

Carniflora News

November 2014

Welcome. This issue of *Carniflora News* provides a summary of the last meeting, happenings in the greenhouse and details of new events.

The Current Executive

The current executive is as follows:

President – Robert Gibson

Vice President & Secretary – Wesley Fairhall

Treasurer & Public Officer – Gareth Hambridge

Committee Member 1 – Terry Watts

Committee Member 2 – Glen Moss

Committee Member 3 – Kirk 'Fuzzy' Hirsch

Committee Member 4 – Marina Chong

Delayed start to renovations at Woodstock:

Planned renovations of the Woodstock Community Centre have been delayed until the start of 2015. Therefore the general meeting of 14th November will be held at Woodstock Community Centre as per usual.

Check the ACPS Facebook page for updates:

https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Australasian-Carnivorous-Plant-Society/194049760656595?ref_type=bookmark



Drosera filiformis—mutant leaf with a bifurcated apex.

Upcoming ACPS events for 2014 to mid-2015

14th November— Presentation on *Sarracenia* by Greg Bourke

THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER

7th December—**Christmas Party & Annual Show** at Mt Tomah

6th—14th December—'Plants with Bite Fair' (see pages 5 & 6)

8th January 2015—**Details to be announced**

12th February 2015—**Details to be announced**

8th March 2015—**Details to be announced**

13th April 2015—**Plant Competition at the Royal Easter Show**

10th April 2015—**Details to be announced**

11-12th April 2015—**Collector's Plant Fair, Clarendon**

8th May 2015—**Details to be announced**

12th June 2015—**Details to be announced**

The next meeting is on **Friday 14th November**. This will be the last general meeting of 2014. The meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. Please bring plants for show or sale, or both.

Please give consideration to presenting a talk, a demonstration, or showing a selection of your favourite photos at one of the forthcoming meetings.

The society now has a general email address:

auscps@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

Plants With Bite Carnivorous Plant Fair, 6th—14th December, Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Bells Line of Road, via Bilpin, Mount Tomah. Volunteers will be needed to provide advice on plants on display, to help sell plants, and to give some of the talks on both weekends (see roster on [page 5](#)). Please bring plants for display and plants for sale – this is a great way to make some money from your spare plants and share them – and your knowledge and enthusiasm – with other people.

The Society takes a 10% commission on all plants sold at meetings and other events, such as the 'Plants With Bite Fair'.

ADVERTISE IN THIS NEWSLETTER: Want ads, or plants for sale. Free service for members. Please notify Robert Gibson two weeks before a meeting if you wish to place an ad in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events (Continued)

Christmas Party on Sunday 7th December, Blue Mountains Botanic Garden
Come join us for a great day at Mount Tomah.

Annual Show on Sunday 7th December, Blue Mountains Botanic Garden

The annual show will provide members to show off their best plants and have a chance at winning in a range of categories:

- Best *Dionaea*
- Best *Drosera*
- Best *Nepenthes* species
- Best *Nepenthes* hybrid
- Most voluminous *Nepenthes* pitcher
- Best *Sarracenia* species
- Best *Sarracenia* hybrid
- Tallest *Sarracenia*
- Best *Pinguicula*
- Best *Utricularia*
- Best 'other' plant
- Reddest Plant
- Best group planting
- Best plant by a new member
- Grand Champion 2014
- Runner-up 2014
- Grower – Plant look-a-like

Sarracenia leucophylla




Pinguicula gigantea

Sunday 5th April 2015– Carnivorous Plant Competition at the Royal Easter Show, Sydney.

Registration opens early in 2015. Details from the Royal Agricultural Show are not yet available, but we will provide new details when they are available. Start to prepare your best plants now.

Tech 2U [<http://www.tech2u.com.au>] are again sponsoring the carnivorous plant completion at the Royal Easter Show. Thank you Tech 2U.

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11th-12th April, 2015 – Collector's Plant Fair, Clarendon: www.collectorsplantfair.com

The Society will once again be holding a stall to sell plants at the Collector's Plant Fair. This is a wonderful event to sell surplus plants, and perhaps buy some new treasures for your collection. Please consider providing plants for sale (10% of the sale price goes to the Society as commission), and donating some time to help keep the stall manned during this weekend. A roster will be circulated early in 2015 to coordinate all volunteers.

