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Carnivorous Plant
Society
Newsletter*

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Membership: Any person can become a member of BACPS by signing the attendance list at a regular meeting. Your membership will expire one year after the last meeting you attend. There are no dues.

History of the Bay Area Carnivorous Plant Society

Interest in carnivorous plants (CP) has grown enormously in recent years. Joe Mazrimas and Don Schnell started the Carnivorous Plant Newsletter in 1972, which provided the first forum for exchange of CP information among local (and other) hobbyists. A few years later Tony Rea began organizing judged CP competitions at the annual S. F. County Fair Flower Show, which has given carnivorous plants a lot of exposure to the general public in the Bay Area. For the last 3 years Joe has coordinated informal CP meetings to help local growers keep in touch with one another. The meetings were hosted by Chuck Powell (1989), Peter D'Amato (1990), and Joe (1991). Several of us have decided to expand on these meetings and start a regional carnivorous plant society. Planning for BACPS began in August 1991. We will hold our charter meeting on February 22, 1992. (See below for details.)

In order to get things going, the founding organizers had to decide many of the details about how to run the society, such as meeting place, meeting frequency, membership policy, and activities. These decisions are not cast in stone, however, and we welcome any feedback. Some of these issues are discussed in the paragraphs below. Please contact one of the officers or organizers to give your input.

Officers

Officers (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer) will be appointed for the first year. A set of bylaws will be drafted, and regular elections will be held before the end of 1992.

Enthusiastic volunteers are the single most important factor that will make BACPS successful. Please contact Carl if you can help in any way, either as an officer, organizer, or an occasional helper.

Membership

BACPS membership will be free to active members. Any person can become a member for one year simply by signing the attendance list at a meeting. Names will be dropped from our mailing list if that person does not attend for a year. Funding will come from the sales, raffles and auctions. Not having dues will greatly simplify our bookkeeping.

The newsletter will be sent to members only. If you cannot make it to the February meeting to join BACPS but wish to

receive the next newsletter (Spring 1992), please write to let us know. Otherwise we will assume that you are not interested. Newsletter mailings are expensive. We want to keep only interested persons on the mailing list.

Meeting Place

We decided that a regular meeting site was better than a rotating location for ease of planning. The East Bay seemed to be the most centrally located place. We considered the meeting hall at U.C. Berkeley Botanical Garden, but it had the disadvantage of being inconvenient for transporting plants from members' cars. We are going to try out Lincoln Middle School in Alameda for our first meeting. Let us know what you think about it.

Charter Meeting

Our charter meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Lincoln Middle School in Alameda (see map). A rough schedule is given below. Drinks and snacks can be purchased on the premises.

- 12:00 Display and Sale
- 1:00 Business and announcements
- 1:30 Program (followed by a break)
- 2:00 Raffle and Auction

Please bring plants or other items for the following activities.

1. **Display.** Show off your specimen plants.
2. **Sale.** A sales area will be available for members who wish to sell plants. BACPS will keep 10% of the proceeds as part of our fundraising.
3. **Raffle.** Members are asked to donate plants, pots, and any other suitable small items for the raffle. Tickets will be sold at the meeting. The person who holds the first ticket drawn gets first choice of the donated items, and so on.
4. **Auction.** The auction is intended to encourage people to make rare plants, CP books, and other valuable items available to other members. The seller keeps all proceeds except for \$1.00 per sale, which goes to BACPS. The auction is also a place for people who would like to donate valuable plants to the society but want us to get more money than we would through the raffle. People submitting plants for auction may specify 1) minimum bid,

if desired, and 2) whether the plant is being donated to the society.

At the February meeting only, we ask that all items for the auction be donated to BACPS because we need to build up the treasury for Newsletter mailings (our major expense) and other operating costs.

5. **Donations to School.** Juanita Gex, who made all the arrangements for the meeting room, has a junior high school class that would be fascinated by carnivorous plants. If you can spare some extra plants, please bring them to her as a thank you for all her efforts.

Meeting Schedule

With the amount of help presently available, we felt that we could comfortably organize four regular meetings per year. Please reserve the following dates on your calendar.

Winter 1992	February 22	Saturday
Spring 1992	May 16	Saturday
Summer 1992	August 9	Sunday
Fall 1992	November 14	Saturday

Special Activities

Members are encouraged to organize special activities separate from the meetings. People might like to have an open house to show off their growing space. Or someone may want to put together a field trip. Announce your event here.

