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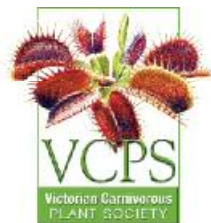
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*Nepenthes glandulifera*



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## MEETING TOPICS & DATES for 2016

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### VICTORIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

This year we have scheduled the following discussion topics, and events:

<b>January</b>	<b>(23rd)</b>	New Year BBQ at Ron Abernethy's House 12.30pm <i>Dionaea muscipula</i> (VFT). (Contact for details)
<b>February</b>	<b>(24th)</b>	<i>Darlingtonia</i> , <i>Nepenthes</i> and <i>Heliophora</i> .
<b>March</b>	<b>(23rd)</b>	<i>Sarracenia</i> , <i>Dionaea</i> (VFT), beginners info
<b>April</b>	<b>(27th)</b>	<i>Drosera</i> , video and information night.
<b>May</b>	<b>(25th)</b>	Growing conditions, pygmy <i>Drosera gemmae</i> collection, 'best' and 'worst' plants.
<b>June</b>	<b>(22nd)</b>	AGM, plant give-away, any CPs.
<b>July</b>	<b>(27th)</b>	Rosetted tuberous <i>Drosera</i> judging, Propagation – seed growing, tissue culture, division and cuttings. Potting demonstration.
<b>August</b>	<b>(24th)</b>	Upright tuberous/Winter growing <i>Drosera</i> , show preparation, displays, and companion planting.
<b>September</b>	<b>(28th)</b>	<i>Cephalotus</i> , <i>Brocchinia</i> , <i>Catopsis</i> and swap night.
<b>October</b>	<b>(26th)</b>	<i>Byblis</i> , pygmy <i>Drosera</i> , <i>Drosera binata</i> , <i>Drosophyllum</i> , <i>Genlisea</i> , <i>Pinguicula</i> , <i>Roridula</i> , <i>Utricularia</i> .
<b>November</b>	<b>(TBA)</b>	<b>Triffid Park Open Day</b> , any CP's.
<b>November</b>	<b>(TBA)</b>	<b>VCPS Annual show</b> at Collectors Corner.

**Please note: All meetings, other than those where a specific venue is given, will be on the FOURTH WEDNESDAY of the month in the hall of the Pilgrim Uniting Church in Yarraville – corner Bayview Road and Montague Street, Melway Map Reference 41K7.**

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## VCPS Growers photos

*Pinguicula gigantea*  
grown by  
**Darren O'Brien.**

If you'd like to publish a photo that you took of your plant in the VCPS journal. Please email it to Stephen Fretwell the VCPS editor at: [stevefretwell24@gmail.com](mailto:stevefretwell24@gmail.com)



## FRONT COVER:

*Nepenthes glandulifera* upper pitcher. This plant was grown by Jutin Thong and won the VCPS Grand Champion award at the 2016 VCPS annual show. *N. glandulifera* is endemic only to Sarawak, Borneo.

Photos: Stephen Fretwell

## BACK COVER:

### Clockwise from top left:

- *Brocchinia reducta* at 2016 VCPS annual show.
- *Darlingtonia californica* at 2016 VCPS annual show.
- *Sarracenia flava* var. *rubricorpora* at 2016 VCPS annual show.
- *Dionaea muscipula* "Werewolf Spawn" at the VCPS March 2016 meeting.
- *Cephalotus follicularis* at 2016 VCPS annual show.
- *Dionaea muscipula* "Low Giant" at the VCPS March 2016 meeting.
- *Nepenthes vogelii* at 2016 VCPS annual show.
- *Cephalotus follicularis* (centre) at 2016 VCPS annual show.

**Design:** Stephen Fretwell

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## Seed Bank

We now have a huge collection of NEW fresh CP seed available, and our seed list has become quite extensive.

With over 250 varieties of CP's, we are now providing the list in PDF format on our website, [www.vcps.org](http://www.vcps.org)

For inquiries or to order seeds, please contact the VCPS Seedbank Officer.

