



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

November 2008 Newsletter

NECPS's November 2008 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY November 8TH 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

A Happy Thanksgiving season to everyone! Fall has really arrived, everyone in the NECPS area should have had a real killing frost by now, and we are beginning the season of hunkering down for the winter ahead. I'd like to share a little event that happened to me, and made me think of giving thanks.

I recently had the chance to teach a class at our home meeting area, the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center. As part of our partner agreement, we are asked to do this to help raise awareness and funds for the educational events and the botanical center itself. Anyone in the NECPS can volunteer to teach a class, and after you hear this you may want to think more about it.

The class I was teaching this time was an Introduction to Feeding and Growing CP's for Kids. The class consisted of young kids accompanied by a parent, and they were told they'd all go home with a Carnivorous Plant for themselves after learning all about them. Not bad for a \$15 class!! When the class started I had 7 groups of parents/kids, with the kids aged 5 to 12 years old. VERY interestingly, all the kids were girls! Who says girls are not interested in science at any age!

The class went wonderfully! We passed around sundews, pitcher plants, butterworts, even some flowering bladderworts. We had a chance to cut open a Sarracenia and a Nepenthes, we passed around handouts for the kids and parents about how to grow the plants at home. Then we went over to the display in the greenhouse, talked about the plants there and what they ate, and after seeing how a Fly Trap was fed, ALL the kids (and most parents) got the chance to feed multiple plants! Then, to top it off the people were told that there had been a change in the plans, and they would not be going home with one plant, but everyone got TWO plants, a VFT and a Cape Sundew (compliments of the NECPS and especially Wild Bill!). The class was a wonderful success.

Afterwards as I was packing up I was speaking to one of the mothers about the class. She informed me that I'd spoken about CP's to her daughter's 3rd grade class last spring. I asked the girl what school, and after she told me I remembered the class well, it was a very well behaved and insightful class in Swansea MA. (keep in mind I may do as many as 10 or more of these each year, it can be hard to remember individual classes). The Mom told me that after that class, her daughter had come home all excited about the plants and they had gone out and gotten a VFT and grown it, then had come to our show in September and purchased more plants, and they were all excited to come to the class they'd just attended. What a wonderful story!

So often in life we do not see how our actions impact others, how even the little things we do can affect others in many various ways. Especially considering how a few hours of an adult's time can start a young mind on a beautiful journey into science, and maybe lead that mind to other things in the future. Unlimited things that that mind may uncover and discover on their own!

This Thanksgiving season, I am thankful for many things. But not the least of them is the chance that the NECPS has given me to meet so many wonderful people, and to have given me the chance to touch some of the lives that I have, in a positive way. It is both a very fulfilling, yet humbling experience that I have had and shared with you all.

We ALL have shared so much in this society, the ups and downs, the plants themselves, the laughter, the work, and so many more things. All of us have touched many others while doing this, all of us have learned and helped others learn, all of us have grown and helped others to grow. And all of us have many things to be thankful for.

I thank you all for what we have shared this past year, and what we shall share in the future.

Namaste,

John Phillip, Jr
President and Founder

NECPS Program: November 8th 2008

“Bog Cleaning”

Hard work pays off! That’s what my mother always told me. It seems like all of the hard work we put into creating the bog at the Roger Williams Park has paid off in spades—the staff love it, visitors are amazed, and we members are all very proud.

However, my mother also told me “never rest on your laurels”....so, it’s that time of year when we must get together and give the bog a needed face-lift. There are weeds to remove, pests to kill, and plants to plant!

Please bring your gloves, shears, and other gardening tools to the meeting.

Remember how fun it was to build the bog and the satisfaction felt afterwards? Come help us on Saturday to ensure the bog continues to amaze everyone.

Other business:

- There WILL be a silent auction and plants on display. Members are encouraged to contribute.

~Ken Sicard

New Members

Warm welcome to the new members who joined at the show!

**Joann Foley
Redmondi Foley
Harrison Foley
Eli Lurie
John Leonart
Kenny Salhany
James Thorbjorassen**

CP Tidbit for November

Think Spring!

Well, start thinking about spring now. The earlier you think about the next season the more prepared you’ll be, and the more fun you’ll have. Some Ideas:

- What seeds do you need and want? Now is the time to look for the seeds of the temperate plants that will need stratifying over the winter. Look for them now so you'll have them by early January to give them the cold treatment they will need.
- Did you have bugs last year? Clean the outdoor growing spaces (and any indoor space also) of all the dead and leftover material that will let the nasties overwinter to re~infect your collection in the spring. Discard outside away from the growing areas or burn any old, infected material.
- Will big temperate plants need repotting next spring? Check them now while they still have some growth, get ideas for the sizes of pots you will need, and maybe even start looking for some new pots. Many garden centers and home centers have amazing close out sales of pots now, and you can really score some bargains. And you'll be less hurried now and in the busy spring if you plan ahead now!
- For the plants growing inside, think water and humidity. Just 3 or 4 months ago the dew points were in the 50's and 60's... now they are in the 20's and 30's!! That lower humidity means plants may need to be watered more often in the dry days of winter. And work on increasing humidity inside also! Humidity trays filled with pebbles, grouping plants together to raise humidity, maybe even adding a humidifier to the house will help the plants do better this winter. Also, it may help those who have dry skin and sinus issues all winter from the dry air!
- Thinking of a new garden for the CP's next spring? Start planning where and what will go into it, and look for the dormant plants you might want to order. And remember the NECPS silent auctions!
- And most importantly, plan for the NECPS Yankee swap at the December meeting!

~ John Phillip

Secretary's Minutes

October 11, 2008 — Attendance: 14

Meeting Notes:

- We discussed the things that went well at the Annual Show and things that could be improved for next year's show. Things that could be improved are: show advertisement, better advertisement of lectures during the show, and increasing the number of vendors.
- We also shared stories about the plants we purchased or won at the show and talked about all the fun we had!
- There was a silent auction and a plant display.

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

John discovered this carnivorous pumpkin on his front porch. From the look of the teeth, it may have some *N. bicalcarata* in its parentage!



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	Bogwalk with the RIWPS Walk
July	Great Swamp Bog Walk (no official meeting)
August 3	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 (Bog Cleaning)
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:

<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
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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.

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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.”