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*Bay Area  
Carnivorous Plant  
Society  
Newsletter*



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## Bay Area CP Events Calendar

Nov. 16, 1996	<b>BACPS Meeting</b> , Berkeley Botanical Gardens Meeting starts at noon and ends around 4:00 PM.
Jan. 12, 1997	<b>Next Newsletter Deadline</b>

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## Next Newsletter Deadline

Please send in your articles, biographies, introductions, growing tips, trip reports, or photos! Announcements, calendar items, want ads, and articles for the next Newsletter must be received in writing by Jan. 12, 1997. Send information to the society's address on the cover. Better yet, send a text file on a 3.5 inch floppy disk or e-mail contributions to: [tgdughi@vmmail.teale.ca.gov](mailto:tgdughi@vmmail.teale.ca.gov).

## **President's Message**

Larry Logoteta

I would like to thank Geoff Wong and his staff for an excellent job in setting tables up so our members could display their plants for judging. My thanks go to the people who did the judging on all the CP categories.

We still need articles for our newsletter on any subject relating to CP. At the next meeting there will be nominations and elections for office of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We need also to decide on the clubs meeting dates for the upcoming year, 1997, and where we are going to hold the meetings for the new year. On the T shirt issue, a short discussion on where we are heading and how to solve this outstanding issue which seems to drag on and on. Make sure that you sign our sign in sheet so you won't be dropped from the members list. There was some concern about the clubs non profit status on who pays the taxes on plants which are sold and the ones which are raffled. Joe Mazrimas will shed some light by explaining where the club stands with our non profit status. A 1.00 dollar donation to help keep the cost of our newsletter down will be appreciated at each meeting. I would like to see more member profiles on how you got started in CP growing and what kind of plants you grow.

## **Secretary Notes**

There were 39 regular members and 9 new members in attendance. The first BACPS plant show was held at our last meeting and it was a partial success because not all entries were filled. Below here is a list of the winners who received ribbons.

There was no talk last meeting. The talk for Nov. 16, 1996 is by Rick Walker on tissue culture in the kitchen.

Some of our members are going to the Third Annual Southeastern Conference the first week of October. Mike Ross and Peter D'Amato are going. They were asked to give a report on the conference at our next meeting.

## Plant Show Awards

### *Nepenthes*

- 1st Geoff Wong (*N. spathulata*)
- 2nd Peter D'Amato (*N.* x Peter D'Amato)
- 3rd Gary Dughi (*N. ventricosa*)

### *Pinguicula*

- 1st Peter D'Amato (*P.* site #1 x *P. gypsicola*)
- 2nd Gary Dughi (*P.* x sethos)
- 3rd Gary Dughi (*P. agnata* x *P. gypsicola*)

### *Sarracenia*

- 1st (tie) Bill Weaver (*S. wrightiana*)
- 1st (tie) Bill Weaver (*S. flava* veined)
- 2nd Bill Weaver (*S.* hybrid)
- 3rd Bill Weaver (*S. purpurea*)

### Sundews

- 1st Peter D'Amato (*Byblis liniflora*)
- 2nd Darren Wong (*Drosera aliciae*)
- 3rd Danny Powell (*Drosera binata* multifida extrema)

### *Utricularia*

- 1st Peter D'Amato (*U. sandersonii*)
- 2nd Charlie and Danny Powell (*U. gibba*)
- 3rd Rocks Miner (*U. dichotoma*)

### All Other Genera

- 1st Geoff Wong (*Cephalotus follicularis*)
- 2nd Larry Logeteta (*Heliamphora heterodoxa* x *H. minor*)
- 3rd Larry Logeteta (*Darlingtonia californica*)

### Planter

- 1st Margaret Boomer
- 2nd Charlie and Danny Powell
- 3rd Joseph Miller

### Best Australian Plant

- Geoff Wong (*Cephalotus follicularis*)

# Treasurers Report

Joe Mazrimas

(as of 8-24-96)	INCOME	DEBIT
Concord show	\$20.00	
Rocks Payment	\$20.00	
Plant Sales	\$13.00	
Reg. Auction	\$109.00	
Silent Auction	\$42.00	
Newsletter Sales	\$25.00	
Donations	\$5.00	
Raffle	<u>\$68.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$ 302.00	

## NEWSLETTER

Xerox fee (200 copies)	\$86.60
Postage (128 copies)	\$45.72
Concord Show costs	\$180.00
Show ribbons	<u>\$68.20</u>
TOTAL	\$380.52

Current Balance	-\$78.52
Previous Balance (5-18-96)	<u>\$1,691.11</u>
Sub-total	\$1,612.59

Berkeley CP Fund (8-12-95)	<u>\$1,427.50</u>
Total Balance	\$3,040.09

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The bid sheets on the following two pages can be copied and filled out for any silent auction plants to be sold at the meetings.

