

Editor's Corner

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I wish to apologize again for the delays experienced in getting CPN into your hands. My thanks again for your patience and understanding. I also wish to acknowledge again those who came forward in a continuing commitment to help with the production of CPN. Marilyn Medlin, Public Affairs Office, California State University, Fullerton, is doing the graphics; Arthur and Erin North of Westminster, California, mailing list and labels; and Richard George of Riverside, California, who is handling inquiries for information and membership. Without them and you, CPN would not be possible.

In this double issue, you will find a renewal envelope. This is the only notice you will receive. If you do not need to renew at this time, please pass the envelope on to a friend or use it in any communication you may have with the Society.

For the past ten years, our rates have not changed, but due to the recent 25% across the board postal rate increase (which was determined, voted on and implemented by the Postal Commission all within 3 months!) as well as increases in printing costs, it is necessary to increase dues to the following rates. For the USA and Canada \$15.00/year; all others \$20.00/year. The back issue discount package will be, for five or more back volumes, USA and Canada \$12.50, all others \$17.50 per volume-year. Single year back issues will be at the new individual rate. Orders already received at the old rates will be honored.

Seed Bank

For more updated information on the Seed Bank inventory, please contact Gordon L. Snelling, 321 1/2 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia CA 91016, U.S.A. Please include SASE or return postage. Overseas include 2 international reply coupons (IRC's).

News and Views

Steve Clemesha (Lot 6 Skinner Close, Avocado Heights, Woolgollia, NSW Australia 2456) writes:

Nepenthes is rather difficult to hybridize especially when one wants to choose the parents carefully rather than randomly cross them. Because the plants produce flowers of one sex on different plants, it is difficult to have them flower within a short time span for effective pollination to occur.

I have tried storing *Nepenthes* pollen in aluminum foil to send out to other breeders. The shiny side was best to use as it did not seem to stick too much as the dull side did. Pollen does stick to glass but because the material is hard and rigid, you can scrape it off with a label or blade. Glass slides can be labeled and stored in glass jars for several months with the pollen remaining quite viable but never as good as fresh material.

Freddy De Coninck (Rijckelarenstraat 20, 9219, Gent, Belgium) writes:
This year in Belgium, we started a CP society. This is a non-profit society named