



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

January 2010 Newsletter

NECPS's January 2010 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY January 9TH at 12:30pm at the:

**Tower Hill Botanical Garden, Classroom B
11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505
www.towerhillbg.org**

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

As we start a new year and a new decade in the NECPS, we need to especially remember one thing. The 2010 NECPS Fall Carnivorous Plant show is ONLY 9 months away! Time to get going on things for the show!

Maybe (hopefully) the sense of urgency about the show is not here yet, as we have lots of time, places to go, things to do and see before our show in September. But the run to the show does start each year in January with one of the most anticipated meetings of the year, the Annual Nepenthes Cutting meeting. Plants that we will propagate at this meeting may well be stars at the September show. The excitement starts to build now!

When the NECPS was first started, the founding plan was for a society that would enable members see things they'd never seen before, learn things about the plants they'd never known, and help the members enlarge their collections of Carnivorous Plants. The silent auctions were designed for just that purpose, helping to spread the plants we have around. One of the earliest Society meetings was a 'Pygmae Drosera Gemmae planting meeting' where all the members present went home with new pygmae sundew plants that they planted. And in the dead of a New England winter, we now always have a Nepenthes cutting meeting. A meeting at the coldest, darkest time of the year where we can all go home with some new tropical plants to grow and nurture in the coming spring, summer and fall. That has made the January Nepenthes Cutting meeting one of the most popular meetings of the year. Just ask Dave Sackett what happened when we tried to cancel it one year. It's a great story.

Of course, the plants do not just materialize; we all have to try to bring an overgrown plant or two for members to take cuttings of. But the excitement over who will bring what, what we will come home with, what new plants will be growing in our homes afterwards, maybe it makes the holiday season last a little longer. It definitely does brighten a cold New England winter's day.

And to help that day be a little brighter, the meeting this year is at a new location for us: Tower Hill Botanical garden has opened its doors for us and welcomed our members and participation. A chance for the NECPS members to see even more plants, new places, and spread the interest of the plants we love to grow, Carnivorous Plants!

So I hope everyone will bring a plant or two this weekend, and come to a beautiful Botanical Garden, Tower Hill, and enjoy what has become one of the most anticipated meetings the NECPS has had. What a wonderful way to start a New Decade, a New Year with the New England Carnivorous Plant Society!

Namaste,

John Phillip Jr.

NECPS Program: January 9th 2010

"Hands-on Workshop on how to make Nepenthes Cuttings"

As you may know the NECPS has recently entered into an exciting collaboration with Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boyleston, MA. In the coming months we will be putting on three educational presentations and holding the beloved January Nepenthes propagation workshop there. This new

location will allow us to introduce more people to Carnivorous plants and make it easier for northern members to get to the years most popular meeting.

The inaugural events will be held on January 9th. Dwight Bramble and Don Gallant will give a talk entitled "Carnivorous Plants for Kids" from 10:30 to 11:30am. You may register your children for this program by contacting Tower Hill at (508) 869-6111. This will be followed one hour later by the annual Nepenthes Propagation meeting. It will be open to the public but only paid members may take part hands on in the workshop.

As part of the deal with Tower Hill NECPS members will receive free admission all day on Jan 9th. You are encouraged to arrive early, before the meeting starts, to walk around and enjoy the fantastic plants on display in the Greenhouse, unusual botanical themed items in the gift shop and tasty food in the cafe. There are also many miles of walking trails at the garden to be enjoyed by those intrepid nature lovers in the group, snow shoes or cross country skies are recommended.

In addition we would like to put out a request for members to bring CPs for display during the morning children's program. We will be putting together this display between 10:00 and 10:20 am on January 9th and welcome all members to bring CPs for it. Plants must stay until 11:45 and then may either be taken home or left for display during the regular meeting. Adults will be on hand to watch your plants and be sure they are not damaged. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

~Devan Parker

Other business:

- There will be plants on display and a silent auction.

New Members

CP Tidbit for January

January is a great month to begin stratification of seeds that require this pretreatment. Stratification is the process of wet cold (or sometimes heat) that breaks the dormancy of temperate plants, allowing them to germinate in the spring.

To stratify, seeds can be sown into their trays then exposed to at least 4-6 weeks or more (depending on the species) of cold and dampness, as they would be in nature. There are also space-saving methods of stratifying seed in the refrigerator should space be an issue or if natural cold is unavailable. The NECPS has an article on how to do this available on line. You might also view the ICPS website for more information at: www.carnivorousplants.org.

January is also a month when we have to watch tropical plants indoors a bit more closely than we might think. When exposed to cold drafts and dry heat, plants can more quickly than you'd imagine.

The dry air and drafts are can harm some of the more fragile species and they can also promote insect infestations. Spending a few extra minutes per day looking at your plants is a good way to keep them healthy throughout the winter.

If you have any questions about anything related to the cultivation of CPs, don't hesitate to ask your fellow members. That's one of the benefits of belonging to the NECPS!

~Ken Sicard

Secretary's Minutes

December 12, 2009 — Attendance (Meeting): 27

Meeting Notes:

- We discussed NECPS involvement in the upcoming Boston (Blooms!) flower show.
- We had our fun Yankee Swap.

~Ken Sicard

Events of Note

Nursery / Mail Orders

- Charlie MacDonald is organizing an NECPS group order for plants from Mike King, Shropshire Sarracenias. <http://www.mikeking64.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/ssar/homepage.htm>.
- Here is a message from Charlie regarding details of the order:

This past spring I placed an order with Mike King, of Shropshire Sarracenia in the UK. He has a great listing of plants, and I wanted to check him out.

I sent him all my permit info, etc, and the plants arrived in BEAUTIFUL condition, with no issues, right to my door. His prices aren't bad and he has a huge variety.

