



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

July 2009 Newsletter

NECPS's July 2009 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY July 11TH at 12:30pm at the:

University of Rhode Island (Greenhouses)

14 Upper College Rd, Kingston, RI 02881

http://www.uri.edu/home/visitors/Map/kingston_direction.html

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

Hello everyone, are you ready for some summer?

I think we all are ready for summer and have been for quite some time. Mother Nature however, has not been overly cooperative this year in helping summer along. But hopefully, as this newsletter reaches us all, we will finally, FINALLY have some good summer growing weather. Then maybe our plants will catch up to where they need to be, and we can enjoy some summer sun and warmth.

July is a different month for the NECPS, and this month is very different. For the first time, we will be having a 'regular' meeting. I say regular, but it will be anything but that, since we will be building a Bog at the University of Rhode Island with noted grower Michael Szesze. This is a wonderful chance for the members to ask questions, participate in the program and really get some hands on experience and knowledge. And, we will be promoting the plants we love and the society at the University. I have a soft place in my heart for URI, since that was where I really started my growing of Carnivorous Plants, and got going on my love for strange plants in general, along with falling in love with the Southern Rhode Island area. All that back over 30 years ago! I hope you all enjoy the visit and join in to help.

Also, I'd be severely remiss if I did not let the society know about, and thank Joseph Cantasano for his wonderfully generous donation of plants to the NECPS! In Early June I drove down to Long Island and gathered up about 28 garbage bags of Sarracenia, VFTs and Sundews that Joe was donating to a good home. The number, size and Quality of the plants was simply amazing! They have all been repotted at the potting party help at my house, and will shortly be at the Roger Williams Botanical garden greenhouse for the society to use in displays, shows and educational programs. It is rare to find anyone as knowledgeable and generous as Joe, and I have let him know that he and his wife are invited to the NECPS fall show as our guests. I hope that if he can make any meeting, the members of the society will all show their thanks for the fantastic donation!

It's not a typical July at the NECPS. But when you grow plants like we do, is anything really ever 'normal'?

See you all at the bog building and meeting!

Namaste

John Phillip, Jr

President and Founder

NECPS Program: July 11th 2009

“How to Create & Maintain a Carnivorous Plant Bog”

This month, we have the honor and pleasure of having Michael Szesze as a guest speaker. Michael Szesze is an award-winning science teacher of 30 years. His accolades include the Maryland Science Teacher-of-the-Year, the Maryland Alternate to the NASA Teacher-In-Space Project, and the National Science Foundation VIP-Outstanding Physics Teacher. Michael's love and enthusiasm for science have inspired thousands of students and teachers alike in his classes, workshops, conference presentations and seminars. Michael's insight into excellence in teaching and learning express themselves in the high quality educational materials he has developed. These materials use help students explore the fascinating world of carnivorous plants as well as develop experiences with inquiry science. He has been raising carnivorous plants since childhood and is an accomplished photographer.

Michael will be showing us how to create and maintain a carnivorous plant bog. He will give a Powerpoint presentation highlighting his keys to success, then we will go to the greenhouses for a hands-on bog-building workshop. Michael has cared for thousands of plants at his nursery and has a great deal of experience which he will share with us all.

Michael will also bring a good assortment of quality carnivorous plants for sale. If you would like anything in particular, visit his webpage (www.carnivorousplantnursery.com), and email me with your requests.

Make it a point to show up to this meeting: this is a rare opportunity to learn from an “expert.” Presentations like this are one of the key benefits of being a member of the NECPS and be sure to take advantage of it.

After the meeting, John Phillip, NECPS President, will host a BBQ at his house in nearby Narragansett, RI. Directions to John's house will be provided to those at the meeting who wish to go. The BBQ is a fun time and John and his wife are great hosts!

A notable guest speaker, great plants for purchase, and a BBQ on the same day! Another meeting not to be missed!

Other business:

- There WILL be a silent auction.

New Members

Warm welcome to these new members that signed-up since December!:

Gerard, Graham, and Sheila Hoogeboom
Kelly, Maxwell, Mike, and Nathan Riley

CP Tidbit for July

Unfortunately, there is no Tidbit for this month.

