

Editor's Corner

A sincere welcome to all you newcomers and welcome back for you oldtimers as we begin another year. As stated in the last issue, each issue this year will be dedicated to a specific group of CP. This issue is dedicated to the fascinating tropical pitcher plants, *Nepenthes*.

Much has been said about the Endangered Species Act of 1973. A convention was held in San Jose, Costa Rica on 19-30 March 1979. Several genera of CP are among the proposed additions to Appendix I (Endangered) and Appendix II (Threatened). The ones that are being proposed to add to Appendix I are (the country proposing is in parenthesis): *Byblis* spp. (Australia), *Drosera* spp. (India), and *Nepenthes* spp. (India). Threatened addition is *Cephalotus follicularis* (Australia). (See Federal Register Vol. #11, Tuesday, 16 January 1979, pp. 3384-3400). It is obvious that the addition of whole families and genera in some cases (*Drosera* and *Nepenthes*, for

example) to these appendices is not totally logical. Readers are urged to express their opinions to their elected representatives as well as to Dr. Richard L. Jachowski, Federal Wildlife Permit Office, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240 (tel. 703/235-2418). Unfortunately, by the time you read these words, it will already be too late to influence the U.S.'s position at the San Jose meetings. More details will be given as they become known.

In response to the need for more responsible implementation of the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1973, especially as it applies to the Plant Kingdom, a group of interested individuals ranging from professional botanists and horticulturists to laypersons have formed an organization called "The National Consortium for Plant Conservation" (2000 Cabrillo Highway; Pacifica, CA 94044 USA; tel. 415/355-4845). Interested persons should contact them at the above address.

Carnivorous Plant Clubs

Club: Carnivorous Plant Society (Britain)
Address: Arnecote Park, Bicester, Oxfordshire OX6 ONT
President: John Watkins
Meetings: Inquire
Publications: Journal published twice a year
Dues: Alistair Mackie (address above), 2.50 in U.K., 3.50 overseas

Club: Potomac Valley Carnivorous Plant Society
Address: 1705 N. Quebec St., Arlington, VA (meeting location)
President: Philip Sheridan, 5729 S. 2nd St., Arlington, VA 22204 (write for info)
Meetings: Third Sunday of every month

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Publications: Color bulletin twice a year, subscription \$4.00/year
Dues: \$2.00 (in addition to bulletin subscription), restricted to area members.
Field trips: (1) Pine Barrens: May 26. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Chatsworth General Store, depart for home approximately 4 p.m. Sights: *S. purpurea* will be in flower, ecology of bogs may be observed. (2) Pine Barrens: July 22. Time and location same as above. Sights: Bladderworts and droseras will be in flower. (3) Southern Virginia: August 12, Homeville. We will split up into groups and explore for possible sites of CP.