I'm preparing to put in an order for this Spring. Right now he's dividing up his plants, and will set aside plants for larger orders with priority over smaller orders, so if we give him a wish list, based on the plants he had for sale last year, he will do what he can to fill it.

Unfortunately, the inspection price went up from L7 to L59 (I don't have the 'pounds' symbol on my keyboard, sorry). The bigger order I can place, the better we can spread that price out among the plants.

I figure we can spread the inspection fee around based on the percentage of NUMBER of plants (ie: if you order half the plants, you pay half the fee). The shipping can be spread across the dollar amount (figuring that larger plants cost more, and also cost more to ship, so if someone order 3 small plants, they won't pay as much for shipping as someone who ordered 3 large plants). I'm open to other suggestions.

I'm attaching a spreadsheet of his price list from last year. I THINK it's pretty accurate, but please compare it to the price list at <http://www.mikeking64.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/ssar/homepage.htm> to verify the prices on the items you are interested in.

I'd like to get this to him as soon as possible, like maybe mid-January, so please let me know if you are interested in ordering

anything, and what. I do NOT have a permit to import endangered stuff, I don't think (the permit process sounds very specific, but they end up being pretty vague), so no oreophilas or endangered rubras.

Remember the prices on the spreadsheet are in Pounds, not dollars. the last I checked, 1 L = 1.62 \$, or something like that. You can google exchange rates to get the most up-to-date one. That is subject to change up until I place the order, of course.

I am happy to handle the money part of things. I'll need payment for plants up front, and then we'll figure out shipping once we get a final number from Mike.

I can't tell you how impressed I was with his plants he shipped me, and I can't wait to place another order. Please contact me if you have any questions.

- **If you have questions, please contact Charlie at: farkie62@hotmail.com**

~ 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.

~ Don Gallant, Librarian

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report will be available at the meeting.
- Membership dues are due in January for the 2010 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 2010

Meeting Date	Location/Program
January 9	Tower Hill Botanical Center
February 13	"Nepenthes Cuttings" RWP Botanical Center TBA

March 13	RWP Botanical Center TBA
April 10	RWP Botanical Center TBA
May 8	RWP Botanical Center TBA
June 12	RWP Botanical Center TBA
July "x" (date TBD)	Bog Walk (no official meeting)
August "x" (date TBD)	Blackjungle (cookout)
September 11	RWP Botanical Center Annual Show Discussion
September 25-26	8 th Annual NECPS Show (RWP Botanical Center)
October 9	RWP Botanical Center Post-Show Discussion
November 13	RWP Botanical Center TBA
December 11	RWP Botanical Center Annual Holiday Party

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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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:

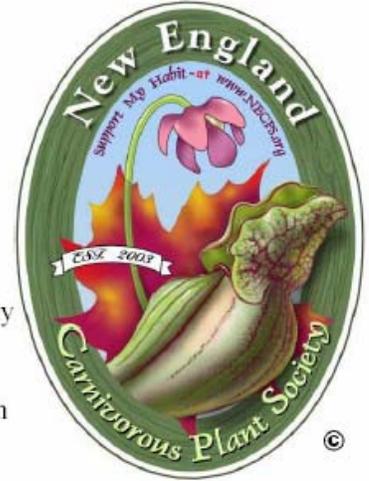
<http://www.NECPS.org>



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
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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.

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Title	Media	Author	Donated by
Lost Worlds 2 DVD set (copy)	DVD	Redfern Natural History Productions Limited	John Phillip, Jr.
Carnivorous Plants of the World	Book	James and Patricia Pietropaolo	Shaun Montminy
Gardening with Carnivores	Book	Nick Romanowski	Shaun Montminy
Growing Carnivorous Plants	Book	Barry A. Rice	Shaun Montminy
cryptozoo crew	Magazine	allan gross & jerry carr	Dave Sackett
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (softcover)	Book	Stewart McPherson	Shaun Montminy
Pitcher Plants of the Americas (hardcover)	Book	Stewart McPherson	John Phillip, Jr.
The Nature and Properties of Soils	Book	Nyle C. Brady	Bob Rafka
ICPS Newsletters, multiple	Magazine	Random authors	Shaun Montminy
Venus Flytraps, Bladderworts, and Other Wild and Amazing Plants	Book	Monica Halpen, National Geographic Science Chapters	Black Jungle???
ICPS Newsletters, Apr 1972 - Dec 2006 (copy)	CD	Random authors	Don Gallant
Little Shop of Horrors (DVD) copy	DVD	Warner Home Video	Shaun Montminy
The Curious World of Carnivorous Plants	Book	Wilhelm Barthlott, Stefan Porembski	Black Jungle???
Death Trap (copy)	DVD	Nature	Shaun Montminy
Hungry Plants (grades 2-3)	Kids book	Mary Batten, Step into Reading	Black Jungle
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Glistening Carnivores	Book	Stewart McPherson	Stewart McPherson???
The Savage Garden	Book	Peter D ' Amato	Shaun Montminy
Lost Worlds of the Guiana Highlands	Book	Stewart McPherson	Stewart McPherson???
Pitcher Plants of the Old World Volume One	Book	Stewart McPherson	Stewart McPherson
Pitcher Plants of the Old World Volume Two	Book	Stewart McPherson	Stewart McPherson
Allen Lowrie - Scientific papers/photos, Oct 2008, CP Presentations at ICPS Conference - Sydney Sep 2008	CD (copy)	Allen Lowrie	Kenneth Sicard
Lost Worlds 2 DVD set (original) not to be taken out	DVD	Redfern Natural History Productions Limited	John Phillip, Jr.
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