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# VCPS News

## SAVE THE DATE – ICPS 2016!

We are pleased to announce the dates for the 11th International Carnivorous Plant Conference at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew on the 5th-7th August 2016.

To coincide with the ICPS Conference hosted at RBG, Kew on the 5th–7th August 2016, RBG, Kew is planning to have Carnivorous Plants as a major theme of the Kew Science Festival which will run in conjunction with the Conference. Our understanding is that RBG, Kew are considering extending their festival beyond the ICPS Conference dates with it likely to start a couple of days before. We are not able to confirm anything further on the festival at this time and will send out an update as soon as we hear from RBG, Kew.

**For general enquiries about the ICPS Conference and full details about registration for the conference and associated activities please go to [www.thecps.org.uk](http://www.thecps.org.uk). Or email [icpsconference@virginmedia.com](mailto:icpsconference@virginmedia.com).**



### CP Sales and Display

As part of the ICPS Conference we intend to provide an extensive cp sellers/display area. This would be open for the duration of the Conference. This will be open to all those attending RBG, Kew over the period of the Conference and potentially the Festival. If you are interested in participating in the cp sales area at the Conference and/or to put on a cp display we are encouraged to contact The Carnivorous Plant Society at the earliest opportunity, interest will need to be sent to [MBRaymond@googlemail.com](mailto:MBRaymond@googlemail.com)

Best regards  
Dennis Balsdon  
The Carnivorous Plant Society

## ICUN CONSERVATION UPDATE

Dear carnivorous plant enthusiast,

Last November we contacted you with news on our campaign to raise money for a workshop to assess the conservation status of our beloved carnivorous plants. Many of you have helped with this by donating, spreading the word, or both and we are very grateful for your support. We are pleased to tell you that with your help we have raised enough funds for this workshop which will be held this August in London, in the days before the ICPS conference.

We already know that there are many species for which we do not have sufficient data to make an accurate IUCN Red List assessment. Thus, the purpose of phase 2 of our fundraising campaign is to raise additional funds to enable us to acquire sufficient information to assess the conservation status of these species.

In some cases this can be done with a short field trip by a qualified volunteer, but in several cases it will involve expeditions to remote locations. We can get the volunteers to do this but we estimate that we will need at least another \$100,000 to fully fund all necessary expeditions.

As several of you reported that you couldn't help financially with the first phase of the campaign due to time constraints or because annual funds had already been allocated, we are reaching out to you again and hope that you are able to support the second phase of this important campaign. Some ideas that have already proved successful were plant auctions and donating a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of certain plants.

Please continue to spread the word amongst your networks and keep an eye on our campaign page to see our progress!

Thanking you for your continued support.

**For further information, please contact: Marcel van den Broek, Communications Officer, IUCN SSC Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group: [communications@iucn-cpsg.org](mailto:communications@iucn-cpsg.org)**



# Things to do this autumn/winter

## Collects seeds

January to March is the best time to collect *Sarracenia*, *Darlingtonia*, *Dionaea muscipula* (VFT), *Drosera*, *Cephalotus*, *Drosophyllum*, *Byblis* and *Utricularia* seeds. Some species will self pollinate, but the majority will have needed to be hand pollinated, ideally with another clone to get a higher fertilisation rate and more seed.

During the Summer period the seed pods should swell, and if so, be ripe for the picking.

Just keep an close eye on the flowers you've pollinated to make sure that the seed pods don't open early and drop all of their seed.



*Sarracenia psittacina* var. *okefenokeensis* seeds.

## Sow these seeds and gemmae

During the months of April and May, pygmy *Drosera* will be producing gemmae (live vegetative buds) that can be collected from the centre of the plant and sown either directly onto a pot with fresh soil (1:1, 1 part peat moss to 1 part washed sand or perlite).

