



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

June 2008 Newsletter

NECPS's June 2008 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY June 14TH at 12:30pm at the:

**Roger Williams Park Botanical Center (Greenhouse)
1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907
<http://www.providenceri.com/botanical-center/>**

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The NECPS continues to grow and become more popular and well known in New England and elsewhere, and all sorts of great things are happening and planned. The one thing we need the most often to help get things done, is YOU!

We have the Fall show coming up in September, and we hope to have a bigger and better show than ever before. It is already the largest plant event at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Gardens each year, and we need more help, ideas and input to make the 2008 show the greatest yet!

We need more ideas to help the society continue to grow and be exciting! We are planning a trip to the Green Swamp in North Carolina, and more annual field trips like our recent one to the NY Botanical gardens. But we still need more ideas and help planning these and other events to help make them a reality.

We need more people who are willing to give talks in front of the NECPS when we have our meetings at the Roger Williams Park Botanical gardens. ANYONE can pick a topic, do some research, and help educate other members in any number of topics. We just need YOU to volunteer.

The thing that brings us together is our love for the plants we grow, collect and enjoy. But the thing that keeps us going, the most important part of the NECPS is the membership, and the excitement and fun we all bring to the meetings and events.

Yes, we need your help. We need you all to get involved. To come to a meeting, have fun, and enjoy the society, adding what you can, and getting back so much more. Because the greatest thing about the NECPS, is YOU, and every member who is involved!

Namaste,

John Phillip, Jr
President and Founder

NECPS Program: June 14th 2008

“A Scientific Investigation of *Nepenthes distillatoria* Pitcher Fluid”

&

“Creation of a new bog at the RWP Botanical Center”

Roberto Barberena, a graduate student at Northeastern University talking about his plans to analyze the fluid found in *Nepenthes* pitchers and the impact such knowledge could have on numerous fields of study, including AIDS research! The NECPS is helping Mr. Barberena with his research by maintaining a large collection of *N. distillatoria* for him—who would have ever thought that one day, the society could be playing a role in the development of medical treatments for people! You won't want to miss this program.

In addition, we will be creating a new bog garden at the RWP Botanical Center! The bog garden is one of the simplest and most popular methods of growing *Sarracenia* and other carnivorous plants. You'll learn what materials are needed to construct a bog, the soil mix used to fill it, and tips on how to design the layout for your bog. After attending this meeting, you'll have greater confidence in how to create a CP bog and at the same time, you'll be helping the NECPS in its mission to educate the public on wonders of carnivorous plants.

*Creating a bog can be rough on the hands—please bring work gloves with you!

Other business:

- There WILL be a silent auction and plants on display. Members are encouraged to contribute to both.
- A preliminary discussion of the upcoming 6th Annual NECPS Carnivorous Plant Show. Bill Matthews will be bringing some of the fantastic posters he's created especially for the show!
- The **JUNE** bog walk at the Great Swamp with the RIWPS—yes, that is JUNE.
- The fieldtrip to the Green Swamp in North Carolina scheduled for July.
- As always, the Society will provide refreshments, but feel free to bring some goodies along to help!

New Members

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

CP Tidbit for June

I'm sorry, there were no contributions for this edition.

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

Secretary's Minutes

May 10, 2008 — Attendance (Meeting): 22

Meeting Notes:

- We went to the New York Botanical Gardens on a beautiful spring day and had fun!

~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.
- Stewart McPherson, author of Pitcher Plants of the Americas, has just published two new books on CPs and generously donated copies to the NECPS Library! The Board decided to make him an Honorary Member in appreciation for his continued support of the Society. We are trying to determine if a group order can be placed for purchase of his two books which are:
Glistening Carnivores: The Sticky-Leaved Insect-Eating Plants
Lost Worlds of the Guiana Highlands

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 How to Grow Heliamphora
March 8	Logee's Greenhouse Tour
April 12	UConn Greenhouses (South African CPs)
May 10	NYBG
June 14	RWP Botanical Center (Nepenthes pitcher fluid)
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.

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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.”