

EDITOR'S CORNER

First, let us start by wishing everyone a happy holiday season and a most successful New Year. We will be starting the New Year with the new 6 X 9 inch color cover booklet format. Only about 25% of the total ballots sent out were returned, and of these the change to the new format (versus retaining the original 8-1/2 X 11 inch format) passed by about three to one. With regards to the dues structure, the vote on the \$7/\$9 and \$7 worldwide was so close that we have decided to adopt the \$7 worldwide price. Therefore, the 1978 dues will be \$7 anywhere. The same policy of accepting all comers will still be in effect, but please try to send in all renewals before March, 1978. Subscriptions will continue to be on a calendar year basis. For those subscribers who have joined us recently, please do not be taken aback that it is already time to subscribe to Volume VII. The rates for the back volumes have also been revised. See enclosed leaflet. Please feel free to duplicate and distribute it to spread the good word.

We hope to be able to hold the line on dues and, if so, we will be in a position to accept multiple year subscriptions. More on this later next year.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEPENTHES CUTTINGS. Once again Joe Mazrimas and Don Schnell will have some spare *Nepenthes* cuttings to send to CPN subscribers in the spring of 1978 (April). We are now accepting requests; in your letter of request, please include the following information:

1. Your current growing conditions and dimensions of the *Nepenthes* area.
2. A current listing of *Nepenthes* species you are growing.
3. A list of desired species, but final selection will depend on available material.

Send all requests to Joe Mazrimas (who will collate all requests) before March 15, 1978. We regret that this offer is only available to U.S., Great Britain and continental Europe because of strict import and inspection certificate restrictions elsewhere. This offer is an attempt to effectively and rapidly spread *Nepenthes* plants among new growers of this genus for a cost of twice the postage on the package to be paid promptly upon receipt of the package.

For this year we are also offering, on a limited basis, one other rare plant. Seedlings of the rare *Sarracenia rubra* ssp. *jonesii* (grown from seed of cultivated plants) will be given away to those CPN subscribers who wish to grow them. All of the above plants will be sent off in the spring of 1978.

JOE MAZRIMAS (329 Helen Way, Livermore, CA 94550) still has plenty of copies of the book *Nepenthes of Mt. Kinabalu* by Kurata left for \$5.00 postpaid. It would make an idea gift for a friend who is interested in these unusual but beautiful plants. It has an English text with many fine color photos.

LOST OR DAMAGED-IN-THE-MAIL ISSUES OF CPN? We regret any inconvenience resulting from our mailing difficulties this year and will gladly replace any issue lost or severely damaged in the mail. Please address requests to Pat Hansen, CPN, The Arboretum, Dept. of Biology, California State Univ., Fullerton, CA 92634.

BOB HANRAHAN (Rt. 1, Box 338-T, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420) is an amateur radio operator (call letters WB6GWY). He would like telephone numbers of subscribers in the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. Perhaps he will be calling you via short wave and phone patch.

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