



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

**January 2011 Newsletter**

**NECPS's January 2011 Meeting will be held on**

**SATURDAY January 8 at 12:30pm at:**

**Roger Williams Park Botanical Center  
1000 Elmwood Avenue  
Providence, RI**

<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**

Another New Year for us all, and another new year for the NECPS!  
The coming of a new year allows us to look back, and encourages us to look forward to see what we can do for the coming year.

Our Society has a chance to make a mark on the Carnivorous Plant world and have a lot of fun doing it. We will be working this coming month on a proposal to the International Carnivorous Plant Society (ICPS) to host their 2012 international convention. This would be a wonderful way for the NECPS to show the world what we have become.

But next year promises even more if we all get involved with the Society. When all of our members contribute, even in small ways, we get so much back in return. We need our members to suggest new ideas, new thoughts for things to do, places to go, people to see - new and better ideas to take the NECPS to still better places.

I've always said that the plants bring us together, but the people draw us to the society. That is as true now as it ever was. The members have the visions and the passion to make this society even better than it is today. With everybody's input and ideas, the outlook is bright for the NECPS.

Happy new year to everyone, and I hope to see you all at the meetings.

Namaste

John Phillip, Jr  
NECPS  
President and Founder

### **Important Message for NECPS Members**

Hello to all of our Society members. I am Marge Matteson and I am the new Membership Secretary. As you all know, the Society dues are payable each January. I personally do not receive the funds so there is a bit of a delay in my adding you to the current member list. What I would like you to do is send me an email at [janu10@cox.net](mailto:janu10@cox.net) after you have sent in your dues and let me know what type of membership (family, student etc) and the members your are including in your category. That way I have a copy that doesn't rely on handwriting to discern your data. I don't want anyone to get "lost" in my files because I can't read a paper copy. And, it's a double safe.... if something gets lost I will have it. Thanks and I hope your New Year is filled with many new offshoots and surprises!

## **NECPS Program: January 8, 2011 at 12:30 PM** **Annual Nepenthes Cutting Meeting!**

Always a highlight of the year, the January meeting at the RWP Botanical gardens will be the Annual Nepenthes Cutting Class and Swap.

Members are encouraged to bring in an overgrown Nepenthes or two that need cutting back. Any and all plants are welcome, whether easy or difficult.

First there will be a class on taking vine cuttings of Nepenthes and the “how and why” of cutting propagation.

Afterwards, using the plants supplied by members and materials supplied by the NECPS, we will take multiple cuttings of plants for each member to take home and grow.

We hope that we can all expand our collections, and make sure that plants are always available to society members.

This only works if members are generous to let others take cuttings from some of their overgrown plants. So if you have a plant that is vining and needs cutting, please consider bringing it! The NECPS will take care of the rest.

**Note:** if the weather is very cold please consider bringing a bag or cooler to keep the cuttings warm in on the trip home.

### **Announcement: Ordering Sarracenia from Mike King and Mike Wang**

Hi, all! Happy New Year!

I have two mail-order opportunities to present to you. I'll describe them below. If you are interested in either opportunity or have a question, please email me at [farkie62@hotmail.com](mailto:farkie62@hotmail.com).

#### **1. Mike King – Shropshire Sarracenia.**

<http://www.mikeking64.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/ssar/homepage.htm>

I have ordered from Mike for two years in a row. Last year, because the inspection fees went up so much, he asked if I would handle all the Americas orders, so we could pay a single fee for the entire order (it went from L7 to L59... pretend that L is a pound symbol). We ran into a few issues ( customs filled in the paperwork wrong so the Inspection station sent the order back, and when it was re-shipped, the Icelandic

volcano kept the planes on the ground for 2 weeks). HOWEVER, the rhizomes looked GREAT when they got here, and everyone seemed thrilled with their plants. The people I've talked to had no problems with their plants throughout the season.

I'll explain this in a bit of detail, because there was a little confusion last year (including on my part). The way Mike works is, we send him our 'wishlist' and he puts it into an Excel spreadsheet. Once he starts dividing his plants in March, he starts filling in the wishlists in a First Come, First Served order. Once he figures out what is left, he publishes those in his price list. Last year, because our order was big enough, he gave us a few days to order from the leftovers before it went public (once it goes public, he sells out almost immediately). (Note from last year: Mike hadn't sent me our finalized order when he put out the price list, so we weren't sure what we were getting. Just assume what's on the price list is going to be additional to your order).

Mike will then let me know who is getting what from their order. Last year I got almost everything I requested, while others got almost nothing. It all depends on demand, and how well his plants did (how many divisions he gets). Once he lets me know who is getting what, I finalize the payment required, and let everyone know. I calculate it based on the prices of your plants, divide the shipping and inspection among everyone who ordered, and add on a little to cover shipping for me to send it to you. Last year I handled the money (ie: I paid for the order, and then had people send me their money), with the exception of one really large order that I had pay him directly. Once payment is complete, he'll arrange for inspection and tell me when plants will ship (count on mid-April).

The key here is, Mike is the plant person. I'm just handling the shipping. I am happy to collect orders and send them to him, but if you have any questions about plants, you need to ask him. You can even send your orders directly to him if you want, but please cc me on any correspondence so I know what's going on. Use his current Price List as a guide, but also check his grow list, and feel free to ask him about possible availability. He may have things available this year he didn't have available last year. Get me or him your order as soon as you know what you want... the sooner you get on the wishlist, the higher your priority for the plants becomes. Below is Mike King's current pricelist.

## **2. Mike Wang – meizzwang@gmail.com**

I have not ordered from Mike Wang yet. He was sent to me by Mike King as a person who wants to order this year, and we've been corresponding. He has a huge collection of plants... he collects clones, and then propagates only the best of them. There are no inspection fees

for this, so unless someone has a compelling reason to combine orders that I haven't thought of, you can order directly via Mike Wang.

This is what he sent me:

Many apologies for taking so long to get back to you about my Sarracenia list. I've finally taken inventory and determined what's available, and attached is what's available bare root for the 2011 winter shipping months. I will start shipping Jan 8th, 2011 and will end around early April or whenever plants start resuming growth. All plants listed can be pre-ordered via pre-payment. Should people come short from Mike King's order, let me know, as I may be able to fulfill some of their order.

All plants are sent bare root, and there are no minimum orders. Shipping and handling costs are \$5 or 15% of the order - whichever is greater. US orders only. Small plants should reach flowering size within 2-3 years, medium plants should reach flowering size within a year, and large plants are flowering sized.

You can send payment via paypal to [meizzwang@gmail.com](mailto:meizzwang@gmail.com) or send cash/check to:

Mike Wang

736 Tamarack Ave.

San Carlos, CA 94070

For a price list of Mike Wang's plants, or if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [farkie62@hotmail.com](mailto:farkie62@hotmail.com).

-Charlie MacDonald

### **Secretary's Minutes:**

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

## Library News:

Below is the current NECPS Library Listing:

Title	Media	Date Taken	Date Returned	Signed out by NECPS Member	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	x	x	x	Redfern Natural History Productions Limited	John Phillip, Jr.
ICPS Newsletters, Apr 1972 - Dec 2006 (original)	CD	x	x	x	Random authors	Don Gallant
Little Shop of Horrors (original) not to be taken out	DVD	x	x	x	Warner Home Video	Shaun Montminy
Death Trap (original) not to be taken out	DVD	x	x	x	Nature	Shaun Montminy
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- 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

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**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](mailto: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? \_\_\_\_\_

## 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!

Any member wishing to check out any NECPS library materials must present a valid membership number. 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 have 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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