



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

June 2010 Newsletter

NECPS's June 2010 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY June 12 at 12:30pm at:

**Tower Hill Botanic Garden,
11 French Drive, Boylston, MA**

www.towerhillbq.org

See below for details

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:

Are you ready for the summer? Ready or not, it's here unofficially and off to a great start. While the calendar may not officially start summer till the Summer Solstice in June, Memorial Day in the USA is the official unofficial start to the warm weather festivities.

And it's a great time to get out and explore and enjoy.

I think we have all dreamed at one time or another about traveling to a distant place and seeing some of the 'exotic' CPs growing in the wild. Who among us would not enjoy a trip to see nepenthes in Indonesia, cape sundews in Africa, or cephalotus in Australia? A few of our members have been so lucky, but for the majority of us it is still just a wishful dream. Yet, we are lucky enough to have many CPs right here at our doorstep, and often fail to take advantage of them. All we have to do is take a walk, get off the beaten track, do some 'bog slogging' as some of us call it, and discover a variety of beautiful and wondrous plants.

Imagine living in Indonesia, South Africa, or Australia and reading the words of Charles Darwin, who wrote, "I care more about Drosera than the origin of all the species in the world." For people living in these places, seeing *D. rotundifolia* in nature may be just a wishful dream. Yet, EVERY member of the NECPS has the chance to see Charles Darwin's favorite plant almost whenever we want! It grows here in New England, and is looking beautiful in the wilds as we speak.

So take the time, take a walk, take a hike. Get out in nature, and see the plants we love to see. Live in the moment and enjoy what is wild out there. It's time to be out and exploring!

Namaste

John Phillip, Jr
NECPS

President and Founder

New Members

Welcome to these new members since May:

**Barnabas, Marnie, Fletcher, and Coril Webster,
Lauraly-joy and Fredarikah Michealyea, and Kenneth Mayo!**

NECPS Program: June 12th, 2010, at 12:30 PM

Meeting and Bog Walk at Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Note: NECPS members will get into the Gardens for free – just say that you're part of the carnivorous plant group.

Those going on the bog trip should be prepared to get their feet wet – and possibly even their knees!

The drive to the bog from Tower hill is ~15 to 20 minutes. Use the address 29 Pikes Hill road, Jefferson, MA to find it with a GPS

9:30 AM – 11:45 AM: Bog walk for the general public with NECPS members as guides – if you wish to be a guide, please contact the president in advance via the email address listed in the contact area below.

12:30 Regular NECPS meeting and bog walk for NECPS members.

Growing Tips for June

- **Water, water, water!** Most plants should be in full growth right now and it's almost impossible to give them too much water. Check plants often, especially on hot windy days. When in doubt, give them more water.
- **Plants get sunburns too!** Usually this affects plants just going outside, but sometimes it can happen to more established plants. The peak of the Summer Solstice is near, and some of the more tender plants can occasionally be burned. Even in nature, plants are often somewhat shaded by close growing vegetation. So watch the sun and be aware of sunburn on the plants.
- **The more sun, the more air, the more water.** I've learned over the years that the more sun and airflow a plant gets the more water it requires and tolerates. When plants grow outside in the wild, they can take things that often would give them diseases and pests indoors.

- **Grow them exposed!** We saw recently at the Botanical Gardens in Providence that Sarracenia plants growing in the bog for 2 years were very prone to insect attacks (scale and mealy bug mainly). When these plants were pulled from the GH last summer and simply grown 'hard' in water and full sun outside, the bugs disappeared by themselves. Plants possess many things that help them fight off pests and diseases, and often all we need to do is let the plants grow in the right conditions to fight off these pests.
- **Still be vigilant.** In spite of the above, some plants do get bugs. I just recently found a spittle bug on a nepenthes in my greenhouse (what's a spittlebug?
<http://gardening.about.com/od/insectpestid/a/Spittlebugs.htm>). I took great pleasure in feeding him to my Nepenthes!
- **Plan ahead.** If you are going away make plans for someone to watch your collection of plants. Some plants simply do well with the full water trays, while others need to be watered more often – be sure to make this distinction clear to the person you put in charge. And NOW is the time to make sure you propagate plants for later trades and sales, and for the NECPS fall show!

Secretary's Minutes:

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

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
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

NECPS Officers and Contact Information:

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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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