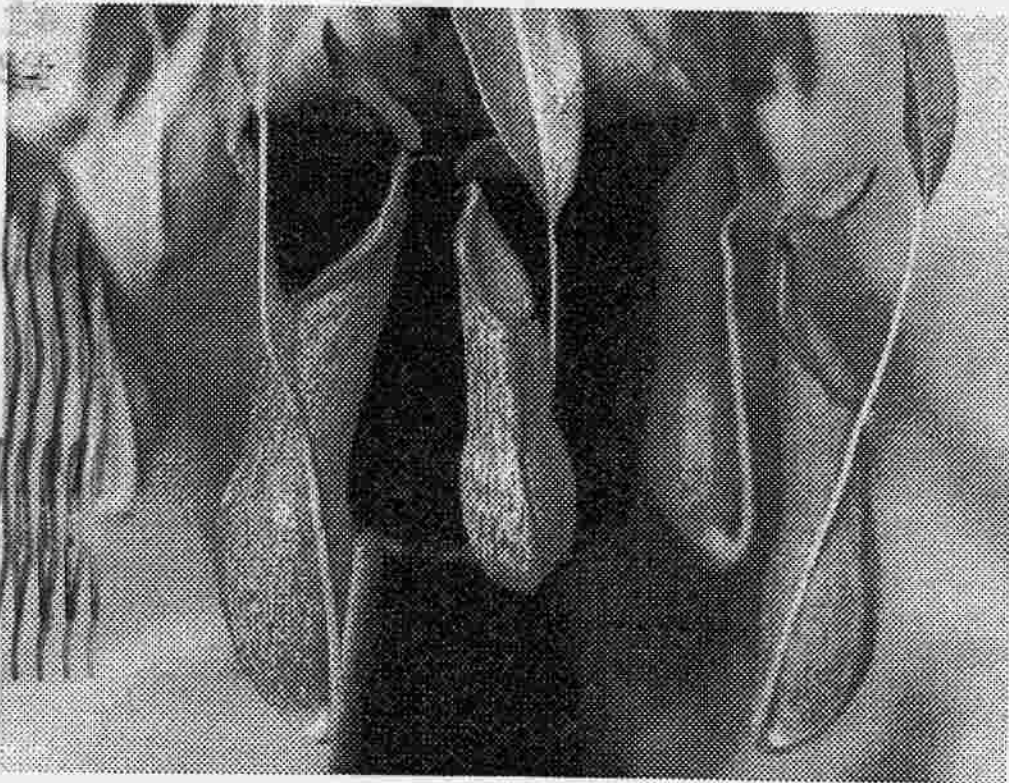


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## Bay Area CP Events Calendar

Jan. 21	<b>Los Angeles Meeting</b> will be held at the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, 104 S. First Street at 12:00 Noon, with doors opening at 11:30. Contact Tom Johnson at (818) 248-1623 for details.
Feb. 11	<b>BACPS Meeting</b> , Lincoln School, Alameda, from 12:00 to 4:00. See map on inside back cover.
March 13	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b> for Spring issue
April 28-30, 1995	<b>Contra Costa Home and Garden show</b>
May 6	<b>BACPS Meeting</b> , Lincoln School
Aug. 12	<b>BACPS Meeting</b> , Lincoln School
Nov. 11	<b>BACPS Meeting</b> , Berkeley Botanic Gardens

## President's Letter

Larry Logoteta

It's a new year and how quickly time flies when you are having fun growing and propagating our favorite plants. As your new president, I like to discuss some old and some new ideas that I have to make our society meetings more enjoyable and also profitable for us. But first, I like to introduce myself to not only the regular members but especially to newcomers who might not know me.

I started growing CP in 1972 on the back porch and slowly my collection grew until I had to build a greenhouse to hold them all in good growing conditions. I even had a small business going selling *Dionaea*, *Sarracenia* and *Darlingtonia* plants at reasonable prices. This lasted a couple of years until it got too busy to handle all the mail orders. So now I grow my plants for fun.

There are several activities we do in our meetings that are very important to the stability of our society and at the same time of great benefit to the members. One of these is the raffle table.

I would like all members to start thinking about donating plants to the raffle table. There are several ways I can think of doing this. One can purchase seed from various organizations or from the CPN seed bank. The seed bank is a good choice because they sell good seed that germinates well. Since you always get more plants than you know what to do with when you grow up these seed, why don't you donate some plants to the raffle table? Another method is to bring in divisions from plants that have grown out of their pots. Since most of us can use the space for different species, why don't you donate the cutting or division to the raffle table?

Another idea I have is to make small packets of various chemicals available to the small grower. Many of these chemicals are sold in large packages and cost a bundle to buy. They would last you about 10-20 years worth of use. I plan to bag small amounts of these chemicals in locking plastic bags or vials to be sold for a reasonable amount. These will be chemicals like powdered Malathion for those nasty aphids and mealy bugs and Benomyl for fungus problems. This way everyone benefits. Any other chemicals you want, come see me.

I would like to start a panel to answer questions on CP. This panel will listen to your question or problem and come up with the best answer. This panel will meet during the various breaks in the meeting. I'm just trying this out to see how it works. I will be asking different members at each meeting if they would like to be on the panel for the following meeting. For the first panel, I have asked Joe Mazrimas, Carl Wong and Rick Walker. This panel is for both new and regular members to ask any questions about CP.

Finally, I liked our past president's plan, and will keep the same time schedule for our meetings. Actual business will start about noon and we will try to end the meeting by no later than 4:00PM. There will be plenty of time to chat and socialize before noon and sometime after 4:00PM. This seems to work out well for everyone.

Don't forget, we need more articles for our BACPS newsletter! These articles can take the form of a member profile (tell about yourself and your collection), or a trip to a CP bog or a new method to grow a CP species or even a nice picture.

Send your contribution to Rick Walker who will be happy to publish it.

While I am at it, also remember our seed bank is still here and we would like to see more seed donated for sale.

Last but not least, the auction brings in the most of the funds for our newsletter to function. If you have a specimen plant to sell, you will be better off doing this through our auction since it will bring in the most funds for you and supports our society.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of one dollar per person to be given to the treasurer at every meeting to defray costs. Don't be afraid to give more if you can afford it since it all goes to a good cause. Bring a friend to the meeting. We have a friendly crowd and they will be welcome.

Well, that's it for now. Let's all have a good time at our next meeting. See you there!

## **Report from the Last Meeting**

Larry Logoteta

President Bill Baumgartl described the use of an interesting drug called Sarrapin which is extracted from the rhizomes of *Sarracenia purpurea*. The extracted salts are used as a pain killer.

Since Sean Samia was not present at this meeting, the society tee shirt and its availability is still pending and we hope to have an answer by next meeting.

A sales tax license was granted to BACPS for selling plants and other items at the Contra Costa Home and Garden Show. The show takes place April 28-30, 1995. The plants that people like to buy are venus fly traps and pitcher plants. So propagate your plants and you will receive 80% of the sale price for your effort. The club keeps 20% and will pay the sales tax.

The nominations of ICPS officers are all into Steve Baker's hands now, and the ballots will be sent to all members. The elected officers will take office January 1995, for a 2 year term.

Hawkeye Rondeau's new book on Oregon and Washington CP will be out by March or April 1995.

The election of BACPS officers for 1995 are as follows: President Larry Logoteta, Vice-president, Mike Ross, Secretary Larry Logoteta, Treasurer Joe Mazrimas, Newsletter Rick Walker, Auctioneer Peter D'Amato. Mike Woodring, Gregory Pranold and Nancy Rankin will be helping Joe with the auction

setup and money collection.

Meeting dates for the 1995 BACPS meetings are: February 11, May 6, August 12 at Berkeley and Nov. 11. Meeting place at Lincoln School, Alameda.

The President received a letter from an Orinda teacher of an elementary class who would like to take her class to one of our meetings. They are very interested in CP and would like to share ideas.

At our next meeting, Rick Walker will give a slide show, talk, and demonstration on the subject of "CP Tissue Culture in the Home Kitchen".

Total attendance at the meeting was 49, including 15 new members.

## Treasurer's Report

Joe Mazrimas

(as of 10/29/94)	Income	Debit
Plant Sales	\$47.00	
Raffles	\$36.00	
Auction	\$31.00	
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$25.00	
Voluntary Donations	<u>\$33.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$172.00	

### Newsletter (300 Copies)

Xerox fee	\$119.10
Postage	<u>\$40.30</u>
TOTAL	\$168.40

Current Balance	<\$3.60>
Previous Balance (8/6/94)	<u>\$551.32</u>
Sub-total	\$554.92

Berkeley CP Fund (8/6/94)	\$1427.50
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Total Balance	\$1982.42
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## Plants Auctioned at the Last Meeting

*Drosera oreopodion, microscarpa, scorpiodes, burmanni (2), stelliflora, sessilifolia (2), lasiantha, coccicaulis, pygmaea, species #4, pauciflora, prolifera, nitidula, mannii, nitidula x ericksonae, nitidula leucostigma, spilos, Sarracenia minor, Heliamphora heterodoxa x minor (2).*

