

# Special Request

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I am a planetarium director, teacher and avid CP enthusiast. Our planetarium has a lobby full of CPs, especially Venus Flytraps. I have been working with carnivorous plants and children in schools for several years. Among other things I visit schools and make presentations with living CPs, conduct lab activities, and loan out several terraria for classroom exhibits. Our quite successful efforts have met much enthusiasm in the schools. I have been asked by several professional educator's groups to present these activities at their national conferences.

I am current producing a Teacher's Guide to Carnivorous Plants and will be presenting it in workshops at the Maryland State Science Teacher's Conference and the National Science Teacher's Conference. This guide contains general information on CPs, culture and propagation information, demonstrations and laboratory activities, field trip sites, and resources such as suppliers, books, slide sets, videos, etc. During the workshop I hope to have a large variety of CPs on hand, do a slide and video presentation and have the participants try several activities with CPs. All of this is in a personal interest with CPs that goes back to my own elementary school days and an interest to educate the public to the value of conservation of CPs and their habitat.

I have already spent several days in North Carolina visiting various sites and preparing materials for this project, which is still in its draft stages. Becky Merty, the North Carolina State Naturalist has become my guide and friend, Bob Gardner of the North Carolina Botanical Gardens has been of great assistance and Carol Mayes of the North Carolina Nature Conservancy has been very helpful.

Perhaps there are ICPS members who would contribute to the workshop in one or more ways?

May I include you as a source of CPs for teachers?

Would you send 100 of your catalogs/brochures/pamphlets for handouts?

Would you donate a dozen or more CPs for the workshop?

Do you have some 35 mm slides (copyright free) on propagation, displays, habitat destruction that I may use?

Would you donate a poster or picture?

Would you donate a book on CPs?

Do you have suggestions for CP activities with students ages 5 to 25?

I appreciate whatever help the membership would offer. Please contact me at the above address.

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## SPECIAL EVENT

Ron Gagliardo is in the process of reactivating his retail CP outlet, "HUNGRY PLANTS." He will have a 1990 catalog for \$1.00, and as in the past, will be selling tissue cultured plants. He will be listed in our March, 1990 list of sources. Ron has been trying to reach customers with whom he has not completely settled up or filled orders. If he has not written you, you may write him at his address (1216 Cooper Dr., Raleigh, NC 27607) and he will respond.

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## Want Ad

**Ronnie Spears** (218 Bradfield Dr., LaGrange, GA 30240)

WTB: Sizeable *Cephalotus* plants under \$50.00. Contact CP enthusiast in the area of LaGrange, GA.