

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: ELECTION NEWS

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The 1998 elections have concluded and the six successful candidates were (in alphabetical order) Madeleine Groves, Jay Lechtman, Joe Mazrimas, Carl Mazur, Barry Meyers-Rice, and Jan Schlauer. This sextet will be joined by the 1998 ICPS president Rick Walker to form the new Board of Governors. As I write this, the Board has just begun its business and in the coming weeks will develop plans for the ICPS's future.

One of the important tasks the ICPS must address is how the Society relates to its many Chapters. At present there are no official benefits or guidelines for its Chapters. To help us change this, we would like to hear from every ICPS chapter. Please send a letter to us, describing who you are, how many people are in your Chapter, and what geographic range you span.

A CARNIVOROUS PLANT ON AN IRISH POSTAGE STAMP: DAVID MOORE AND *SARRACENIA* HYBRIDS AT GLASNEVIN BOTANIC GARDENS

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In September 1995, to commemorate the bicentenary of the foundation of the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin, the Irish Post office issued a set of stamps including one depicting a carnivorous plant. The set comprises *Crinum moorei* (32p), a lily from Natal named after Dr. David Moore, *Solanum crispum* 'Glasnevin' (44p), a cultivar of the potato vine, and *Sarracenia* × *moorei* (38p, see Figure 1). The issue included a souvenir booklet with the stamps set in a strip and as a block of four (two 32p, and one each 38p and 44p). The stamps were designed by Frances Poskitt and were released on 9 October.

Why was *Sarracenia* × *moorei* chosen for this issue? It was the first artificial hybrid pitcher plant and was raised in the early 1870s at Glasnevin, then known as the Royal Dublin Society's Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin. Situated a few kilometres north of the centre of Dublin, the Gardens still flourish and today are known as the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin; for many years—from about 1870 until 1922 when the Irish Free State was established—they bore the name Royal Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin (see note 1).

Almost as multifarious as the names for the gardens in Glasnevin are the names applied to the hybrid resulting from the deliberate cross-pollination of *Sarracenia flava* and *S. leucophylla*. All plants arising from that cross, whether naturally occurring or artificially created, have only one correct name: *Sarracenia* × *moorei* [Anonymous ex] Masters. *S.* × *mooreana* Veitch is a superfluous synonym which should be abandoned as I have pointed out elsewhere (see note 2); its continued use is contrary to the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature.