

# Carniflora News

April 2015

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 new executive is as follows:

President & Public Officer – Wesley Fairhall

Vice President – Robert Gibson

Treasurer, Secretary & Publicity Officer

– Kirk ‘Fuzzy’ Hirsch

Committee Member 1 – Marina Chong

Committee Member 2 – David Colbourn

Committee Member 3 – Glen Moss

Committee Member 4 – Terry Watts

Thank you Gareth for your contribution to the Society in your role as Treasurer and as a general member. Thanks also to all those on the new executive.

## Renovations at Woodstock — May - June 2015:

**Renovations of the Woodstock Community Centre are planned now to start in May, thus the April meeting will be held at Woodstock. Check the ACPS Facebook page for updates:**

[https://www.facebook.com#!/pages/Australasian-Carnivorous-Plant-Society/194049760656595?ref\\_type=bookmark](https://www.facebook.com#!/pages/Australasian-Carnivorous-Plant-Society/194049760656595?ref_type=bookmark)

## **Upcoming ACPS events for 2015:**

10<sup>th</sup> April 2015—No formal presentation; come as you are and bring some plants

11-12<sup>th</sup> April 2015—**Collectors’ Plant Fair, Clarendon**

13<sup>th</sup> April 2015—**Plant Competition at the Royal Easter Show**

8<sup>th</sup> May 2015—**David Colbourn, Pygmy Sundews**

17<sup>th</sup> May 2015—**Koi Pet and Garden Show , Fairfield**

12<sup>th</sup> June 2015—**Photo competition**

10<sup>th</sup> July 2015—**Details to be announced**

14<sup>th</sup> August 2015—**Details to be announced**

11<sup>th</sup> September 2015—**Details to be announced**

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’s general email address is [auscps@gmail.com](mailto:auscps@gmail.com)

The Society’s blog site is at: <https://auscps.wordpress.com/>

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## Summary of the March Meeting:

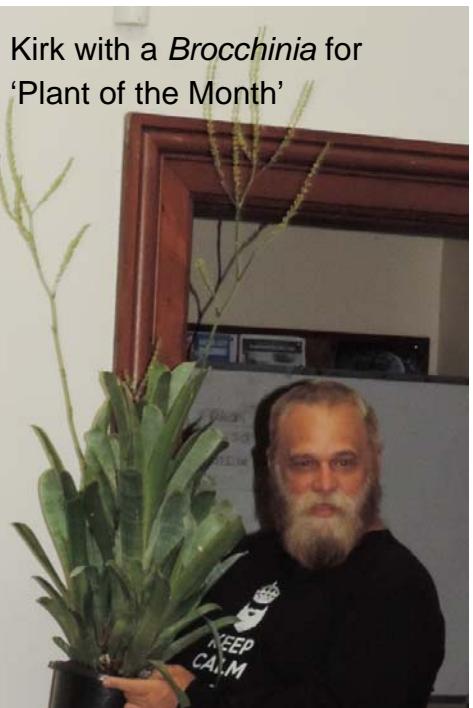
The March meeting was an interesting event with many excellent plants on show and for sale. More progress has been made in reactivating the Society’s PayPal account. Thanks Terry and Wesley for following this up.

Laurie Dorfer gave a comprehensive talk on carnivorous bromeliads and had flowering plants of *Brocchinia reducta* and *Catopsis berteroiana* for show. This group of carnivorous plants is neither well known nor widely grown in Australia.

The ‘Plant of the Month’ competition was between a diverse range of nicely-grown plants including *Nepenthes truncata* x *spectabilis*, *N. truncata* x *tentaculata*, *Sarracenia leucophylla*, an incompletely-known *S. leucophylla* hybrid, *S. purpurea* subsp. *venosa* var. *burkii*, *Brocchinia reducta*, *Catopsis berteroiana*, *Drosera binata*, and *Dionaea muscipula*. The winner was a large, flowering plant of *Catopsis berteroiana* grown by Laurie. Nice work, Laurie.