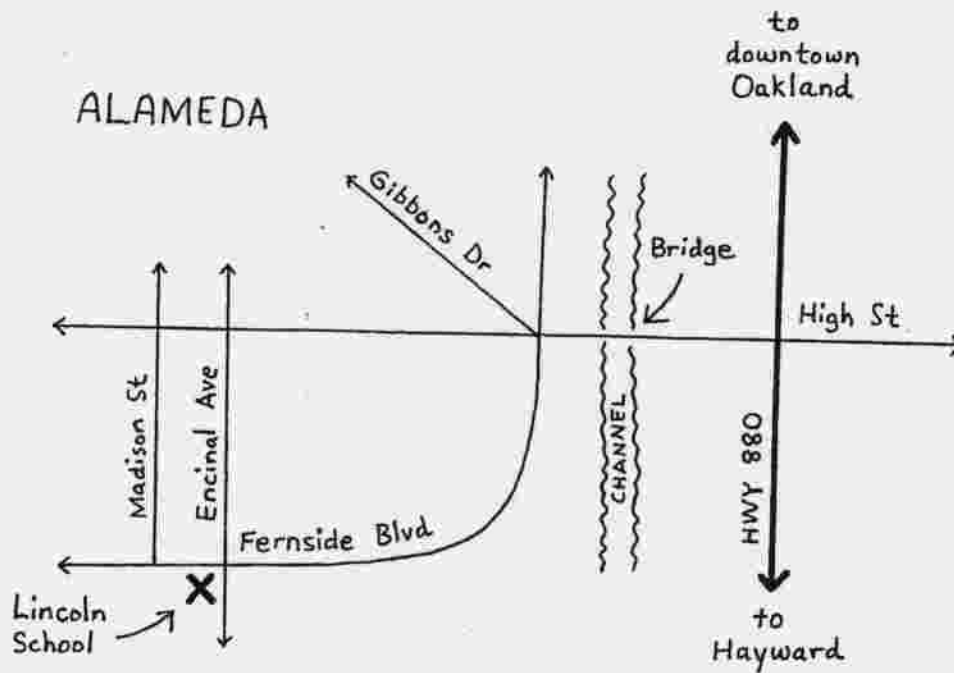
**Computer CP World-Wide-Web Page.** There is now an on-line computer database of CP information. This database includes the latest taxonomic information, chromosome numbers, and references to the official botanical descriptions for each of 3000 CP species, for both current and obsolete names. Also on the database is a growing collection of digitized photos and botanical drawings. Our eventual goal is to have a photo for each valid CP species. Members of the German Plant Society are working on preparing a scholarly monograph for each CP species, and we have made arrangements to include this information in the database as it becomes available. Once the database is fairly complete, we hope to produce inexpensive CD-ROM disks for home and school use. To browse the database, you will need to have Internet network access, plus a hypertext browser program such as Mosaic or Netscape. The database address to contact is

“[http://www.hpl.hp.com/bot/cp\\_home](http://www.hpl.hp.com/bot/cp_home)”

Between the inception of the database on November 15, 1994, until January 15, 1995, there have been over 2000 accesses by enthusiasts, botanical researchers and students from around the world. New entries are being added regularly. For more information, or to donate photos or other information to the project, contact the database manager, Rick Walker, at the email address: “WALKER@OPUS.HPL.HP.COM”. You can also contact Rick at (415) 856-2354 Home or (415) 857-3754 Work.

**ICPS Election Results.** 221 votes were cast. For president the votes were: Rick Walker - 146, Bill Baumgartl - 49, Steve Baker - 26. For vice president, the votes were: Christoph Belanger - 126, Larry Logoteta - 94. For secretary/treasurer, the votes were: Kevin Snively - 139, and Bruce Dudley - 82. . If you are not currently a member of the International Carnivorous Plant Society, please consider joining. This is the best way to keep abreast of CP, and we hope that the next two years will be an exciting time for the society!

## Map to the Next Meeting



### Membership

Any person can become a member of the 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. If you are unable to regularly attend the meetings, but would still like to receive a copy of the newsletter, send a note so stating along with \$5.00 to the Society address to cover printing and mailing expenses for one year.

### Next Newsletter Deadline

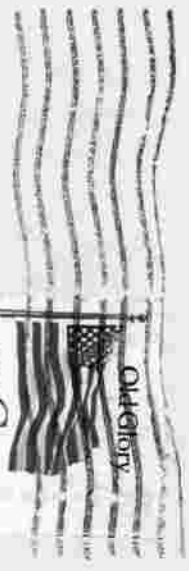
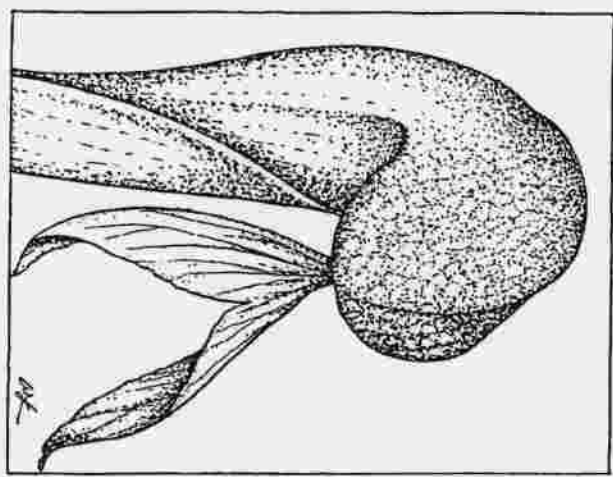
**Please, please, please send in your articles, biographies, introductions, growing tips, or trip reports!** *Our newsletter is only as good as the contributions that we receive.- Thanks!*

Announcements, calendar items, want ads, and articles for the next Newsletter **must** be received in writing by March 13, 1995. Send information to the society's address on the cover.

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