



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

May 2008 Newsletter

NECPS's May 2008 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY May 10TH at 12:00pm at the:

New York Botanical Garden

New York City, NY

www.nybg.org

(see website or pg. 8 for directions)

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

I'm looking out the window as I write this, looking at the rain and fog that is so common in Southern New England at this time of year. The calendar says "spring" but it is just as common to have a freezing morning as it is to have a warm, balmy afternoon. And oh, those spring rains....

I always look forward to the warmer rains of spring, for what they can do to and for my plants. The winter's been harsh on the plants inside, no matter how much we all try to pamper and care for them. Humidity trays, misting, terrariums, carefully locating plants inside, all these things we do cannot make up entirely for the dry air of winter, both inside and out. Not matter how much we try and do the bog plants we grow cannot get enough moisture and air movement to really thrive. And then the weather warms a bit, spring arrives and those beautiful rains come.

It is a beautiful time to watch nature awaken. And I always try to get my plants outside as soon as the life giving rains come. Sometimes too early, for I want the plants to drink in the moisture and humidity so much I occasionally rush them outside. But the rainy, foggy, cloudy wet days are soo much more forgiving than the warm sun drenched ones that can burn a leaf in a few hours. The rains always always do a so much better job of watering and reviving than we can ever hope to do. Mother Nature shows us we are a poor second to her when we try to copy her ways inside.

So let's welcome the spring rains that may force us inside this time of year. Is getting upset over a delayed bike ride or cook out really that important, when we look at what those rains can and do for the plants we love? Let's get the plants outside, let's give them the water they yearn for, and lets all enjoy what the rains of spring do for the world around us!

Namaste,

John Phillip, Jr
President and Founder

NECPS Program: May 10th 2008

"Trip to the New York Botanical Garden"

A grand museum of plants. A place to relax, rejuvenate, and experience the wonders of nature. A living "tip sheet" for your home garden. The NYBG is all of these things and more!

Founded in 1891, the Garden is one of the world's great collections of plants, the region's leading educational center for gardening and horticulture, and an international center for plant research. The Garden is alive with opportunities for discovery, from an "ecotour" of the world in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory to an innovative indoor/outdoor science museum for kids to 50 exquisite gardens and plant collections, all on a 250-acre National Historic Landmark site in New York City's Bronx borough.

Come join us for the NECPS' first visit to the NYBG! There's something there for everyone.

Other business:

- Having fun will be the only business of this meeting!

New Members

- We welcomed 17 new members in 2007. Let's hope we grow even more in 2008!

CP Tidbit for May

May is a good time to start bringing plants outside. Keep in mind two things when bringing plants outside. First, the sudden exposure to strong outdoor sunlight can quickly burn tender leaves of plants that have been growing indoors. Try bringing plants out on cloudy days first, keep them under shade cloth, or keep them in a shady location like the North side of a house for one or two weeks to ensure the plants have hardened off. Gradually expose them to more light. Of course, most hardened plants should be protected from the harshest sun and it is important to keep in mind that plants have different preferences for the amount (full sun, part sun, shade) and duration of illumination.

Also, be wary of temperatures that can drop rapidly in the evening. The temps do not have to go below freezing to hurt plants. If you take plants outside in May, you should check the weather forecast regularly as nighttime frosts and freezes (and even snow) are not impossible weather for May in New England.

If you are unsure of your plant's requirements, research the subject or ask other growers in the NECPS.

Good growing!

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

Secretary's Minutes

April 12, 2008 — Attendance (Meeting): 40

Meeting Notes:

- Dr. Opel gave a remarkable presentation on South African carnivorous plants and, afterwards, gave a personal tour of the UConn greenhouses.
- We voted to put in a bid for the 2010 International Carnivorous Plant Society Meeting.

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

- Aidan Selwyn, a friend of the NECPS and owner of Insektenfang Plants, has created a new online carnivorous plant forum: <http://www.insektenfang.com/ipforum/index.php?act=idx>
Please visit the forum and join.

