13	RWP Botanical Center Nepenthes Cuttings
February 19	RWP Botanical Center

March 8	How to Grow Heliamphora Logee's Greenhouse Tour
April 12	UConn Greenhouses (program undetermined)
May 10	NY Botanical Gardens
June 14	RWP Botanical Center (program undetermined)
June "x" (date TBD)	Bogwalk with the RIWPS Walk
July "x" (date TBD)	Great Swamp Bog Walk (no official meeting)
August 9	Blackjungle (cookout)
September 13	RWP Botanical Center Annual Show Discussion
September 27-28	6 th Annual NECPS Show (RWP Botanical Center)
October 11	RWP Botanical Center Post-Show Discussion
November 8	RWP Botanical Center (program undetermined)
December 13	RWP Botanical Center Annual Holiday Party

- 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 2008. Please contact one of the Officers with questions or if you have a suggestion for a meeting place.

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- NECPS website: www.necps.org
- NECPS Yahoo Group: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/NECPS/>

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 greenhouses at the Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI at 12:30pm. Meetings are occasionally held at other locations. Visit the website for information on the next meeting and for travel directions:

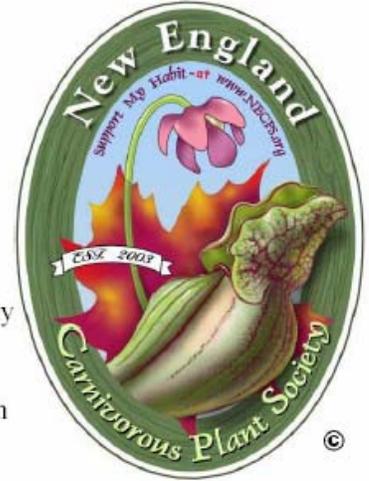
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Membership

Regular, \$20/year
Family, \$25/year
Student (any age), \$10/year

For more information contact:
New England Carnivorous Plant Society
P.O. Box 606
Saunderstown, RI 02874
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Please fill out form below and submit with payment to Shaun Montminy, Membership Secretary.

New England Carnivorous Plant Society - Membership Application and Renewal Form

Check one of the following: Application for: New Membership Renewing Membership

Type of membership: Student Membership (\$10) Regular Membership (\$20) Family Membership (\$25)

Type of payment: Cash Check (Please make check payable to "New England Carnivorous Plant Society") Check number _____

Please print the following clearly:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Family names to be included and separated by semicolon ";" (if applying for family membership only):

Mail Address 1: _____

Mail Address 2: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the NECPS? _____

Would you be able to attend the RI meetings? No Yes Yes, but I need to carpool

All new members please be sure to inquire about our welcome packs as well as getting your temporary membership card

NECPS Library Policy

The loan period for all items including: books, magazines, and videos are 1 month with one renewal period. No renewals are allowed for books, magazines and videos on reserve.

All material will be stored at a secure location deemed by the library committee and confirmed by the Executive board.

Failure to bring back books within 2 months will result in loss of borrowing privileges!

A valid membership number must be presented by any member wishing to check out any NECPS library materials. Cards are not transferable. You are responsible for any materials checked out in your name.

NECPS library patrons may take out one (1) item as they are willing to be responsible for. NECPS library patrons may sign up for one (1) additional book such that at the end of the meeting if no one has already signed up for the item you will be allotted to take that item for the duration until the next meeting. When there is a high demand for a particular item, there will be a limit of one (1) item per person. The only exception to the above rules are for approved functions by the Executive board that are sponsored by the NECPS may reserve any and all material providing a months notice is given to guarantee that material will be available.

The NECPS Library reserves the right to determine charges for lost or damaged materials and the right to deny borrowing privileges to anyone who has library materials overdue for more than two (2) months to the NECPS library or owes fines amounting to more than ten dollars (\$10.00) from the NECPS. The NECPS library also reserves the right to deny borrowing privileges to any parent or guardian whose child and/or children has the above delinquencies.

All material taken from the NECPS library is the responsibility of the NECPS library patrons. For one of a kind items NECPS library has the right to refrain from loaning the material and may keep it as a reference item to be viewed solely at meetings and functions.

Please be kind. Rewind the videos before returning them to the NECPS library. Patrons are responsible for damage to videos, so please be careful. Never leave the tape partially rewound as this can cause damage to the tape. Also, videocassettes and equipment are to be used at room temperature as extremes of heat and cold may damage the video or equipment. Also exposure to magnetic fields can cause erasure or distortion.

The NECPS library is not responsible for damage to patron's VCR that may result from damaged or defective videos.

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NECPS Library Inventory

Title	Author	Donor
Lost World 2 DVD Set	Redfern Natural History Productions Limited	John Phillip
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Carnivorous Plants of the World	James & Patricia Pietropaolo	Shaun Montminy
Gardening with Carnivores	Nick Romanowski	Shaun Montminy
Growing Carnivorous Plants	Barry A. Rice	Shaun Montminy
Cryptozoo Crew	Allan Gross & Jerry Carr	Dave Sackett
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (softcover)	Stewart Mcpherson	Shaun Montminy
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (hardcover)	Stewart Mcpherson	John Phillip
Death Trap	Nature	Shaun Montminy
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Venus Flytraps Bladderworts, and other Wild and Amazing Plants	National Geographic Science Chapters	Blackjungle.com
Hungry Plants	Mary Batten, illustrated by Paul Mirocha	Blackjungle.com