New cultivars

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Abstract: Two new carnivorous plant cultivars are named and described: Sarracenia purpurea subsp. venosa ‘Cilum’, Sarracenia ‘Brooks Garcia’.

Sarracenia purpurea subsp. venosa ‘Cilum’

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In the winter of 2020, through exchanges with other carnivorous plant grower friends, I came into possession of some seedlings of Sarracenia purpurea subsp. venosa × self from a sowing in winter 2019. Some of these seedlings were in turn exchanged, and I kept for myself two of those that had characteristics that struck me the most. By necessity, I gave one of these two plants to a friend of mine, who at the end of 2022 called to tell me to come and get it because the pigeons had destroyed it. I planted it in a new pot and in spring 2023, it started to produce huge, low and squat traps like many of the clones of Sarracenia purpurea subsp. venous presently in circulation, but with an exaggerated size, almost the size of a fist. Sarracenia purpurea subsp. venosa ‘Cilum’ (Fig. 1) is a very vigorous and fast-growing clone, in the spring period it has a lighter color of the leaves, which at the end of summer vary from dark red to purple. The color of the flower is red.

To keep the cultivar’s characteristics, Sarracenia purpurea subsp. venosa ‘Cilum’ must be propagated by vegetative means only.

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Figure 1: Sarracenia purpurea subsp. venosa ‘Cilum’
Formerly known as “It’s Complicated,” *Sarracenia* ‘Brooks Garcia’ is a very complex hybrid of (*Sarracenia* ‘Leah Wilkerson’ × *S. alata*) × (*S. psittacina* × (*S. purpurea* × *S. minor*)) created by Brooks himself some years ago. He had several siblings from this cross and gifted one to me in March of 2020. To be honest, I didn’t think much of it that first season as it was small and only put up one pitcher in the fall. As the next two seasons progressed, I started noticing this plant more and more in my collection and soon realized it was turning into something special.

*Sarracenia* ‘Brooks Garcia’ is a stunning and prolific pitcher plant forming tight clumps in cultivation. It produces beautiful dark purple, chunky pitchers averaging 65 cm or more on older/mature plants. Pitchers start out light red (Fig. 2A) but quickly darken to a deep, deep purple (Fig. 2B) as they age in the sun. They also have a downward angular nectar roll giving the peristome an “open mouth” appearance. It produces a spring and fall flush of sturdy upright pitchers with the fall flush being the most prominent. The flowers are also unique as they are completely red with a single creamy, white vertical stripe extending the majority of the length of all five petals (Fig. 2C).

I coined the name ‘Brooks Garcia’ in honor of the man who created this beauty but also who made it possible for so many growers to enjoy so many wonderful *Sarracenia* discovered and created by the man himself over the past several decades.

This plant should be reproduced only by divisions/cuttings to ensure its unique characteristics are maintained.

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Figure 2: *Sarracenia* ‘Brooks Garcia’ pitchers in (A) spring, (B) summer, and (C) flowers.