Announcements

Special thanks are given to Wayland Lee for his design of the BACPS logo, which appears on the back cover of this newsletter.

Joe Mazrimas is organizing a CP display again at the 1992 Concord Garden Show, which will take place the last weekend in April. Joe needs volunteers to staff the booth for a couple of hours per shift, especially on Saturday and Sunday. The job is very simple – watch the plants and answer questions about them. It is a fun job. If you have a great display plant or two, please bring them to the show for people to see. We will have one or two display tables, as needed. Joe will have sign-up sheets at the meeting, or give him a call at (510)373-1690.

The Conservatory in Golden Gate Park plans to establish a collection of CP for public display. Chris Hewitt is in charge of the collection and would welcome any donations, which are tax-deductable. To find out what plants are needed or for further information, write Chris at the Conservatory, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94117, or call (415)666-7017 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Arrangements can be made to deliver plants on weekends.

One of our members, Hawkeye Rondeau, has just published a book on native California CP. He describes all the native species and where they may be found. Carnivorous Plants of California, J. Hawkeye Rondeau, Ph.D., 37 Sunnyslope Avenue, San Jose, CA 95127, (408)929-6529; 45 pp., 7 color plates, \$15.95 + postage.

Want Ads

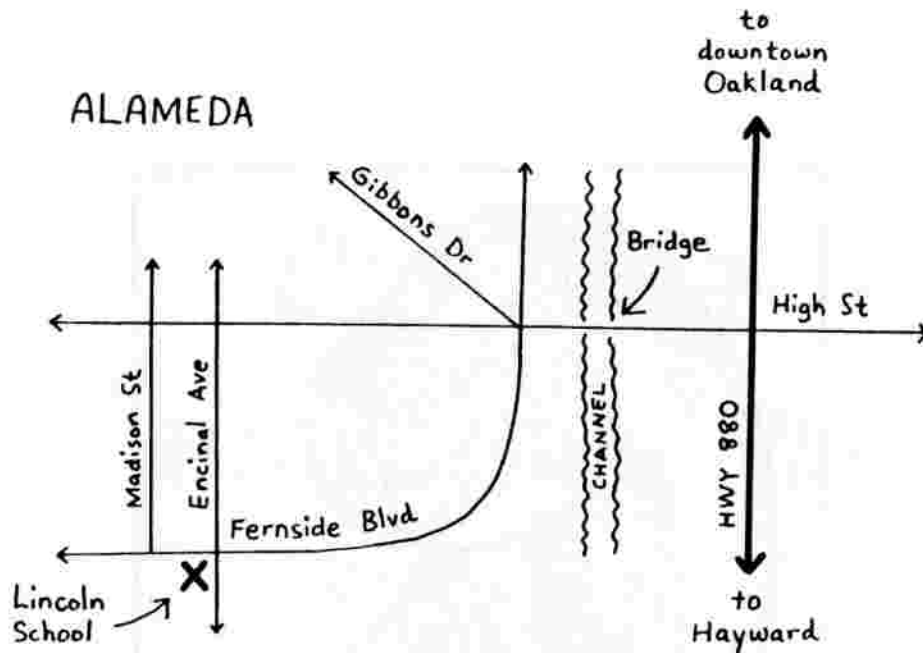
Is there something you want to buy, sell or trade? Are you looking for information? Advertise here.

WANTED: Site specific information on the whereabouts of carnivorous plants (including introductions) in CA, OR, WA, Western Canada, and AK. Will purchase (\$1/pg) or swap for equal portions of my database on CA, OR, and WA distributions. Call or write: J. Hawkeye Rondeau, Ph.D., 37 Sunnyslope Avenue, San Jose, CA 95127, (408)929-6529.

WANTED: Someone to help install electronics to operate climate control devices (thermostats, fan, heater, cooler, mister, ventilation, etc.) in greenhouse. Will exchange carnivorous plants for your services. Chuck Powell (408)363-0926.

Next Newsletter Deadline

Members are encouraged to submit items for our Bay Area CP Events Calendar (starting next issue), short articles, announcements, and want ads. Items for the Spring 1992 Newsletter must be received in writing by March 1, 1992. Send information to our society's address.



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