Or stored for roughly 2-4 weeks on a damp piece of paper towel that's placed in a Zip lock bag and put into the fridge in the chiller section (don't put into freezer) to stop them from growing. Check them at least once a week to make sure that no gemmae have turned black and died or have fungus growing on them. The fresher you sow gemmae and give them more time to grow before any hot days arrive in Spring the bigger the plants will get with most species having the ability to flower in early Summer if grown correctly.

If you have seeds of *Sarracenia*, *Darlingtonia* and *Dionaea muscipula*, the best time to sow them is June or July. Their seed should have undergone a 4-6 week stratification period in the fridge to help with germination. Once sown spray with a fungicide and within 4 to 6 weeks germination should begin. *Sarracenia* and *Dionaea* can generally reach maturity and flower in 3-6 years while *Darlingtonia* can take a little bit longer as they're a slower growing species.



*Drosera helodes* forming gemmae in the centre of its rosette.



*Sarracenia alata* var. *alata* plants germinating from seed.

# Reduce Watering, cut back and repot *Sarracenia* and *Dionaea muscipula*

March to August can be a crucial period for your plants and although *Sarracenia* and *Dionaea muscipula* are dormant they still need to be cared for to ensure that they remain healthy. The best way to do this is to cut off and remove all dead and dying leaves of both genera to enable a good air flow is around the rhizome and corms.

Also reduce their watering to roughly just once a week by putting less into their trays and waiting until it has all gone before you water again. This will keep the soil medium slightly drier and with the addition of better air flow will help prevent any fungal attacks.

The best time to repot *Sarracenia* and *Dionaea* is June and July when there is no active growth and this will also help prevent any root damage which can occur and stunt your plants growth if repotting is done too late. *Sarracenia* generally need to be repotted every 3 years while *Dionaea* prefer to be repotted every 2 years. This will give the plants more room to grow and remove any build up of unwanted salts and minerals in the soil from watering.



*S. flava* before (left) and after the old and dead leaves have been cut off.

## See carnivorous plants in the wild

From May to September, a few Victorian species will be at their best and flowering over winter period. Tuberous species such as *Drosera planchonii* and *D. aberrans*, will emerge from dormancy around late April and can be seen flowering from July to August. Other tuberous species such as *D. peltata*, *D. gracilis* and *D. hookeri* will be emerging and forming ground rosettes in most cases around this time too.

The beautiful bright metallic orange flowered annual species *D. glanduligera* can be seen growing from seed in June and flowering in August to September.

Until October the only *Utricularia* to be seen in flower are the tiny 5mm, 3 lobed pink flowers of *U. tenella*.



*Utricularia tenella*



*Drosera aberrans*



*Drosera planchonii*

Happy growing  
Cheers Steve Fretwell



The VCPS Grand Champion plant, *Nepenthes glandulifera* (left) and Reserve Champion plant *Cephalotus follicularis*.

## VCPS 2015 Annual show



Tallest *Sarracenia* – 93cm *S. flava* var. *maxima*.

The VCPS 2015 annual show held last November was a tremendous success and contained some spectacular plants and displays.

Congratulations to Justin Thong for taking out the Grand Champion prize with his magnificent *Nepenthes glandulifera* that had two main growing points and around 10 upper pitchers. In reference to this species name nectar glands could be seen covering the pitchers and tendrils.

Congratulations also to Bryn Jones for winning the Reserve Champion award who was displaying plants for the first time. His superb glass fish tank with 6-7 mature *Cephalotus* plants was truly something to admire. The plants that are grown under lights also showed some variety in colouration which was of interest to everyone.

Plants from almost every genus were present again with only a few exceptions which was excellent to see. From the tiny beautiful pygmy *Drosera* to large 93cm tall *S. flava*'s.

There was also a fantastic variety of *Nepenthes* species, VFT's, *Sarracenia*, *Drosera*, *Utricularia* and even a few rarely seen species such as *Nepenthes vogelii* on display.

Congratulations to the members that contributed to the show, you all did a fantastic job.





Grand Champion *Nepenthes glandulifera*.



Reserve Champion *Cephalotus follicularis*.

