

Carniflora News

December 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.

Check the ACPS Facebook page for updates:

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



Nepenthes truncata x stenophylla

Upcoming ACPS events for 2014 to mid-2015

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—**Glen Moss**—presentation on travels in New Guinea and Malaysia

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 gathering is on **Sunday 7th December** for the Christmas Party & Annual Show. The next general meeting is on **Friday 8th January 2015**. 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 are still 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 4](#)). 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 at Mt Tomah between about 10.00 a.m. and 4 p.m.,

Meet at the foyer of the Botanic Garden Visitor centre to enjoy the wonderful carnivorous plant display for the 'Plants with Bite Fair' - and please consider volunteering some time to talk to visitors to the garden to let them know more about these amazing plants.

It will be BYO lunch. Barbecue facilities are available adjacent to the car park, with tables and chairs, or bring a picnic and enjoy lunch in the other parts of the garden, such as overlooking the carnivorous plant display downslope of the Visitor centre.

There is a chance to sell plants at this event, to members and the general public (of which 10% of the sale price goes to the Society).

So bring your family. Bring your friends. Bring your plants. Come join us for a great day at Mount Tomah.



Annual Show on Sunday 7th December, Visitor centre, 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

Judging will commence at 10 a.m.



'PLANTS WITH BITE FAIR' 6th—14th DECEMBER, BLUE MOUNTAINS BOTANIC GARDEN, BELLS LINE ROAD, MOUNT TOMAH (see flyer on pages 7 & 8)

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 still required for the 'Plants with Bite Fair' as per the table on the next page, particularly the second weekend of the fair and ideally on some of the weekdays in between. 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., particularly on the second weekend of the Fair.

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.



Pinguicula leaf cutting

Volunteer roster for the 'Plants with Bite Fair', 6th- 14th December 2014. Please nominate for a task, date and time to assist and help make this Fair a great success for the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden and the ACPS,. At this stage it appears that there will be no one at the Fair for plant sales or to talk to members of the public during the weekdays..

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

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

Registration has now opened for the **2015 Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Show** and closes on 11 March 2015. See <http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/FlowerGarden.htm> for more details and copies of the entry form and rules. Start to prepare your best plants now.

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

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 .



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Drosera seedlings



Nepenthes veitchii x maxima



Dionaea muscipula flowers



Drosera slackii

November and December in the Greenhouse

November and December is a great time in greenhouse. *Sarracenia* are looking great with their largest pitchers of the season now produced, and a succession of smaller pitchers now forming bulk for each plant. *Nepenthes* plants have increased growth rates and have a new crop of pitchers that add colour and diversity to the plant collection.

Drosera binata plants are growing quickly, and many are now in flower. The leaves of these plants glow when the sun is behind them at a low angle. Venus Flytraps are growing quickly, with many plants in flower. Leaves produced after flowering often have larger traps than the spring leaves and the leaves are also often semi-erect.

The easily grown aquatic *Utricularia gibba*, is flowering in tubs with bright yellow flowers on short scapes held above the water.

The weather has dried out in recent months, and the periodic bursts of desert air play havoc with some plants, particularly when days are windy too. Keep an eye on the weather forecast to ensure that plants are well-watered before the hottest weather arrives, or perhaps even bring the most delicate plants indoors.



Drosera binata var. *dichotoma*



Utricularia gibba



Pinguicula primuliflora

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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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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