

Bay Area Carnivorous Plant Society Newsletter

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Any person can become a member of the Bay Area Carnivorous Plant Society by paying a membership fee of \$5.00 US for each calendar year. Membership includes 4 issues of the BACPS newsletter along with other benefits. An extra \$5.00 US will be charged for non-US addresses to cover additional mailing expenses of the newsletter. Dues may be given to the society treasurer, Joe Mazrimas, at the meetings or mailed to the society address on the front cover. Make checks payable to BACPS.

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President's Message

Mike Ross

Greetings BACPS members! We had a very successful show at the Oakland Jack London Square April 30 to May 2. Many thanks to our booth supporters Joe Mazrimas, Larry Logeteta, Judith Finn, Joe Miller, Paul Bourbin, Art Junier, and myself. This is our only venue to present the Society to the public in an effort to increase interest in CP as well as possibly recruit new members. Joe has informed me that he is looking for someone new to take over this function...so this will be a requested support item along with sign-ups for the conference help at our next meeting. I would like to discuss other possible shows we might participate in for the future. The display plants were quite nice even with our cold spring this year. The

sale plants would have moved better if they were out of dormancy...maybe next year.

I would like to ask those attending the June 5 meeting to consider bringing a show plant for display and discussion. Most of our plants are now coming out of the winter blues and showing off some fine color and blossom. With this meeting at the Randall Museum, we should get quite a bit of visitor traffic to admire them.

I am looking forward to greeting a large turn-out at this next meeting...let's keep a positive and supportive attitude as we seek help for the various committee needs for Conference 2000.

Meeting Notes

March 13, 1999

About thirty people attended the March meeting at the University of California Botanical Garden in Berkeley. The meeting began with a "show and tell" session during which members exhibited particularly nice examples of live CP as well as artistic renderings of them. Several items of business were discussed including future meeting dates and results of the membership survey distributed with the last newsletter. The officers proposed reducing the frequency of meetings sometime after the ICPS 2000 conference next June. Joe Mazrimas called for volunteers to help with the CP exhibit at the Oakland Flower Show April 30-May 2. It was announced that Joe will be interviewed on Bob Tanem's radio show "In the Garden", KSFO-AM (560) Sunday 7:00-10:00am, tentative date April 11.

Vice President Joe Miller brought everyone current on his efforts to achieve non-profit status for the BACPS. The advantages of non-profit status, including limited liability, tax-deductibility of donations, and reduced rates for insurance, postage, and conference arrangements, should help the club to grow and develop, and seem to outweigh the disadvantages, which include incorporation costs and more stringent recordkeeping requirements. Joe is now drafting the Articles of Incorporation and welcomes input from members with expertise in this area. By-laws are available from Joe by e-mail (josephm@dnai.com).

President Mike Ross gave a short talk on the history of botanical illustration and displayed samples from his print collection. He told us that the earliest depictions of plants accompanied medical texts and were not always scientifically accurate. The standard of illustration became higher as flowering plants were grown increasingly for their beauty and artists were commissioned to produce authoritative drawings. Mike says antique botanical prints are still widely available through sources such as e-Bay and map and print dealers, and he points out that prints are a lot easier to care for than actual plants.

Many interesting plants, mostly *Nepenthes* from tissue culture, were sold at auction for very reasonable prices. Auctioneer Bill Baumgartl also provided cultivation tips and travel commentary. Among other things we heard about a boat ride in the Philippines involving choppy seas, open fuel containers and a chain-smoking boatman; the food in Sumatra (not for the picky eater); and where to catch malaria. We also learned just how far above 60 degrees is required to keep *N. truncata* happy (not far).

Three new members attended. Next meeting: June 5 at the Randall Museum.

Regular Auction Results

March 13, 1999

SPECIES	SELLER	SALES PRICE
<i>Nepenthes carunculata</i>	Mike Ross	\$35.00
<i>N. gymnamfora</i>	Mike ross	\$25.00
<i>N. gymnamfora</i>	Mike Ross	\$22.00
<i>N. carunculata</i>	Mike Ross	\$25.00
<i>N. northiana</i>	Bill baumgartl	\$47.00
<i>N. Veitchii x lowii</i>	Bill Baumgartl	\$25.00
<i>N. truncata</i>	Bill Baumgartl	\$37.00
<i>N. deaneana</i>	Bili Baumgartl	\$25.00
<i>Heliamphora hetro x minor</i>	Bill Baumgartl	\$40.00
<i>N. insignis</i>	Bill Baumgartl	\$20.00
<i>N. danseriana</i>	Bill Baumgartl	\$27.00
<i>N. rajah</i>	Bill Baumgartl	\$27.00
<i>Utricularia quelchii</i>	Bill Baumgartl	\$27.00
<i>U. quelchii</i>	Bill Baumgartl	\$26.00
<i>Print N. masteriana</i>	Mike Ross	\$20.00

An Invitation to the ICPS World Conference 2000

June 16, 17, and 18th 2000

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We're going to put on a conference here. The dates are set, the rooms are rented, the caterers have been called, the speakers are committing themselves, press releases are being published. Now we need you. The only thing missing is the participation of the members of the Bay Area Carnivorous Plant Society. What can you do? Simple. Register for the Conference. We need really great participation from the local membership to keep this conference in the black.