Summary of the ACPS General Meeting of 10th October 2014:

The September meeting was less formal than other meetings this year and had many plants for sale. Some were sold during an auction, kindly run by Kirk 'Fuzzy' Hirsch. Notable plants included two pots of *Drosera pauciflora* and a large pot of *Drosera binata* var. *multifida*. The meeting was well attended and it seems most people in attendance left the meeting with at least one new plant for their collection.

Plant of the Month:

Contenders for 'Plant of the Month' included *Nepenthes ovata* x *truncata*, a tall plant of *Drosera hookeri* from near Crookwell, on the NSW Southern Tablelands, a pot of flowering *Pinguicula primuliflora* and a large pot of *Drosera binata* var. *multifida*. The result of the first vote was a tie between the pot of *Pinguicula* and of *Drosera binata*. After a second round vote the winner was the pot of *D. binata*. Well done, Simone for growing such a lovely plant. The winning plant was sold at the auction that followed.

Growing *Drosera binata* var. *multifida*

Simone was very modest when providing her description of how she grew this prize winning plants, which are summarised below:

1. Grown in a large, full-length black plastic pot about 20 cm diameter which sits in a tray of water;
2. Given many hours of direct sunlight and bright indirect light each day; and
3. Grown outside and thus experiences a period of winter dormancy from which the plant was vigorously rebounding.



Drosera binata var. *multifida*



Drosera slackii with emerging scape

October & November in the Greenhouse

October – November is a time of great activity in the plant collection. *Sarracenia* have put on a great initial burst of growth, with mature plants having sent up flowers. The flowers can be selfed, or crossed with any other *Sarracenia* species or hybrid, so please write down details of any crosses you have made. The first pitchers of the season of most *Sarracenia* are often the tallest that the plant will produce of the growing season, so plants may need some gentle staking or other means of support (such as rings) to keep these larger pitchers from falling over until supported by additional pitchers.

Nepenthes continue to grow quickly and increase pitcher production. Some plants may also be now coming into flower. *Nepenthes* have male and female flowers on separate plants so, unlike *Sarracenia*, seed production from *Nepenthes* can be fickle if you have only a few plants.

Most tuberous and other winter-growing sundews are now dormant, and the bare pots can be stacked and placed somewhere dry and out of direct sunlight over the summer. The pots will require period light watering over the summer to ensure that the mix does not become bone dry, for this can dry out the tubers.

Evergreen sundews are now growing well, with many coming into flower. These pots may also be producing mysterious yellow or yellow and purple flowers. These are likely to be *Utricularia subulata* and *U. bisquamata* respectively which often volunteer in carnivorous plant collections.

Hopefully you have some surviving *Aldrovanda* plants, and those will now be starting to grow quickly.

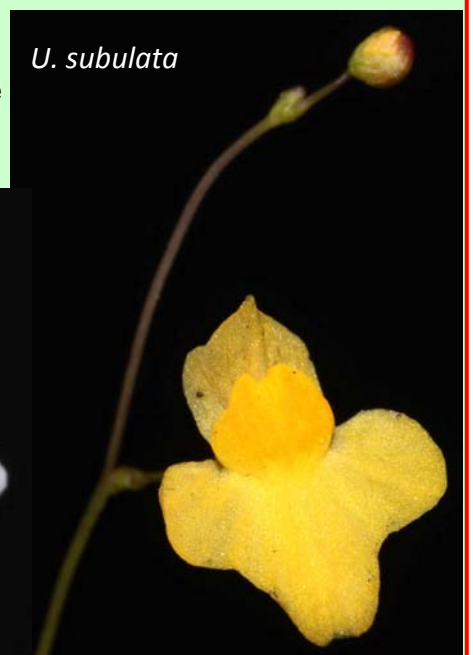
U. subulata



Sarracenia rubra flower



U. bisquamata



VOLUNTEER ROSTER FOR 'PLANTS WITH BITE FAIR' 6th—14th DECEMBER, BLUE MOUNTAINS BOTANIC GARDEN, BELLS LINE ROAD, MOUNT TOMAH