*Utricularia juncea*.



## Plant of the Month – *Catopsis berteroiana*

Laurie brought in several plants of *Catopsis berteroiana*, many of which were in scape with some in flower. *Catopsis* is an unusual epiphytic bromeliad that is widely distributed from south-eastern United States (Florida), Central and South America.

The species has unique adaptations allowing it to trap insects. Across its large range some plants have co-sexual flowers (i.e. styles and stamens in the same flowers) and others produce unisexual flowers due to the aborted development of either styles or stamens. Given their slow rate of growth it is unusual to have plants flowering together, and then to have the ability to cross-pollinate the flowers. After many years of patience Laurie had been able to pollinate some flowers and is looking forward to raising some seedlings.

*Catopsis* may be grown as an epiphyte secured to a piece of wood and watered regularly, or may be grown in a mix of orchid bark and perlite. When grown as an epiphyte roots only provide mechanical support for the plant, but when grown in a pot fine roots develop with the ability to absorb water and nutrients; thus pot-grown plants respond more quickly to doses of dilute fertilizer (such as a commercial epiphytic orchid fertilizer but at half strength) and tend to grow more quickly than those grown as an epiphyte. Plants may be grown relatively easily in and around Sydney. They prefer many hours of full sun per day and grow best if given protection from extreme heat and cold.



## IUCN Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group

During the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Recent events:

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015 – Carnivorous Plant Competition at the Royal Easter Show, Sydney.**

Results will be announced when they are available. Other cps at the show are shown below.

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

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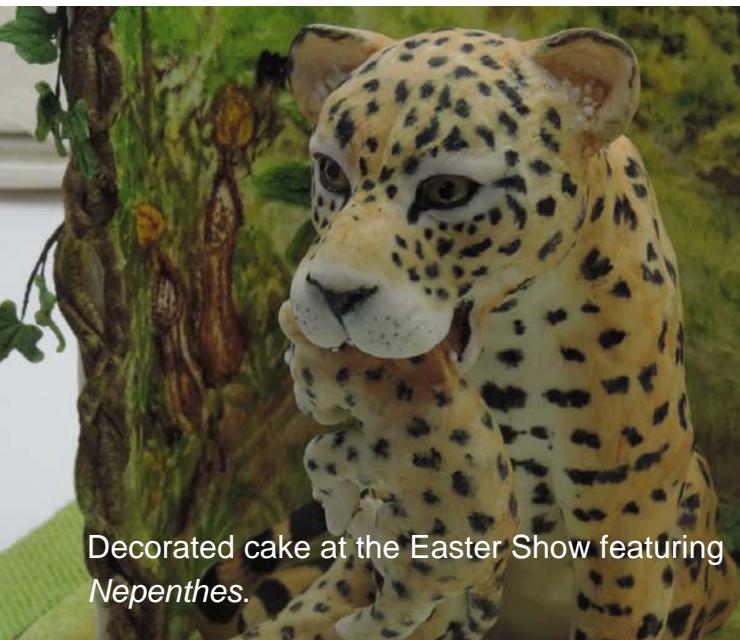
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Ceramic vase with *Nepenthes*.



Decorated cake at the Easter Show featuring *Nepenthes*.



Cut *Sarracenia* pitchers in a floral display.

## Forthcoming events:

**11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 – Collectors’ Plant Fair, Clarendon — <http://www.collectorsplantfair.com/>**

Volunteers are needed. Bring plants for sale too. See page 6 for more details.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Koi Pet and Garden Show, Fairfield Showground**

The next Koi Pet and Garden Show will once again be held in May at the Fairfield Showground. This is an excellent venue to sell plants and let members of the public know how great are carnivorous plants. The date of this event is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please consider volunteering some time, and bringing some plants to sell. A roster is available on page 6. So far there does not appear to be a dedicated website for this event yet.