~ Ken Sicard

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

Secretary's Minutes

June 13, 2009 — Attendance (Meeting): 14

Meeting Notes:

- Progress on the website was discussed. Dan Downey was placed in charge of website development.
- We discussed the Sarracenia donation from Joe.
- We discussed the July meeting.
- We had a tour of the greenhouses and a bog-walk afterwards, both led by Dr. Matt Opel.

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

The website is under construction. Please visit the prototype at: www.plantraits.com

Bring your suggestions to the meeting, or contact Dan by clicking the "contact webmaster" link at the bottom of the page, and place "NECPS" in the title.

Nursery / Mail Orders

- There are no active nursery orders.

~ 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 2009 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 2009

Meeting Date	Location/Program
January 10	RWP Botanical Center Nepenthes Cuttings
February 14	RWP Botanical Center "A Potpourri of Activities"
March 14	TBA
April 11	RWP Botanical Center Educational CD Presentation
May 9	RWP Botanical Center Sarracenia repotting & Bog reconstruction
June 13	UCONN Tour of the UCONN Greenhouses
July 11	*Special Meeting* Michael Szesze Carnivorous plant nursery
August 8 *	Blackjungle (cookout)
September 12	RWP Botanical Center Annual Show Discussion
September 27-28	7 th Annual NECPS Show (RWP Botanical Center)
October 10	RWP Botanical Center Post-Show Discussion
November 14	RWP Botanical Center TBA
December 12	RWP Botanical Center

Annual Holiday Party

* Cookout date tentative. TBA = to be announced

- 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
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 URI:

By Car

From the north, take I-95 South to Exit 9 (Route 4 South) in RHODE ISLAND, follow Route 4 to Route 1 South. Stay on Route 1 until the intersection of Route 138 West. Route 138 West will bring you to the University.

From the south, take I-95 North to Exit 3A (Route 138 East). Continue east on Route 138 to the University.

From Newport, follow Route 138 West over the Newport and Jamestown bridges to Route 1. Take Route 1 South to Route 138 West. Follow Route 138 West to the University.

NECPS 7th Annual Fall Carnivorous Plant Show PRESS RELEASE

Contact: John Phillip, Jr
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For Immediate release: April 10 2009

The 7th Annual Fall Carnivorous Plant Show **Sponsored by the New England Carnivorous Plant Society**

Providence RI: The award winning New England Carnivorous Plant Society (NECPS) will again be hosting the **Fall Carnivorous Plant Show** at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center Providence RI. Plant lovers and all those who enjoy something different will be able to get up close to hundreds of carnivorous plants exhibited by the members of the NECPS. Featured plants will include pitcher plants from Malaysia with traps the size of softballs that are capable of eating lizards and mice, There will also be sundews from Australia ranging from the size of a dime to 12+ inches high and the ever-popular Venus Fly trap. For you native plant lovers, NECPS will also display carnivorous plants that grow locally in Rhode Island and throughout New England.

This is the largest collection of carnivorous plants displayed yearly on the east coast and the most popular show at the Botanical Center.

Over 300 plants are scheduled to be on display !
Free seminars on growing and feeding carnivorous plants will be offered!
Lots of opportunities for photographers!

Visit the Venus Fly Trap feeding area where you can observe up close how these plants devour insects. Plants and growing accessories will be available for purchase for both novice and experienced growers from carnivorous plant vendors and the NECPS. The permanent carnivorous plant bog exhibit will also be available for viewing. Society members will be present both days to explain how the plants feed, what they eat, where they live, and how they can be grown and enjoyed at home.

Admission to the show is FREE with the purchase of regular admission to the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center

Admission to the RWP Botanical Center is \$3 for adults
\$1 Children 6 to12, under 6 FREE

Dates and times: Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 11:00 AM till 4:00 PM
Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 10:00 AM till 3:00 PM

Location: Roger Williams Park Botanical Center
1000 Elmwood Avenue
Providence RI 02905

For additional information about this exciting upcoming event, please visit www.NECPS.org
Or email to johnatthebeach@cox.net

(Please note that this event is not located at the Zoo. The Botanical Center Greenhouses are located across from the Providence Police Mounted Command station in the Park. Follow directional signs located throughout the park or visit www.NECPS.org for directions.)

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