

1982 Activities of the North Carolina Carnivorous Plant Growers

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It all began last January on a chilly 30° F. day. The first congregation of NCCPG was held in Raleigh. The topic was "Northern CP" as presented by Don Schnell. Members present were 8.

This meeting got the ball rolling and the next one came in early April when we camped out near the Green Swamp. This meeting started out Saturday morning with a tour of the swamp and later a plant rescue led by Stanley Rehder. At the rescue site, members indulged in acres of *Sarracenia flava*, *rubra*, *purpurea*; *Drosera capillaris* and *intermedia*. We returned to camp that night for a "gourmet" dinner prepared by chefs Floyd Rich (Reidsville, N.C.) and Jim Powell (Chesapeake, VA). Polish sausage, vegetables and ravioli were on the menu! The remainder of the evening was spent in general conversation about CP. Members present were 12.

Our May meeting was a treat for all. Don Schnell and family had us all out to their place for lunch. We were all so impressed with Don's collection, but we couldn't figure out just how he could grow mature and flowering specimens of *Heliamphora* and *Darlingtonia* in the hot 100 °F greenhouse. It was truly a CP lover's delight with rare CP like *Drosophyllum*, *Heliamphora* and unusual *Utricularia* on display. But we soon discovered that Don wasn't the only plant nut in the family. Mrs. Schnell displayed a complete collection of Begonias and Peperomias! We can't thank the Schnell family enough for all their time, food, and fun. There were 18 members present.

Moving into July, we caught up with Steve Smith (Kirkwood, N.Y.) who was on vacation. A small group met with him before the Green Swamp trip and sat in total awe during his slide presentation on *Nepenthes* and other unusual CP. The next day we proudly wore our CP shirts which

read "Carnivorous Plant Growers" on the front and a detailed *Nepenthes* on the back, thanks to Jim Powell. We then were ready to visit the Swamp to see *S. purpurea*, *minor*, *rubra*, *flava* hybrids; *Drosera capillaris*, *intermedia*, *brevifolia*; *Utricularia purpurea* in bloom! Another interesting meeting ended with 6 members present.

Our next meeting will be in early September. It will include a plant contest so new members are encouraged to start pruning and shaping up their plants. Prizes will be awarded. Our future plans might include a trip to Australia!

Because we have members from other states now, the name of our organization has been changed to the "Eastern CP Growers." Membership is \$1.00/yr. and requests to join should be sent to the author.

CP GROUP MEETS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The first meeting of a carnivorous plant interest group for Southern California took place on Saturday, September 23 in Irvine, California. The meeting had been in the planning stages for over a year. Through mail, flyers, and an announcement in one issue of *CPN*, I finally contacted about 15 persons in the Southern California area.

Basically, the purpose of the meeting was to gather persons in the area who were interested in CP, regardless of experience, to exchange ideas, expertise, and perhaps even plants. About eight persons attended the meeting.

Wayne Mrazek spoke briefly on his recent trip to Mt. Kinabalu in Malaysia. He passed around a few photos he took on his trip to *Nepenthes*, etc.

It was more or less the feeling of those at the meeting that formation of a struc-