## **International Carnivorous Plant Society (ICPS) Conference 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

The ICPS are pleased to say that The Carnivorous Plant Society has been given the 2016 Conference, and that Kew, working in partnership with the CPS, is to host the event at their renowned Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London, England.

More details to come.

## **March-April In the Greenhouse:**

Winter-growing *Drosera* continue to break dormancy and send up new leaves and stems. Thus now is the time to ensure that all pots are out of storage and the mix is rehydrated. Mature plants of some rosetted tuberous species will emerge quickly and flower within a few weeks.

Many *Sarracenia* are looking at their best, particularly those with *S. leucophylla* in them.

In January I started an experiment by taking a few cuttings of *Nepenthes* and placing them inside in containers of rain water under lights. The cuttings remained green and by mid-April some were showing root growth. These cuttings will be planted out into small pots of live sphagnum and kept inside until the plants have become established.



Emerging *Drosera pauciflora* rosettes.



Rooting *Nepen-*  
*thes* cutting



Light-starved tuberous *Drosera* shoots.

## **ROSTER for Collectors' Plant Fair, Clarendon — 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.**

Volunteers are required to help run the stall over the weekend of this event. Please bring plants for sale. More details about the event are available at [www.collectorsplantfair.com](http://www.collectorsplantfair.com).

Sorry, but the Society is unable to cover the entrance fee for this event for volunteers (\$12 on Saturday and \$10 on Sunday—it is possible to buy your entrance ticket in advance for a discount).

This event immediately follows the general meeting in April.

Volunteers are needed to run the stall; to help with plant sales; and to help answer questions and let visitors to the event know more about the plants we love to grow. Members are also encouraged to bring plants to sell—for this event the Society is charging a 20% commission to cover costs.. If possible please bring some spare plastic bags to assist with plant sales.

Date	Volunteers
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>8 a.m.—4 p.m.</b>	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>9 a.m.—4 p.m.</b>	

## **ROSTER for Koi Pet and Garden Show, Fairfield Showground — Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

Volunteers are required to help run the stall for this one day event. Please bring plants for sale. Some details of this event are available:

<http://www.fairfieldshowground.com.au/index.php/major-events.html>

More information, such as the time period of the event, will be passed once they are known. Entry to the event is free.

Volunteers are needed to run the stall; to help with plant sales; and to help answer questions and let visitors to the event know more about the plants we love to grow. Members are also encouraged to bring plants to sell—for this event the Society is charging a 15% commission on plant sales.

Date	Volunteers
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>9 a.m.—4 p.m.</b>	

# AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY SEED BANK PAGE

## \*\*\*\*\* NEW SEEDS \*\*\*\*\*

The AUSCPS have managed to trade surplus seed with the VCPS, increasing our range of Carnivorous Plant seed species and varieties for members.

Seed packets are \$1 each for members of the AUSCPS. Donations of seed are welcome. Please supply location data if available.

Your Seed Bank Officer is David Colbourn. Email: [davecolbourn@gmail.com](mailto:davecolbourn@gmail.com)

AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY						
SEED BANK						
GENUS	SPECIES	Sub-Species	Variety / Form	QUANTITY	LOCATION DATA	Harvest Date
Drosera	aliciae			5	Table Mountain R.S.A.	December 2013
Drosera	anglica			4		
Drosera	auriculata			1	Nowra	September 2012
Drosera	auriculata			1	Nowra	October 2012
Drosera	auriculata			4	Picnic Point, NSW	September 2013
Drosera	auriculata			2	Picnic Point, NSW	September 2012
Drosera	auriculata			4	South Australia	October 2014
Drosera	auriculata	Red		1	Grampians, Vic	
Drosera	auriculata			1	S.A. ex Hort	September 2012
Drosera	auriculata		Pink	1	Tasmania	October 2010
Drosera	auriculata			1	Adamstown, NSW	
Drosera	auriculata			1	Cameron Park, NSW	September 2010
Drosera	auriculata			1	Nerriga, NSW	
Drosera	auriculata		Pink	1	Freyernet, Tas.	October 2010
Drosera	binata		T Form	2	Mt Compass, S.A.	December 2013
Drosera	binata		T Form	3	Freyernet, Tas	November 2013
Drosera	binata		T Form	3	Freyernet, Tas	December 2013
Drosera	binata	dichotoma		1		January 2014
Drosera	binata			2	Ahipam, Nth Is. N.Z.	
Drosera	capensis		Red Leaf	1		
Drosera	cistiflora "Red" x pauciflora			2		October 2014
Drosera	collinsiae			3	Mbuluri River, Swaziland, RSA	October 2014
Drosera	collinsiae			2	Usutlu, Swaziland, RSA	October 2014
Drosera	filiformis					
Drosera	gigantea	gigantea		2		2014
Drosera	glanduligera			1	Picnic Point, NSW	September 2014
Drosera	hookeri			1	Bathurst, NSW	October 2012
Drosera	hookeri		Pink Petals	1	ex hort	September 2012
Drosera	hookeri			1	Cameron Park, NSW	September 2010

<b>Drosera</b>	hookeri			6	Jamieson, VIC	December 2012
<b>Drosera</b>	indica			2	Triffid Park	
<b>Drosera</b>	indumenta		D. macrantha "swamp Form"	6		October 2014
<b>Drosera</b>	lunata			1		June 2013
<b>Drosera</b>	lunata			1		September 2013
<b>Drosera</b>	lunata			1	Chiba, Aichi Pref., Japan	
<b>Drosera</b>	lunata			4	Werakata, NSW	March 2013
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha		Swamp Form	5		
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha		Swamp Form	1		September 2013
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha		Swamp Form	1		October 2012
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha	macrantha		1		
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha	macrantha		1	Darkan	
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha			1	Clonbrook ?	
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha	macrantha	Pink	1	W.A.	
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha	macrantha		1	SE of Hyden Rock	
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha	macrantha		1	Wongan Hills	
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha	macrantha		1	Cranbrook, W.A.	October 2014
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha		Northern Sand Plains Form	2	Eneabba, W.A.	October 2012
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha	planchonii		1		
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha	planchonii		1	Tasmania	October 2010
<b>Drosera</b>	macrantha		Silky Petal Form	2	Wongan Hills, W.A.	
<b>Drosera</b>	natalensis			2		October 2014
<b>Drosera</b>	natalensis			2		August 2014
<b>Drosera</b>	peltata			1		July 2012
<b>Drosera</b>	peltata			1	Walwa, Snowy Mountains, NSW?	December 2012
<b>Drosera</b>	peltata			1	Victoria	October 2014
<b>Drosera</b>	peltata			1	Walwa Trig, NSW	July 2012
<b>Drosera</b>	peltata			1	Beechworth, Vic	October 2012
<b>Drosera</b>	rotundifolia			1	Lake Woahiak, Oregon	
<b>Drosera</b>	slackii			1		
<b>Drosera</b>	spatulata			3	Ahipara, Nth. Is. N.Z.	
<b>Drosera</b>	spatulata		var. lovellae	1		
<b>Drosera</b>	stricticaulis			3		November 2014
<b>Drosera</b>	tokaiensis			1		January 2013
<b>Drosera</b>	tomentosa		var. glabrata	1		
<b>Drosera</b>	trinervia			0		
<b>Drosera</b>	whittakeri			1		September 2010
<b>Drosera</b>	venusta		Pale Pink Flower	3		November 2013
<b>Drosera</b>	yilgainensis			1		September 2014
<b>Drosera</b>	yilgainensis			2	Holt Rock, W.A.	September 2012
<b>Drosera</b>	sp.			1	Lantau Island	
<b>Drosera</b>	sp.				Auyan Tepui	

