



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

May 2010 Newsletter

NECPS's May 2010 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY May 8 at 12:30pm at:

**Logee's Tropical Plants, 141 North Street, Danielson, CT 06239
www.logees.com**

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:

It seems as I write this that spring has deserted us! What was a beautiful stretch of warm weather not too long ago has become a more typical New England April. The floods of March may be gone, but April remains cool, wet, and rainy. Seems like a good time to take a trip to a warm tropical place, maybe a greenhouse for May?

That's where you'll find us this month, in the NECPS annual pilgrimage to Logee's Greenhouses in Danielson, CT. For those who've never been there, be ready to immerse yourself in an old style tropical greenhouse. For those making a return visit, what a better place to try again with some plants that didn't make it through the winter? While we may be a Carnivorous Plant Society, we all enjoy some other plants as well.

More than just a visit, the trip to Logee's allows us to show off the plants we love to some new folks. It brings the society closer to the public for a day, and lets us talk to some new people, show them some plants, and share the excitement we have for CP's. So this is a time when we ask members to bring a favorite plant or two (or three!) to the meeting to show off. After all, many of us still remember the wonder we felt when we first looked at a carnivorous plant. Logee's is a perfect place to share that feeling with others, and let others see why we enjoy the plants we grow.

So, off to Logee's for the May meeting, bring a plant or two to show off, and let's enjoy the tropical climate of a greenhouse in Danielson CT for a few hours!

See you all there!

Namaste

John Phillip, Jr
NECPS

President and Founder

New Members

Welcome to these new members since February:

David Heule, Patricia Barnes, Ted Giles, Linda Kammerer, and Serena Montminy!

NECPS Program: May 8th, 2010, at 12:30 PM

Logee's Greenhouse Get-together

The NECPS will be enjoying the greenhouses at Logee's. Please come for engaging plant-related conversation and the chance to share your hobby with others.

There will be no silent auction this meeting, but members are encouraged to bring any plants you'd like to share.

No refreshments at this meeting (space restrictions)

See the top of this newsletter for the address and website

CP Tidbit for May: Decorating with Carnivorous Plants

We all love to show off our plants whenever we can, and talk about them with people who are simply amazed at these wonders of nature. But it's usually said that all of the plants we enjoy grow in specific climates and conditions not suitable for typical growing in or around a house where anyone can enjoy them. There are, however, many ways and numerous plants that can be brought out into the open and enjoyed with friends and more around the house. Here are a few simple thoughts and ideas that we can use to bring the plants we love onto center stage where we live and work.

Nepenthes outside: Not as landscape plants, but Neps do well as potted plants on decks and hangers in the warmer part of the year. I already have several highland and intermediate Neps outside on the deck, and outside my south facing kitchen door. Even with temperatures that may still occasionally drop to the upper 30's, these plants (for example the Holland Hybrids, *N. ventrata*, maxima hybrids) can do well in a sunny place. Just be sure to give them lots of water, especially if they are hanging plants.

Grouping Nepenthes: One way I enjoy showing off Nepenthes that are in small (4") pots is to group several in a large wooden slat or orchid basket. You can spice up an unimpressive arrangement by lining it festively with Spanish moss. This also allows you to change the plants occasionally, should one show signs of decline. Again, remember to

water very often - I usually water these plants each morning. The small pots can dry out quickly, especially on hot sunny days.

Hanging sundews?!? Yes, REALLY... a hanging sundew. Take a 6", 8" or even a 10" hanging plastic pot and a black garbage can liner. Fold the liner over a few times on itself, and place into the plastic pot, so that the liner hangs over the top of the pot. Fill the lined pot with a potting media (I use 50/50 sand and peat moss, or straight peat moss) and soak it with water. Then take some forked leaved sundews (*D. binata*, *D. multifida*, or a mix), and plant them in the pot. *D. binata* loves wet compost and full sun, so place the pot in a sunny place after letting them adjust for a few days in the shade, and water it so that it stays wet. You'll be astounded by the growth and the long arching stems hanging down from the hanger. It is especially beautiful at night, with a light or moonlight behind it, so consider this when placing it somewhere.

CP centerpieces: Entertaining tonight? Take some of the carnivorous plants in your collection, put them in a nice basket or clean decorative pots, and use them as a centerpiece. I've seen things like *Sarracenia* show up on tables (Wild Bill and Dena's wedding!), a basket of cape sundews looks beautiful at night in the lights, and a few small *Nepenthes* grouped together with vines training can be spectacular. Just find attractive pots or baskets that let you slide the growing pots into them, and decorate with Spanish or sheet moss to fill in space and hide what you don't want.

Just some thoughts on bringing the plants we love to grow and show out into our worlds!

Secretary's Minutes:

Unfortunately there are no secretary's minutes for this month. The secretary position is still unoccupied.

Events of Note:

- The North American *Sarracenia* Conservancy (NASC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the habitat and genetic diversity of *Sarracenia*, the North American pitcher plants. Every year they hold a benefit auction to fund their great work. Plants and other items are generously donated, and all the proceeds go to benefit the NASC. The 2010 auction has started up on TerraForums and will run through May 8. This is a great way not only to acquire some new plants, but to help a wonderful cause as well.

More information about the NASC can be found at <http://www.nasarracenia.org/>. The auction can be found at <http://www.terraforums.com/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=130>

- The NECPS has been asked to participate in the Society Row Plant sale for the MA Horticulture Society, Saturday March 22 at Elm Bank Hort Center, 900 Washington Street (Rt.16) Wellesley, MA 02482. Black Jungle has offered to get us some plants on consignment to sell, and any member who would like to bring plants to sell is also invited. This is a wonderful time to both support another society (Mass Hort) and show off the NECPS to a new group of people, and also make a few dollars for the society or yourself. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE! It's about 6 hours of time on a Saturday, and if you are a plant geek there are lots of plants for sale from other vendors. PLEASE contact John Phillip, Jr. if you want to and can volunteer, or if you need more information about selling plants. The society will also accept donations of plants to sell at the Society Row sale!

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

Program Outline for 2010

Meeting Date	Location/Program
May 8	Logee's Greenhouses/Get together and plant sharing
June 12	Tower Hill Botanical Center/TBA
July "x" (date TBD)	Bog Walk (not an official meeting)
August "x"	Black Jungle Terrarium Supply/cookout
September 11	RWP Botanical Center/Annual NECPS show discussion
September 25-26	RWP Botanical Center/8 th Annual NECPS show
October 9	RWP Botanical Center/Post-show discussion
November 13	RWP Botanical Center/TBA
December 11	RWP Botanical Center/Annual Holiday Party

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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
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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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