



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

February 2011 Newsletter

NECPS's February 2011 Meeting will be held on

SATURDAY February 12 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."

New Members

Welcome to our new members since January, **Lance Tuttle** and **Aubra Palazzo!**

Vice President's Message

I recently joked to our Membership Secretary, Margie Matteson, that eleven months out of the year, I am completely useless. Our bylaws say, "The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence." That's it. That is the entirety of Article V, Section 2.

But that twelfth month is, of course, February. The dead of winter is upon us, and yet again our fearless leader has headed for warmer climes to take a much-deserved break. So, it's time for me to temporarily step on the soapbox and say a few words. To be honest, I am thrilled for this opportunity. Some very exciting things have happened for our society in the past month, and I am eager to share them all with you.

John Lombardi has volunteered to be our new Secretary, and I for one am thrilled. His talents and his enthusiasm are just what we needed to round out the Executive Board. John, we all thank you for volunteering, and we very much look forward to working with you!

Hosting the ICPS conference is a prospect that some of us have been talking about for years. The opportunity has finally arrived, and the end of January marked the deadline for accepting proposals from prospective host groups. Unfortunately for our President, the timing could not have been worse... he has been slammed with responsibilities at work in the past month and simply could not take the lead on writing the proposal.

Perhaps I'm like many of you, in that my enthusiasm and energy for carnivorous plants waxes and wanes. One month, I may simply have too much to do for school and barely remember to even water my plants. The next, I may have more time to devote to the society and be able to take on an extra project. Lately, the latter has been true, so I agreed to co-chair a committee to write the proposal.

What a privilege it was to work with this committee. In just a few short weeks, we were able to compile what I feel is an extremely strong proposal. There was no shortage of wonderful examples why the NECPS would be an ideal host society: our years of experience in putting on our annual show, our strong spirit of generosity in sharing our plants with one another, our broad vision for the potential of the ICPS conference.

Perhaps the best reason, however, is one that wasn't written into the proposal...and that is the team effort that went into writing it. When we needed field trips and venues, several people chimed in with fantastic ideas. When we needed to add some visual appeal and refinement, Wild Bill produced a great cover image and a few people submitted photographs that really captured the spirit of our society. When the deadline was just a few days away and I was ready to throw my computer out the window, encouraging emails from several people kept us focused.

Helping each other like this is what really makes for an incredible team. We all have lives, jobs, families, and responsibilities, and of course we won't always be able to devote our full attention to the NECPS. But, when one of us cannot perform a certain duty, there are always others willing to step in and assist. In my opinion, this is exactly why we would be the ideal society to host the ICPS conference. With any luck, the ICPS will agree. With this great group of individuals, and with our new Secretary stepping up, I think some truly amazing things are bound to come out of the NECPS in the near future. Watch this space.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on February 12!

Emily Troiano

Announcement: Help Wanted for Hartford Flower Show!

The Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show and the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show will both be held on February 24-27. The NECPS will have information booths at both of these events, and volunteers are always appreciated. Please contact John Phillip if you are interested in assisting at the RI show, or Bill Matthews if you are interested in assisting at the CT show.

NECPS Program: February 12, 2011 at 12:30 PM

At our February meeting, we will be watching the latest video in the series "Growing Carnivorous Plants" by the owners of Sarracenia Northwest. This video includes information on growing *Nepenthes*, *Cephalotus*, *Heliophora*, and carnivorous bromeliads. It includes information on many different species of *Nepenthes*, mostly highlanders, as well as different methods of propagation, potting mixes, watering, and so forth. This is a great time of year to start planning ahead for the warm growing months, and this video should give us all lots of ideas!

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
Hungry Plants (grades 2-3)	Kids book				Mary Batten, Step into Reading	Black Jungle
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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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:
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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? _____

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.

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.

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