## SHOW JUDGING RESULTS

28-11-2015

### SECTION A Grand champion

Justin Thong – *N. glandulifera*

### SECTION B Reserve champion

Bryn Jones – *Cephalotus follicularis*

### SECTION C Memorial trophies

#### Best *Sarracenia*

(Mike McCarthy memorial trophy)

Jeffrey Drudge – *S. flava* var. *maxima*

#### Winner of the monthly plant award for the year

Stephen Fretwell

### SECTION D

#### INDIVIDUAL DISPLAY OR TERRARIUM

No entries

### SECTION E

#### CARNIVOROUS PLANT SPECIES

##### Class 1 *Sarracenia* species (New categories)

#### *Sarracenia alata*

1 Steve Fretwell – *S. alata* var. *nigropurpurea*

2 Julian Weston

3 Steve Fretwell – *S. alata* var. *nigropurpurea*

#### *Sarracenia flava*

1 Ron Abernethy – *S. flava* var. *rubricorpora*

2 Steve Fretwell – *S. flava* var. *ornata*,  
Apalachicola NF, Florida

3 Ron Abernethy – *S. flava* var. *cuprea*

#### *Sarracenia leucophylla*

1 Ron Abernethy – Red form

2 Ron Abernethy – Tarnok

3 Steve Fretwell – Gas Station, Alabama

#### *Sarracenia minor*

1 Andrew Gibbons

2 Steve Fretwell

3 Steve Fretwell – *S. minor* var. *okefenokeensis*

#### *Sarracenia oreophila*

1 Steve Fretwell *S. oreophila* var. *ornata*

2 Andrew Gibbons

3 Peter Bloem

#### *Sarracenia psittacina*

1 Steve Fretwell – *S. psittacina* var. *okefenokeensis*

No other entries



Large stunning flowers of *Utricularia praelonga*.



*U. volubilis* growing as a affixed aquatic.



A close up of the traps of *Utricularia volubilis*.



Various species in flower in the *Utricularia* display.

### ***Sarracenia purpurea***

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *S. purpurea* f. *heterophylla*
- 2 Steve Fretwell – *S. purpurea* ssp. *venosa*
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *S. purpurea* ssp. *venosa* var. *burkii* “Chipola Giant”

### ***Sarracenia rubra***

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *S. rubra* ssp. *gulfensis*
- No other entries

### **Class 3 *Nepenthes***

- 1 Justin Thong – *N. glandulifera*
- 2 Steve Fretwell – *N. vogelii*
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *N. alata* (Striped x Luzon)

### **Class 4 *Dionaea muscipula***

- 1 Steve Fretwell – cv. G16 x G14
- 2 Bryn Jones – cv. G4 x G37
- 3 Steve Fretwell – “Atlanta”

### **Class 5 *Cephalotus follicularis***

- 1 Bryn Jones
- 2 Andrew Gibbons
- 3 Julian Weston

### **Class 6 Pygmy *Drosera* (species only)**

- 1 Julian Weston – *D. gibsonii*
- 2 Julian Weston – *D. scorpioides*
- 3 Julian Weston – *D. oreopodion*

### **Class 7a Rosetted tuberous & winter growing *Drosera/Utricularia***

(As per judging at 22 July 2015 monthly meeting)

- =1 Steve Fretwell – *D. aberrans* ‘Golden Dew’
- =1 Sean Spence – *D. browniana*
- 2 Peter Bloem – *D. aberrans*
- 3 Sean Spence – *D. collina*

### **Class 7b Upright tuberous & winter growing *Drosera***

(As per judging at 26 August 2015 monthly meeting)

- 1 Ron Abernethy – *D. platypoda*
- 2 Ron Abernethy – *D. modesta*
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *D. macrantha*

### **Class 7c Tuberous *Drosera***

(at this show, individual species)

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *D. gigantea*
  - 2 Peter Bloem – *D. stricticaulis*
- No other entries



*Sarracenia flava* var. *rubricorpora*



*Sarracenia flava* var. *ornata*



Different *Sarracenia flava* varieties.



