

We welcome all new subscribers to CPN, and welcome back those who have renewed. Last year, the newsletter became so popular that we found it necessary to close subscriptions at 450 about halfway through the year since subscriptions are by the volume. This year, we have planned much larger printings and predict an ultimate number of 600-650 subscribers. Clearly, CPN has grown over its four years and this growth is a measure of interest on the part of amateur and professional botanists alike. We would like to re-emphasize that CPN is your newsletter and we solicit your news contributions. Newcomers will see the relative lengths and styles of the various categories of news and articles in this number. As always, the new subscription cost will just about cover printing and mailing expenses--the co-editors realize absolutely no profit and, in fact, we cover small deficits now and then.

Below we have listed two well-developed CPN services available to all subscribers. In addition, we are in the beginning stages of two additional projects which we hope will mature this year: (1) A revised worldwide species listing similar to the one now in print but with the addition of chromosome numbers (when known) and some salient descriptive characters. (2) A 35 mm. photostyle lending library. Someone is already hard at work on this and as soon as he is permanently settled in a new location, we will offer something definite on it--likely this year.

CPN SUBSCRIBER SERVICES

SEED AND PLANT EXCHANGE: BOB ZIEMER (1740 Stewart Avenue, Arcata, CA 95521) has been doing a superb job of handling this difficult service for us for several years now. In addition to providing a clearing house for growers to exchange material and correspondence, the printed computer lists are also valuable records of what is being grown. We regard both these functions as equally important. To join the exchange, send the following to Bob at his address above: (1) A complete list of all carnivorous plants you grow, whether or not you have anything to exchange. You do not have to have anything to exchange to join and receive the twice yearly printout. But if you do have material to exchange, so mark it on your list and indicate whether seed, plants or cuttings. (2) We request that you include \$.50 to \$1.00 for Bob in order to help him with postage and printing costs--the actual service is free and Bob handles it for us in what little spare time he can find. With this in mind, please be patient in awaiting replies to all correspondence with him. As an exchange member, you will receive twice yearly a computer printout in two parts: a list of names and addresses of all members and their list code numbers, and the actual species list followed by the code numbers of the growers and markings indicating what they have to exchange. With this information at hand, you will be able to see who is growing a plant you wish to acquire, who has material to exchange, and by means of a simple cross-check whether or not they have a particular species in their collection which you could offer in trade. Handle all trades by direct correspondence with the individual. There is an important caution or two: DO NOT inquire about a trade unless you actually have material to trade, and DO NOT inquire about a trade unless the list indicates that the grower is willing to trade a particular species. The last is very important since several growers of rare species who do not have sufficient material to trade have threatened to leave the exchange since they were so pestered by requests and even outright demands! The exchange has worked very well so far and will continue to do so as long as common courtesy is used.

COMPUTERIZED CARNIVOROUS PLANT BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICE--THE KWIC SYSTEM: LYNN MACEY (511 North Eby, McPherson, KS 67460) originated this exciting new project and is managing it very well. We have seen complete printouts of all the bibliography in storage thus far and the results are fantastic. What he has done is store all available bibliographic references to carnivorous plants in citation form along with rather complete summaries where they could be obtained. The co-editors get a lot of mail inquiring into carnivorous plant literature and this service is the answer. Lynn is one of many of you who did not have access to a complete botanical library or in-depth literature citations, so he very effectively decided to do something about it. This service will not only be useful to anyone working on a specific project, but also to anyone who wishes to develop a thorough CP bibliography. There is a variety of printouts, including routine alphabetical author, genus, species, special subjects such as ecology, growing tips, etc. Lynn will send a complete description of the system along with the sample printouts if you request it and send him a SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH TWO FIRST CLASS STAMPS. He only charges his actual cost in postage, paper and printing--his efforts and the computer time are voluntary. By the way, Lynn soaks up new material to add to his computer storage like a sponge. Many citations still need summaries of the complete nature he prefers (even to the listing of all species in entire books!) since they are from foreign or otherwise unavailable sources, and he requests reprints of all CP material published by any of our subscribers, future, current and past. So go through those old stacks of reprints and keep Lynn in mind when mailing out reprints of any future papers. Send for his synopsis today--you will be pleased (do not forget the envelope with two stamps).