The Blue Mountains Botanic Garden is easily accessed by the Bells Line Road between Richmond and Lithgow, and is about 40 minutes' drive from Richmond (see map below). Information on this lovely botanic garden is available at: <http://www.mounttomahbotanicgarden.com.au/>



Volunteers from the ACPS are required for the 'Plants with Bite Fair' as per the table on the next page. Please nominate a time and task to assist with to make this event even enjoyable for all involved.

Members can set up sales and display plants between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the Friday 5th or between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on the Saturday 6th. Pull down is from 4 p.m. on the Sunday 14th.

The Society will need to provide someone to handle cash on all of the weekend days. When there is nobody from the Society to handle sales there will be no sales. If the Society wishes to have any sales on weekdays then we'll also need to provide someone for that job—the shop at Mount Tomah will not be doing this on behalf of the Society.

Two presentations are planned for the four weekend days of the Fair. Documentaries will be shown for the afternoon events, but the Society will need to provide someone for the morning sessions that begin at 11 a.m.

Please advise the executive (in person or by auscps@gmail.com) and Greg Bourke (orders@captiveexotics.com) of the time, date and activity that suits you so we can best plan these days. The first Sunday of this Fair is also the date of the Society's **Christmas Party** and **Annual Show**. Please bring yourselves, your partners and kids, and of course plants for show and sale to make this event wonderful.

Volunteer roster for the 'Plants with Bite Fair', 6th- 14th December 2014. Please nominate a task, date and time to assist and help make this Fair a great success for the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden and the ACPS.

Date	Set Up	Plant Table discussion	Plant Sales	Delivering morning presentations	Pull Down
Friday 5th [i.e. the day before the Fair opens]	Plant display and sales set up between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.				
Saturday 6th	Plant display and sales set up between 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m.	11 a.m.—12 noon	
Sunday 7th Annual Show & Christmas Party		9 a.m.—5 p.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m.	11 a.m.—12 noon	
Monday 8th (Optional)		9 a.m.—5 p.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m.		
Tuesday 9th (Optional)		9 a.m.—5 p.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m.		
Wednesday 10th (Optional)		9 a.m.—5 p.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m.		
Thursday 11th (Optional)		9 a.m.—5 p.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m.		
Friday 12th (Optional)		9 a.m.—5 p.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m.		
Saturday 13th		9 a.m.—5 p.m.	9 a.m.—5 p.m.	11 a.m.—12 noon	
Sunday 14th		9 a.m.—4 p.m.	9 a.m.—4 p.m.	11 a.m.—12 noon	4 p.m.— 6 p.m.

IUCN Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group

During the 10th International Carnivorous Plant Society Conference in Cairns, Rob Cantley officially launched the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group [<http://www.iucn-cpsg.org/>]. This group serves to preserve and study carnivorous plants in the wild. The work of this new group is to provide accurate and current Red List assessments for all carnivorous plants. The results of which will inform conservation efforts so they target the most threatened species. Everyone is welcome to contribute, whether by joining as a General Member or as a Specialist Member for a group of plants to help with this assessment work. I encourage everyone to get involved, for we all have a part to play in this effort to preserve the plants that fascinate us.

Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Seed Bank – 19 October 2014

<i>Drosera aliciae</i>	Table Mountain
<i>D. andersoniana</i>	
<i>D. auriculata</i>	Adamstown, N.S.W. Cameron Park, N.S.W. Nerriga N.S.W. Picnic Point, N.S.W. Grampians, Victoria, South Australia (ex. Hort.) Western Tasmania
<i>D. binata</i> 'T-form'	Ahipara, New Zealand Kai Iwi, New Zealand Horipoto, New Zealand Freycinet, Tasmania Mt Compass, S.A.
<i>D. binata</i> 'dichotoma'	
<i>D. binata</i> 'multifida' (pink x white petal plants)	
<i>D. capensis</i>	Red leaf form
<i>D. cistiflora</i> (Red petal) x <i>D. pauciflora</i>	
<i>D. collinsiae</i>	
<i>D. gigantea</i> subsp. <i>gigantea</i>	
<i>D. glanduligera</i>	Picnic Point, N.S.W.
<i>D. graniticola</i>	
<i>D. heterophylla</i>	
<i>D. hookeri</i>	Bathurst, N.S.W. Cameron Park, N.S.W. Jamieson, Vic. Ex. Hort. (Pink petals)
<i>D. huegelii</i>	
<i>D. humilis</i>	
<i>D. indica</i> (= <i>finlaysonia</i>)	ex. Hort.
<i>D. lunata</i>	Chiba, Aichi Pref., Japan Evans Head, NSW Werakata N.S.W. ex. Hort. (N.S.W.)
<i>D. madagascariensis</i>	Okvango Delta, Botswana
<i>D. macrantha</i> subsp. <i>macrantha</i>	'Northern Sand Plain Form' 'Swamp Form' = <i>D. indumenta</i> 'Silky Sepal Form' 'Rock Outcrop Form'

<i>D. macrantha</i> subsp. <i>macrantha</i>	Wongan Hills Darkan Hyden
<i>D. macrantha</i> subsp. <i>planchonii</i>	South Australia
<i>D. macrophylla</i> subsp. <i>macrophylla</i>	Wongan Hills Gosnells
<i>D. peltata</i>	Beechworth, Vic. Picnic Point, N.S.W. Walwa, Vic. Glenelg, Vic. Ex. Hort.
<i>D. pulchella</i> (Pink petal)	
<i>D. spatulata</i>	Ahipara, New Zealand Desert Road, New Zealand
<i>D. tokaiensis</i>	
<i>D. trinervia</i>	
<i>D. venusta</i>	
<i>D. whittakeri</i>	
<i>D. yilgarnensis</i>	Holt Rock, W.A.
<i>Drosophyllum lusitanicum</i> (4 seeds per pack)	
<i>Roridula gorgonias</i>	(5 seeds per packet)
<i>Sarracenia leucophylla</i>	(open pollinated)
<i>S. purpurea</i> subsp. <i>purpurea</i> 'Phoenix'	Ocean County, New Jersey
<i>S. purpurea</i> subsp. <i>venosa</i> var. <i>rosea</i>	
<i>Utricularia dichotoma</i>	Jamieson, Vic. Nangwarry, S.A. Redhead, N.S.W. Tasmania
<i>U. novae-zelandiae</i>	Lake Ohia
<i>U. multifida</i>	
<i>U. violacea</i>	

SEED PACKETS ALL \$1.00 EACH

Donations of seed are welcome. This is a service for all members of the society so please help keep it going.



Plant of the Month competition



Sarracenia for sale at the October meeting

In association with the Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society
the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden presents

Plants with **Bite!**

Carnivorous Plant FAIR



Sat 6 – Sun 14 December 2014

Delve into the sticky world of meat-eating plants! Over many thousands of years, these incredible plants have evolved ways to trap and digest insects and other animals when they can't get enough nutrients from their environment. See if you can spot the trapping mechanisms on the carnivorous plants in our spectacular display. But don't get too close ... these are plants with bite!

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The Blue Mountains
BOTANIC GARDEN
Mount Tomah

Plants with **Bite!**

Carnivorous Plant FAIR

Sat 6 – Sun 14 December 2014

The Visitor centre will house a spectacular carnivorous plant display with information sessions, documentary film sessions and plants available for purchase (cash only).

Information sessions

Saturdays & Sundays 6, 7, 13 & 14 December

The Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society will present talks exploring the different types of carnivorous plants and their trapping mechanisms; along with cultivation and propagation tips. **11 am – 12 noon in the Visitor Centre. Free sessions.**

Documentary Screenings

Daily during the fair

Back to back screenings of the *Exploration of Mount Anipahan* and *Mount Kiamo and Plants Behaving Badly* (approximate running time 60 minutes total). **1 pm daily in the Wollemi Room. Free entry.**

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