

# JUDGING CARNIVOROUS PLANTS IN A PLANT SHOW

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The Annual Flower Show has no entry qualifications and age is also not taken into account so there is thus quite a variation in horticultural skills. The plants are divided into groups according to genus. If people submit a large container or terrarium with differing family groups, we do not judge it as a whole, but judge the individual genus contained within.

Our first priority is excellence in plant growth. The *proper cultivation* which leads to the best looking specimen is regarded as the most important aspect. We do not judge *rarity* in plant species. This hopefully discourages people from "buying" an award, or taking endangered plant species from the wild, or possible theft from collections. This also allows anyone, who has the diligence to raise to perfection even the most common species, equal chance to

attain an award.

Because our judging is in August, we do not give special merit for a plant which happens to be in *flower*. The added beauty, though, probably adds a certain bias. The *size* of a plant is, also in itself, not considered an important point. If another smaller specimen of the same genus is more carefully cultivated it will be favored. When weighing the merits between two specimens, the *difficulty of cultivation* of one species over another is taken into consideration.

The following are some of the *points of cultivation* which we take into consideration: The plant should have a certain symmetry unless that does not apply to a particular species.

The plants should be well groomed. The dead foliage should be eliminated and hopefully, no plant pathogens present—insect

## THE DR. EDGAR T. WHERRY MEMORABILIA COLLECTION

### Special Announcement *by Don Schnell*

There is a quite legitimate effort underway to collect and catalog any letters, other written material, slides, photographs and other memorabilia on Dr. Edgar T. Wherry. This project is being handled through the Delaware Valley Chapter of the American Rock Garden Society, and all material will be housed in the Wherry Collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences where it would be available to students and researchers.

If you have such material in your files, or know of individuals or institutions that do, please contact Mr. Milton Laden at 334 Wellesley Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19119. They would like to receive such materials either in original form or as good quality copies. Mr. Laden would also appreciate

all ideas on expanding this collection, search and use of material.

I have already sent in all of the material published by and about Dr. Wherry in previous *CPN* issues, so that is taken care of. I also included some personal correspondence. Others of you may wish to include some of your own material.

The Collection has just acquired some 1,500 of Dr. Wherry's original glass plate slides, which include many of *Sarracenia*. These are being copied to modern 35mm format and sets will be suitably housed for inspection. The slides will also be cataloged for easy reference. I anticipate queries about sales of slides, but so far, there is no plan for this, since the original glass plates belong to Morris Arboretum.