

Editor's Corner

By Don Schnell

ICPS members of course have diverse interests — from very formal and scholarly researches to those who simply enjoy growing CPs or seeing and photographing them, and all gradations and combinations in between. Among the predominant growers and collectors of CPs there seems to be a growing impatience, as indicated by our personal and Society mail, to rapidly acquire material that is relatively exotic in culture, or simply yet not available through markets or trading or seed banks. Some individuals have proposed ambitious and sometimes naive schemes to develop collections of rare material rapidly, primarily material desired by American members and native to other countries, often in relatively inaccessible areas.

In some cases, ICPS has been asked as a society to participate in these exercises in several ways:

1. Provide financial backing for expeditions to other countries to collect plants;
2. To supply prominent ("full page") advertisements in CPN soliciting financial backers of such expeditions;
3. To provide official letters of introduction stating that the expedition has the "moral support" of ICPS.

Presently, policy is for ICPS to decline all three requests. We will briefly expand on the reasons for this policy.

While it is not unheard of for certain societies to provide support for various exploratory expeditions (such as the Royal Geographic Society and the National Geographic Society), they only do so under rigidly controlled circumstances after thoroughly investigating the intent of the expedition as being one of enlightenment, and the potential individuals involved as being fully qualified and experienced in such activities. Financially, of course, larger, older societies are better prepared to underwrite expeditions, but they are also careful to ensure the ethics and planning and goals of the venture. An ill-prepared venture — and the inexperienced are often frankly ill-prepared in spite of confidence to the contrary — into another nation for the sake of plant collection, and likely without considering the laws, mores and sensitivities of the people of that country, cannot be countenanced. As an introduction to those contemplating such a venture, we suggest they read a recent article (Taxon 30:87-89, 1981) outlining a proper approach and good manners in such situations.

There are also new, complex local and international legal restraints on collections and transport of some material that one must look into. More importantly, each individual must decide the moral value of pursuing possibly threatened or endangered plant material, removing it from its evolved habitat, and then attempting to grow it without much experience with similar material, or much theoretical and practical broad knowledge of botany and horticulture.

Therefore, ICPS cannot financially underwrite, support by letters of introduction, or prominently advertise such ventures. With some reservations, however, we feel generally obligated to place any requests for aid or support you may wish to make among the membership in the regular columns (such as News and Views) of CPN. The editors reserve the right to edit such material in cooperation with the individual requesting the space, so that the request is clear in intent and in taste.

Many universities, gardens, arboreta and other groups do sponsor or support

various explorations (usually after the careful investigations mentioned above). However, their activities are separate from those of ICPS and our policies do not reflect those of the above listed in summary, although they would agree with many of the concepts presented above.

SEED BANK

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 St. Michael's Episcopal Church
 49 Killean Park, Albany, NY 12205
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Byblis liniflora (15), *Cephalotus follicularis* (5), *Darlingtonia californica* (15), *Dionaea muscipula* (5), *Drosera aliciae* (3), *D. arcturi*, *D. binata* (1), *D. burkeana* (4), *D. burmanii* (Taiwan), *D. capensis*, *D. capensis* (narrow), *D. capillaris*, *D. capillaris* (long) (10), *D. erythrorhiza* (12), *D. filiformis filiformis*, *D. filiformis tracyi* (7), *D. glanduligera* (3), *D. intermedia*, *D. montana*, *D. natalensis* (3), *D. pygmaea* (3), *D. rotundifolia* (Oregon), *D. spathulata* (Australia), *D. spath.* (Kansai), *D. spath.* (Kanto), *Nepenthes gracilis* (15), *N. khasiana*, *N. mirabilis*, *N. rafflesiana* (4), *Pinguicula lutea* (10), *Sarracenia alata* (9), *S. flava*, *S. flava* (heavy vein) (14), *S. leucophylla*, *S. minor*, *S. oreophylla* (5), *S. psittacina*, *S. purpurea purpurea*, *S. purpurea venosa*, *S. purpurea venosa* "Louis Burk", *S. rubra gulfensis* (10), *S. rubra rubra* (10), *S. leuco* × *flava*, *Sarracenia mix*, *Utricularia resupinata* (5).

CPN BOOK SHOP

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AUTHOR	TITLE	PAGES	PRICE
---	<i>Aldrovanda vesiculosa</i> at Hanyu-City	32	\$6.75
---	Garden Life Magazine (Vol. 7, 1977)		\$5.00
I.P.S.J.	Insectivorous Plants	199	\$10.30
Komiya, S.	Carnivorous Plants, Observation & Cultivation	160	\$4.75
Komiya, S. & Shimizu, K.	Examination Notes on Carnivorous Plants	90	\$4.60
Kondo	Carnivorous Plants	292	\$10.30
Kusakabe, I.	(CP portion) Cacti, Succulents and Insectivorous Plants	127	\$9.40
Shimizu, K.	The Mystery of Carnivorous Plants	54	\$5.75
*Shimizu, K.	Venus Fly Trap	—	\$8.00
Suzuki	Insectivorous Plants (Cult. & Coll.)	168	\$3.35
Yamakawa, G.	Insectivorous Plants	152	\$4.00