



New England Carnivorous Plant Society

(www.NECPS.org)

June, 2013 Newsletter

This month's meeting will be held on
Saturday, June 8, at 12:30 PM, at:

Roger Williams Park Botanical Center

1000 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI

<http://www.providenceri.com/botanical-center/>

"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

Summer is finally here! Well, at least unofficially, with the arrival of Memorial Day. I always think summer really arrives with the hot weather, which we had this last weekend. I saw 94 F on my travels up and down the Route 95 corridor last week – that counts as hot and signals summer in southern New England. And what does summer mean to us here?

It means that it's time to get out and experience the outdoors! How many native carnivorous plants have you seen in the "wild"? (There are very few really wild places left in Southern New England.) Have you ever tried to log the places you've seen them, and how many you've seen? Do you take your own pictures of the plants you see? How about a picture of you standing in a bog with your first wild *Utricularia*? Your first *D. rotundifolia*? Do you think Charles Darwin fell in love with these plants in his study, or while studying them in the wild?

June is the perfect month to start afield, to go and observe plants in their natural setting. *S. purpurea* in the sphagnum bogs, along with *D. rotundifolia*. and *D. intermedia* in seemingly any wet, marshy bog.

See if you can spot some of the many different *Utricularia* in the bogs and ponds around the region (Hint, look for yellow flowers first and then for the tiny aquatic traps). In any case, get out!

When I talk to groups about growing different plants -- orchids, carnivorous, or just about anything -- I always say you have to know how the plant grows in the wild to really understand how to grow it. Understanding the plant's requirements and ecology comes from understanding what it wants and needs to thrive. The single best way to understand that is to see the plants in the wild. It's an experience that cannot be replicated in the greenhouse, the windowsill, or even the garden. It comes from getting wet feet, swatting deerflies, and seeing the plants in their home.

So get out this summer. See the plants. And see the rest of the NECPS members this Saturday at our meeting (we always enjoy people with muddy shoes).

Namaste
John Phillip Jr
Founder and President, NECPS

New Members

A warm welcome to our new members since May: **Frederick Gawron, Louise Oczkowski, and Frankie Packard!**

NECPS Program for June

1. **The inner workings of a carnivorous plant pitcher** are often a mystery even to dedicated growers and botanists. This month, our own Emi Kurosawa will give a presentation titled “Enzymes from Pitcher Fluid” that will shed some light on the topic.
2. **Do you know what’s in your water?** How about Calcium, Sodium, Pesticides, stormwater runoff or soil contamination in your water?

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) is a measurement of the combined content of all inorganic and organic substances contained in a liquid – in molecular, ionized, or micro-granular suspended form.

If you would like to know about the quality of your water, bring a 1 to 2 ounce sample to the June meeting and Don Gallant will test it with a TDS meter. There will be a TDS chart and information about Total Dissolved Solids available.

NECPS 2013 Event Calendar

June 8	“Enzymes from Pitcher Fluid” by Emmi Kurosawa
July	No meeting- possible bog walk TBA
August 10	(TBA)
September 14	Pre-show discussion and arrangements
September 28-29	Annual NECPS Show
October 12	Post-show reflection and self-evaluation
November 9	(TBA)
December 14	Holiday Social, Yankee Swap

Meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at Roger Williams Botanical Gardens, 1000 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI. from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. Regular program segments include: Bog pruning, Speaker or workshop, silent auction, plant displays, refreshments, and informal social discussion.

NECPS Officers and Contact Information

President	John Phillip, Jr.	johnnatthebeach@cox.net
Vice President	Emily Troiano	Emily.troiano@gmail.com
Secretary	John Twomey	tooms@cox.net
Membership Secretary	Shaun Montminy	necps_membership@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Dave Sackett	Bid2win1@yahoo.com
Librarian	Don Gallant	d.gallant89@gmail.com
Webmaster	Ken Matteson	packrat@ratters.com
Newsletter Editor	Ben DeMeo	30howland@gmail.com

NECPS Website: www.necps.org

NECPS Yahoo group: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/NECPS/>

Library News

A copy of the NECPS Library policy is appended to this newsletter. Please contact Don Gallant (d.gallant89@gmail.com) to suggest books that should be purchased or if you have books to donate.

On the following page is the complete NECPS library listing.

NECPS Library Inventory

Updated 01/27/2013

Title	Media	Author	Donated by
Lost Worlds 2 DVD set	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	CD	Random authors	Don Gallant
Little Shop of Horrors (DVD)	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

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!

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.

The copyright proprietor has licensed the picture contained in these videocassettes for private home use only and prohibits other use, copying, reproduction, or performance in public, in whole or in part. (U.S. Code, Title 17, Sec. 501 & 506).