*Sarracenia minor* var. *minor*



The VCPS display area at Collectors Corner.



*Utricularia* and *Pinguicula* display.



The awe inspiring *Nepenthes* display.



The stunningly colourful *Sarracenia* display.



The pygmy *Drosera* display.



The *Dionaea muscipula* (VFT) display.



*Dionaea muscipula* "Red Piranha"



*Dionaea muscipula* "G4 x G37"

### **Class 8a Other temperate climate *Drosera***

- 1 Sean Spence – *D. graomogolensis*
- 2 Sean Spence – *D. cuneifolia* “Silvermine”
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *D. slackii*

### **Class 8b Tropical *Drosera***

- 1 Sean Spence– *D. prolifera*
- No other entries

### **Class 8c *Drosera binata***

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *D. binata* var. *T form*  
Cabbage Tree Creek, VIC
- 2 Steve Fretwell – *D. binata* var. *dichotoma*  
Waterfall NSW
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *D. binata* var. *T form*  
Broke Inlet, WA

### **Class 8d *Drosera regia***

- 1 Andrew Gibbons
- 2 Ron Abernethy
- 3 Andrew Gibbons

### **Class 9 *Pinguicula***

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *P. laeana* SP1xCP2
- 2 Peter Bloem – *P. moranensis* var. *neovolcanica*  
'Pico de Orizaba'
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *P. gigantea*

### **Class 10 *Utricularia* or *Genlisea***

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *U. praelonga*
- 2 Sean Spence – *U. volubilis*
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *U. uniflora*

### **Class 11 *Byblis*, *Drosophyllum***

- 1 Andrew Gibbons – *Drosophyllum lusitanicum*
  - 2 Peter Bloem – *Drosophyllum lusitanicum*
- No other entries

### **Class 12 *Darlingtonia***

- 1 Andrew Gibbons
  - 2 Steve Fretwell – Lake Woahink, Oregon
- No other entries

### **Class 13 *Heliamphora***

- 1 Justin Thong – *H. folliculata*
- 2 Steve Fretwell – *H. tatei*
- 3 Peter Bloem – *H. nutans*



*Drosera graomogolensis* from South America.



*Drosera regia* the King of all sundews.



*Drosera gibsonii*



*Catopsis berteroniana*

**Class 14 Any other carnivorous plant species**

- 1 Ron Abernethy – *Catopsis berteroniana*
- 2 Peter Bloem – *Catopsis berteroniana*
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *Brocchinia reducta*

**SECTION F**

**Carnivorous Plant Hybrids**

**Class 1 Sarracenia hybrid**

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *S. Moorei* ‘Leah Wilkerson’
- 2 Ron Abernethy – *S.alata x flava var. rubricorpora*
- 3 Andrew Gibbons – *S. leuc x(leucx (flava x purp))*

**Class 2 Nepenthes hybrid**

- 1 Justin Thong – *N. lowii x N.truncata*
- 2 Steve Fretwell – *N. ventricosa x ornata*
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *N. hamata x N. truncata*

**Class 3 Pinguicula hybrids**

- 1 Peter Bloem – ‘Sethos’ *P. ehlersae x moranensis*
  - 2 Steve Fretwell – *P. ehlersae x moranensis*
- No other entries

**Class 4 Any other CP hybrid**

- 1 Julian Weston – *D. ‘Dorks Pink’*
- 2 Julian Weston – *D. helodes x D. puchella*
- 3 Justin Thong – *H. heterodoxa x H. nutans*

**SECTION G**

**Carnivorous Plant Photographs**

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *N. glabrata* upper pitcher
- 2 Steve Fretwell – *N. hamata* upper pitcher
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *N. pitopangii* upper pitcher



*Heliamphora nutans x heterodoxa*

**SECTION H**

**Biggest Carnivorous Plants**

**Tallest Sarracenia**

93cm – Jeffery Drudge *S. flava var. maxima*

**Largest Volume Nepenthes pitcher**

26cm – Stephen Fretwell *N. ‘Predator’*

**Largest Nepenthes pitcher**

31cm – Stephen Fretwell *N. ‘Predator’*

**Largest VFT trap**

4.3cm – Bryn Jones “G4 x G37”