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 (South African CPs)
May 10	NYBG
June 14	RWP Botanical Center (Rebuilding of the Bog)
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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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:

<http://www.NECPS.org>



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
Email: necps_membership@yahoo.com



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.

The copyright proprietor has licensed the picture contained in these videocassettes for private home use only and prohibits other use, copying, reproduction, or performance in public, in whole or in part. (U.S. Code, Title 17, Sec. 501 & 506).

Directions to the NYBG

TO THE GARDEN BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

By Metro-North Railroad: Take the Metro-North Harlem local line to Botanical Garden Station. Walk across Kazimiroff Boulevard to the Garden's Mosholu Gate entrance.

Just 20 minutes from Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan

Also convenient from other locations

By Subway: Take the B, D, or 4 train to Bedford Park Blvd Station. From the station exit:

- Take the Bx 26 bus east to the Garden's Mosholu Gate entrance.
- OR walk eight blocks down the hill on Bedford Park Blvd to the end (approximately 20 minutes). Turn left onto Kazimiroff Blvd and walk one block to Mosholu Gate entrance.

For schedules and maps, visit the [MTA Web site](#).

TO THE GARDEN BY CAR

From Manhattan (West Side): West Side Hwy North to Henry Hudson Pkwy North to Mosholu Pkwy (Exit 24). Continue to the end. Turn right onto Kazimiroff Blvd. At the third traffic light, turn left into the Garden.

From Manhattan (East Side): FDR Drive North to Triborough Bridge to Bruckner Expwy East (I-278) to Bronx River Pkwy North to Fordham Rd (Exit 7W). Merge onto Fordham Rd and stay in right lane. Turn right onto Kazimiroff Blvd, and continue to the Garden entrance on the right.

From Westchester County: Saw Mill River Pkwy South to Cross County Pkwy East (**OR** Hutchinson River Pkwy South to Cross County Pkwy West) to Bronx River Pkwy South to Fordham Rd (Exit 7W). Merge onto Fordham Rd and stay in right lane. Turn right onto Kazimiroff Blvd, and continue to the Garden entrance on the right.

From Connecticut: New England Thruway South (I-95) to Pelham Parkway West (Exit 8C). Pelham Pkwy turns into Fordham Rd after 2 miles. Turn right onto Kazimiroff Blvd, and continue to the Garden entrance on the right.

OR Merritt Pkwy South to Hutchinson River Pkwy South to Cross County Pkwy West to Bronx River Pkwy South to Fordham Road (Exit 7W) Merge onto Fordham Rd and stay in right lane. Turn right onto Kazimiroff Blvd, and continue to the Garden entrance on the right.

From Long Island: Throgs Neck Bridge to New England Thruway (I-95) North to Pelham Pkwy West (Exit 8C). Pelham Pkwy turns into Fordham Rd after 2 miles. Turn right onto Kazimiroff Blvd, and continue to the Garden entrance on the right.

From Upstate NY: NYS Thruway South (I-87) to Saw Mill River Pkwy South (Exit 7A, just south of I-287) to Mosholu Pkwy (Exit 24). Continue to the end. Turn right onto Kazimiroff Blvd. At the third traffic light, turn left into the Garden.

From New Jersey: George Washington Bridge to Henry Hudson Pkwy North to Mosholu Pkwy (Exit 24). Continue to the end. Turn right onto Kazimiroff Blvd. At the third traffic light, turn left into the Garden.

From Brooklyn and Queens: Bronx-Whitestone Bridge to Hutchinson River Pkwy North to Bruckner Expwy West (I-278) to Bronx River Pkwy North to Fordham Rd (Exit 7W). Merge onto Fordham Rd and stay in right lane. Turn right onto Kazimiroff Blvd, and continue to the Garden entrance on the right.

Directions from Manhattan or Long Island may be preferable, depending on your starting point.