EDITORIAL: MILESTONES

This issue marks three important milestones.

First, this will be the last issue of Carnivorous Plant Newsletter that will be printed while one of the founders of the ICPS is still active in the organization’s leadership. After helping lead the ICPS for 29 years, Joe Mazrimas is stepping down from the board of directors. The ICPS owes its existence to the special mutualism that Joe and Don Schnell fostered nearly three decades ago.

Second, Tom Johnson is no longer going to be working as seed bank director and back issue manager. He has performed these jobs for several years, and every board member of the ICPS extends a hearty thank-you to Tom for his work. To take his place, John Brittnacher (a new board member) is assuming the role of seed bank director. His contact information is printed along with the seed bank listing in this issue. Seed bank managers of other organizations take note! John would like to set up exchange programs with you. The back issue orders will be processed by our new board member Cindy Slezak.

Third, I am immensely proud and pleased to announce that this issue of Carnivorous Plant Newsletter is in honor and recognition of that great British horticulturist, Adrian Slack. Through his two books, a gregarious personality, and countless interviews with the media, Adrian Slack greatly influenced the history of carnivorous plant horticulture. Most of the items in this issue feature material related to Adrian Slack, and I hope you enjoy them. Furthermore, Adrian Slack has been awarded an honorary life membership to the ICPS, and a framed, enlarged print of the spectacular Sarracenia ‘Adrian Slack’ has been given to him as a token of affection from the ICPS officers and membership. Thank you, Mr. Slack, for your work! (BMR)