This will be the best International Carnivorous Plant Society (ICPS) Conference ever; we've planned more activities to appeal to more levels of interest so there will be something for everybody. For the first time at this Conference, workshops will be given during some of the most scholarly talks so people who want to learn about propagating plants, tissue culture, or building a bog in their backyard can learn in a hands-on way. We have planned a photo contest so you can show off plants without the risk of moving them and leaving them on public display. Even plants in the wild or plants you once grew can be the subject of a winning photo. There will be real prizes in a number of photo categories. Rare and unusual plants will be available from other countries. Among the best aspects will be the opportunities to meet and make friends with CP growers and researchers from around the world as we host

them here at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco. An informal field trip after the Conference will visit the Gasquet area to see CP in habitat.

All of this will be available to you, but only if you help make it happen. Of course, we will need volunteers to help with the preparations and the actual event, but the most important one thing you can do is to send in your registration and deposit. This gives you a \$15 discount, a guaranteed spot at the conference (there are only 190 seats now), and, it helps the organizing effort by giving us capital to make all the preparations. Please send in your \$50 deposit as soon as you get a registration form; it will be in the June CPN. A copy may be downloaded from the internet at: "<http://www.carnivorousplants.org/2000.html>" or, you may request a copy from me in person at the meeting, via phone, mail, or e-mail. Our Treasurer is Cindy Slezak; I am the registrar. You may make out a check to David O. Gray, Registrar, for Acct. # 9999 0296 702475 (Wells-Fargo) and send it to:

David O. Gray, 584 Castro St., San Francisco CA 94114

I will be giving an update at the June BACPS Meeting. Be there! Be a part of it! And thanks for your support!

Text from the "Carnivorous Plant Newsletter":

The date and location for the next ICPS conference have been set! The Bay Area Carnivorous Plant Society (BACPS) is proud to host the conference, at the Fort Mason Center in San Francisco, Friday, June 16th -- Sunday, June 18th, 2000. The three day event will be filled with talks, workshops, and fun. Following the conference will be a Do-It-Yourself Field Trip to see *Darlingtonia californica*, *Pinguicula macroceras*, and *Drosera rotundifolia* in the dramatic environs of northern California. BACPS will provide information and maps and is planning an informal picnic for Tuesday the 20th in the Redwoods. You can find out more about the conference and up to date information at the ICPS web site at "<http://www.carnivorousplants.org/2000.html>"

Overlooking San Francisco Bay with sweeping views of Alcatraz Island and the Golden Gate Bridge, the Fort Mason Center is near reasonably priced lodging, and a hostel is on the grounds of the Fort. The famous Fisherman's Wharf is a short walk and, in a city noted for

its restaurants, there are wonderful dining options in every direction. In the city's Golden Gate Park are Strybing Arboretum with its many diverse plantings from around the world (free and open every day) and by 2000, the elegant Conservatory of Flowers will be restored and open to display its collection of tropicals including *Nepenthes*. Across the bay is the University of California Botanical Garden in Berkeley with its extensive collection of carnivores. A registration form will be included in the June issue of the CPN, and can also be downloaded from the ICPS website. There is a substantial discount for registering early, so do not wait. For those members registering from outside the United States, contact your local society and see if you can arrange group discounts or other money-saving options. There are about 200 seats for the conference but please do act quickly; your early registration will help make this conference a success. Looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco, "Everybody's Favorite Town!"

Member Profile

David O. Gray

My interest in CP goes back to my early interest in wildlife in my native Oregon and my first encounters with *Darlingtonia* at age 11. I saw the plant first while at a summer science camp near Coos Bay -- they were very large plants growing within sight of the ocean -- it left a lasting impression of their strange beauty and rarity. Later, as a teenager, I worked for an exotic plant store that was ahead of its time, even in the houseplant boom of the mid-1970s, in offering a variety of locally grown carnivores. This led to working for the nurseryman who grew the plants, mostly from seed, and to collecting seed with him at various sites on the coast of Oregon. I grew all of the common genera before I was 16 and corresponded with growers around the world. In college I majored in horticulture, but then, in one of those classic life twists, ended up working in pet stores after college, because of the lack of good positions in the plant industry. I have kept and bred many species of parrots, snakes, frogs, chameleons, and kept aquaria with many live plants and dwarf cichlids (fish). The years of experience in plants, birds, reptiles, and fish have given me a huge appreciation for wildlife and wild areas and with my visits to tropical regions, convinced me of the peril that natural areas everywhere face from the hands of humankind. I moved to San Francisco about five years ago to enjoy the climate and culture here and to grow highland *Nepenthes* in a larger way. I like and grow

many hybrids and am not a species purist (but do believe in methodical tagging record keeping). Recently it occurred to me that there are many aspects of *Nepenthes* that need improvement. Surprisingly, there are some types that have characteristics that might make them more tolerant of normal household conditions. I have decided to collect forms and hybrids with the idea of breeding a plant for the average windowsill. I realize this is a tall order -- not many houseplants survive the average windowsill, and *Nepenthes* are very slow to flower and it is difficult to make intentional crosses, but I have some good candidates and will enjoy the pursuit of this goal. I have been taking an extended leave of absence from work for the past few months and this has given me the opportunity to devote some energy to the planning process that the BACPS has undertaken to host the next ICPS World Conference. Together with other members, we have laid the groundwork for the best ICPS Conference ever! And be assured, it will be especially great for the members of the BACPS. Please see the accompanying article in this issue. I am very happy to be a part of this society, one of the oldest CP groups in the world, and I encourage each of you to keep involved, grow lots of plants, even to give them away, and engender new interest among others who might start in this fascinating hobby, Carnivorous Plants.

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 should be received in writing by four weeks prior to the next meeting. 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 Gary Dughi at Gary_Dughi@dot.ca.gov. Scanned images may also be sent to this address.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Mazrimas

(as of 03-13-99)	INCOME	DEBIT
Dues	\$115.00	
Silent auction	\$4.00	
Donations	\$10.00	
Sellers	\$6.00	
Auction	\$40.00	
TOTAL	\$175.00	
Oakland Show deposit		\$50.00
Newsletter(200 copies)		\$37.01
Postage		\$61.40
TOTAL		\$148.41
Current Balance	\$26.59	
Previous balance(11-21-98)	\$1066.89	
sub-total	\$1093.48	
Berkeley CP fund(11-21-98)	\$1427.50	
Total Balance	\$2520.98	

Now we have 47 dues paying members on the list for 1999 and 25 for the year 2000.

Announcements

Photos for newsletter. We would love to publish your carnivorous plant photographs in the newsletter. Please send prints to the society address on the front cover with any description or article about the photograph. Let us know if you would like the photo returned. Scanned images may be sent to Gary Dughi, newsletter editor, at Gary_Dughi@dot.ca.gov.

Bring Plants to display at the next meeting. There is no judging; so don't worry about having the best or biggest plant. The meeting hall has plenty of room for display. If you have something extra; bring that along for the auction, raffle, or to trade. We can always use items for the raffle!

BACPS web page. BACPS now has a world-wide-web page administered by BACPS member Craig Gardner. Take a look at: "www.jps.net/cgardner/bacps/bacps.html".

California Carnivores web page. California Carnivores now has a world-wide-web page on internet at: "www.californiacarnivores.com".

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" or "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.

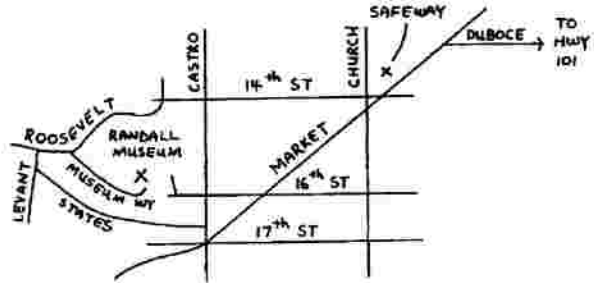
Bay Area CP Events Calendar

June 5, 1999 **BACPS Meeting,**
Randall Museum, San Francisco
August 28, 1999 **BACPS Meeting,**
UC Botanical Garden, Berkeley

Meetings starts at noon and end around 4:00PM.

Directions to the Randall Museum

From the Bay Bridge or the Peninsula, take Highway 101. Follow the signs to Mission St. and get off at the Mission/Duboce exit. Stay on Duboce Ave., which runs into Market St. Turn left onto Market St. Immediately after the Safeway store, make a 45 degree right turn onto 14th St. One block after crossing Castro, the main road veers left and becomes Roosevelt. Continue 1/4 mile and turn left onto Museum Way.

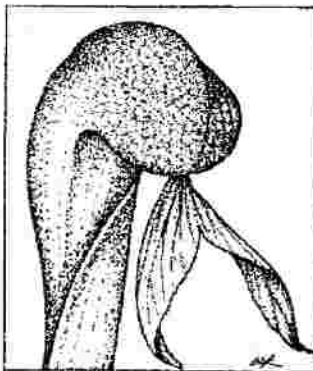


Public Transportation to the Randall Museum

From Downtown San Francisco on Market Street take the K, L, or M subway or the F street car. Follow one of these two choices: (1) Get off at the Castro Street Station (Castro and Market). Walk up Castro to 16th Street. Walk uphill on 16th one block. Go right on Flint, and take the footpath up to the museum. Or (2) To avoid walking uphill, get off at the Church Street Station (Church and Market). Transfer to the 37 Corbett bus. Ask to be let off at the closest bus stop to Roosevelt and Museum Way. Walk to the end of Museum Way.

The Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way. Telephone (415) 554-9600. There is plenty of free parking.

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