The live auction should include plants expected to sell for \$10 or more.

## Silent Auction Bid Sheet

Plant: \_\_\_\_\_

Collection Data/Origin: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Growing Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum Bid = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mixing It Up

Carl Wong

The soil mix I use for most *Drosera* is a 3:1, peat-sand mixture. I use this same mix for all my *Sarracenias*, *Cephalotus* and VFTs (Venus Flytraps). I simply scoop three handfuls of prepared peat moss and one scoop of sand and mix thoroughly. Sometimes you'll find pieces of twigs or roots and I just pick them out. One of these days, I'll probably pick out a mummy from the bog people in which case I think I'll leave the hobby. When mixing I just wiggle my fingers around a lot so that the peat moss and sand appear even and there are no clumps of peat unbroken. I sometimes imagine I'm kneading bread dough although I've never baked anything in my life. I've been using the 3.8 cu. Sunshine brand of Canadian peat moss found in Home Depot. I dump as much of this as I possible in a clean 30 gallon garbage can and add regular tap water. In about a week the peat moss should be a nice dark brown or almost black color. I add enough water so that the peat moss is fairly soggy. I should warn you, if you haven't already encountered it, the smell towards the bottom of aged soaking peat will curl your hair and your toes. If they're already curly, this'll straighten them. I've gotten so used to it, though, that I would be disappointed if it didn't give off it's rotten egg aroma. Usually my hands retains this smell even though I wash carefully. This may account for the fact I haven't had very many dates with my wife since I've taken up this hobby. I always have as much of this prepared peat as possible handy for future use.

The sand I use can also be found at Home Depot. I use the 30 mesh Lonestar Monterey sand. It cost about \$3 for a 50 lb. sack. These stores usually don't carry this brand so I buy several sacks and just hoard them. I treat these sacks like gold and whenever my kid eyes them and wishes out loud for more sand in his sand box, he gets an icy stare from his dear old, understanding dad. You will need to wash this stuff until the rinse water is clear. I put about a quarter of a bag in a 5 gallon bucket and just wash the hell out of it. It usually takes about 6-10 rinses until the water looks clear. Never buy the Basilite brand. This stuff is extremely dirty and you'll have to rinse 20 times until the rinse water clears. I don't use play sand because it appears to have crushed shells in there. You can tell what kind of sand is in the bags just by examining bags that have broken open. If you buy the horticulture type of sand at nurseries you may still want to wash the stuff. I've found that even though it says washed sand, it still has some stuff in it. Anyway, the horticulture sand is relatively expensive. I think that stuff costs as much as gold.

The Reverse Osmosis filter I use is from Back To Nature Filtration. It's a 10 gallon per day unit with a prefilter and a Water Conservation Valve.

That means instead of having 6 gallons of waste water per 1 gallon of pure water, it's 3 to 1. I've got about 50 feet of aquarium tubing from the waste water outlet to irrigate my lawn, so I don't feel too guilty about wasting water. My filter is easy to connect. It's hooked up to a water garden water hose faucet in my back yard. The R.O. water is collected in a covered 30 gallon garbage can and when I don't need any more water, I just turn off the faucet. Stop me if this article is getting too technical. The initial cost for something like this will run about \$130. In a couple years you might need to get a new prefilter and R.O. cartridge which will cost about \$75. The guy to contact for this type of filter is Ron Harlan, (818) 248-7133. Having a R.O. filter like this or any other is a real luxury. I was getting awfully fed up lugging around half a dozen 2 gallon containers around with my pockets jingling with loose change. I think people who didn't know me thought I had tumors with all my pockets bulging. I was reduced to buying a 59 cent item in a store so that I can get \$10 worth of quarters in change. It was getting so bad I was considering renting a parking space near the vending machine since I was always there. Anyway, there are other types of filters out there but this is the one I use.

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"Ping Rock" - as shown at 1995 S.F. Flower Show. Gary Dughi

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## Announcements

**Special Speaker!.** Dr. Alfredo Lau, the Mexican *Pinguicula* expert, will be giving us a short lecture and slide show at our next BACPS meeting in November. Dr. Lau discovered many new species of *Pinguicula* and had one named after him: *P. laeana*.