**2015 SHOW RESULTS**

Compiled by Peter Bloem

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
<b>Steve Fretwell</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>
Ron Abernethy	4	4	1	9
Andrew Gibbons	4	2	2	8
Sean Spence	3	2	1	6
Justin Thong	3	0	1	4
Julian Weston	2	3	2	7
Peter Bloem	1	5	2	8
Bryn Jones	1	1	0	2



*Nepenthes 'Predator' hamata x truncata*



*Nepenthes vogelii*



*Nepenthes truncata x lowii*



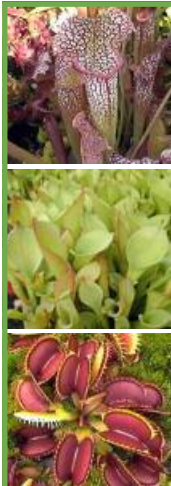
*Nepenthes maxima*



*Nepenthes adriani*



*Nepenthes muluensis x lowii*



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# Meetings highlights & Plants of the night!

BY ANDREW GIBBONS



A large tray of *S. purpurea*'s.



Members having a chat outside of one of Ron's glasshouses.



*N. maxima x talangensis*



*N. truncata x epphiata*



Ron and Justin discussing Neps.

## VCPS 2016 new year BBQ

The new year BBQ was held at Ron Abernethy's house and gave those who attended another chance to see Ron's impressive collection of various carnivorous plant genera. For the past six to seven years, Ron has been importing *Sarracenia* seed from notable international breeders.

Ron's efforts are now starting to bear fruit and his polyhouse was filled with hundreds of very promising seedlings and high quality mature plants that were largely unknown in Australia a few years ago.

With the injection of these fresh breeding lines into our local *Sarracenia* gene pool, now is a great time for Australians to renew their interest in *Sarracenia*.





Ron (left) and Andrew looking at different *Sarracenia* seedlings.



Ron's 4 greenhouses where he grows his plants.



*S. flava* var. *rubricorpora*



Mature *Sarracenia* plants.



*S. alata* var. *ruprioperculata*



A Red Bristle Tooth form of VFT.



A wide range of different VFT forms.



Hundreds of pots of different *Sarracenia* species seedlings.



Ron's *Sarracenia flava* seedlings.



**PLANT OF THE NIGHT, 1st place:**  
*Heliamphora sarracenioides*



**PLANT OF THE NIGHT, 2nd place:**  
*Nepenthes hamata*



**PLANT OF THE NIGHT, 3rd place:**  
*Nepenthes rigidifolia*



*Drosera gaomogolensis*



*Drosera burmannii* Tumbling Waters, N.T.



*Drosera nitidula x pulchella*

## February 24th VCPS meeting

### HELIAMPHORA, NEPENTHES & DARLINGTONIA

The topic genera for the February meeting were *Heliamphora*, *Nepenthes* and *Darlingtonia*. Justin's *H. sarracenioides* was voted the plant of the night.

He grows plant this on floor of his greenhouse under fluorescent lights, potted in a mix of bark, sphagnum, perlite, peat and charcoal. Several other *Heliamphora* were also benched.

This genus generally needs some protection from Melbourne's hot, dry summers and members were using combinations of misting, shade and positioning plants low in their greenhouses to avoid overheating their plants.

A number of *Nepenthes* species and hybrids were brought to the meeting. Two *Nepenthes hamata* were benched. Both owners said they initially had problems growing this species but found this species started growing better under more shade and higher humidity.

A pot of stolon propagated *Darlingtonia californica* 'Othello' was also brought in. This is an anthocyanin free form of this species. Several members commented that this form is less heat tolerant than many of the other *Darlingtonia* commonly grown in Australia.

The non-topic plant of the night was awarded to Sean's *Drosera gaomogolensis*, a Brazilian species that he grew from seed.