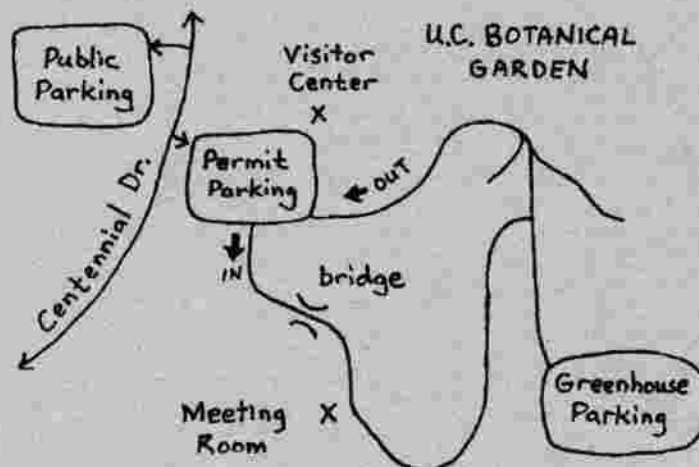
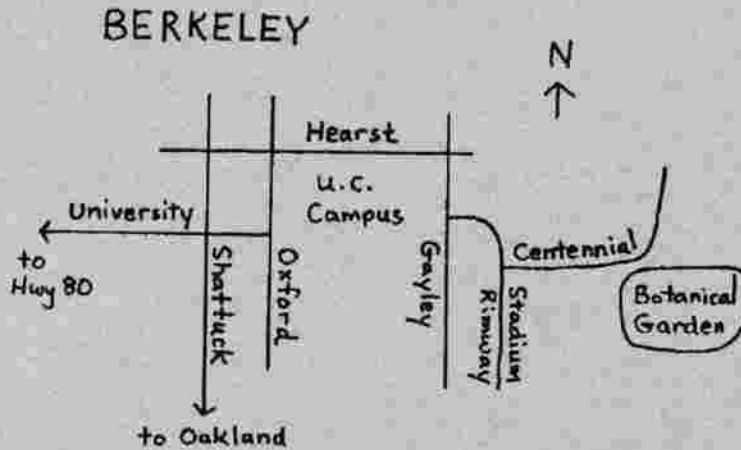
**Parking at the U.C. Berkeley Botanical Gardens.** Parking will no longer be allowed in the back area near the greenhouses at the gardens. Several complaints were received at the last meeting. Parking in this area was an unusual privilege to begin with. Parking in the pay lot across from the visitor center, however, has been reduced from \$0.75 per hour to \$0.50 per hour.

**Lapsed memberships!** The following people will be deleted from the newsletter mailing list starting with the second 1996 issue, unless they attend the next meeting or send \$5.00 to the society address to cover printing and mailing expenses for the following year: *Robert Allen, Anonymous, Bonnie Burrows, George Bush, Laura Chau, Bob Cohen, Jim Cooper, Ronald Hasemeyer, Raul Hernandez, Mike Jensen, John Kaufman, Kirina Knight, Ch'ien Lee, Violet Lewis, Greg Lum, Paul McCollom, Tim Metcalf, Phil Muller, Nicole Asselborn, David O'Gray, John Rizzi, Paul Schure, Curtis Tom, Kevin Winkler, and Daniela Wooton.* Remember that you must sign in once per year to keep your membership current.

**Baby food jars.** Bill Baumgartl would like to receive empty baby food jars. These jars will be used for tissue culture work to propagate carnivorous plants. He needs the jars only; not the lids. Bill wishes to collect about 1000 jars; so bring what ever you can to the next meeting or contact him for further delivery arrangements. You could also leave a message at (510) 633-0300.

**Computer CP Mailing List.** There is a computer mailing list specifically for carnivorous plant discussions. To participate, you need to be able to send electronic mail from a personal computer. To subscribe, either send the single-line message: "SUB CP Richard Nixon" to the internet address: "LISTSERV@CUTTER.HPL.HP.COM", or contact the list manager, Rick Walker, at "WALKER@OPUS.HPL.HP.COM". Remember to substitute your own given name for "Richard Nixon" in the example above! There is also a cp World-Wide-Web Database at "[http://www.hpl.hp.com/bot/cp\\_home](http://www.hpl.hp.com/bot/cp_home)" or "[http://192.6.19.66/bot/cp\\_home](http://192.6.19.66/bot/cp_home)". For more information, you can also contact Rick Walker at (415) 856-2354 Home or (415) 857-3754 Work.

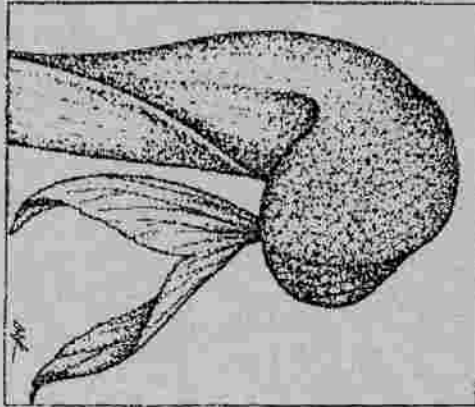
## Map to the Next Meeting



## 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 (for U.S. residents) to the Society address to cover printing and mailing expenses for one year.

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