Sean also brought in four different forms of *Drosera burmannii* from Tumbling Waters NT, Hand River NT, Townsville Qld and Hong Kong showing the diversity that exists within this species across its range.

#### Plants benched at the Februarys meeting included:

*Darlingtonia californica*  
*Darlingtonia californica* 'Othello'  
*Dionaea muscipula*  
*Drosera burmannii*  
*Drosera gaomogolensis*  
*Drosera nitidula x pulchella*  
*Heliamphora heterodoxa x nutans*  
*Heliamphora nutans*  
*Heliamphora sarracenioides*  
*Heliamphora tatei*  
*Nepenthes attenboroughii*  
*Nepenthes burbidgeae*  
*Nepenthes* 'Gentle'  
*Nepenthes hamata*  
*Nepenthes jamban*  
*Nepenthes lowii x truncata*  
*Nepenthes maxima hybrid*  
*Nepenthes naga*  
*Nepenthes Predator*  
*Nepenthes platycheila*  
*Nepenthes rafflesiana*  
*Nepenthes rigidifolia*  
*Nepenthes spathulata x jacquelineae*  
*Nepenthes veitchii*  
*Nepenthes ventricosa*  
*N. x (macfarlanei x aristolochioides)*  
*Nepenthes ventricosa*



VFT PLANT OF THE NIGHT, 1st place:  
"Werewolf Spawn"



VFT PLANT OF THE NIGHT, 2nd place:  
'Alien'



VFT PLANT OF THE NIGHT, 3rd place:  
'Korean Melody Shark'



*Sarracenia* PLANT OF THE NIGHT,  
1st place:  
*S. purpurea* ssp. *venosa* var. *montana*



*Sarracenia* PLANT OF THE NIGHT,  
2nd place:  
*S. psittacina* var *okefenokeensis*



*Sarracenia* PLANT OF THE NIGHT,  
3rd place:  
*S. alata* var. *atropurpurea* x *minor*

## March 23rd VCPS meeting

### DIONAEA MUSCIPULA, SARRACENIA & BEGINNERS INFO NIGHT

There was a large gathering of members at the March meeting. The topics for the meeting were *Dionaea muscipula*, *Sarracenia* and it was also a beginners information night.

Steve's *S. purpurea* ssp. *venosa* var. *montana* "Tom's Swamp" that has been grown from seed and is grown in his glasshouse won Best *Sarracenia*. While Bryn's "Werewolf Spawn" took out the Best VFT with it's intriguing thick curved claw like teeth.

Also benched were a few other rare and interesting VFT cultivars such as "Korean Melody Shark", "Freaky Star" and "Alien".

Sean also brought in a couple of non topic plants that were looking good. A stunning but difficult to grow *D. barbiger*a and a tuberous sundew, *D. squamosa* that was in flower for the first time in the 10 years that he's been growing it.

#### Plants benched at the March meeting included:

- VFT obtained from Masters.
- VFT "Low Giant"
- VFT "Korean Melody Shark" – Cultivar having long stems.
- VFT "Alien" – Cultivar with small fine teeth.
- VFT "Freaky Star" – A mutant cultivar.
- VFT "Werewolf Spawn" – Has unusual curved short teeth.
- VFT, Red form grown from seed.
- VFT G4 x G37 – Obtained from Triffid Park.
- VFT "Fang" Obtained from Paradisia.
- VFT "Atlanta" – Obtained from Dingley Fern Market.
- VFT "Pink Venus" – A dark red/pink plant.

VFT "Big Mouth" x "Red Dragon" seedlings.

VFT seedlings from seed off the cultivar 'Schuppenstiel'

- S. alata* var. *nigropurpurea* with dark red/black pitchers (Seed grown from the cultivar 'Night' clone)
- S. alata* with pale pitchers and a red lip (Seed grown from the cultivar 'Night' clone)
- S. alata* var. *ornata*
- S. flava* ssp. *atropurpurea*
- S. flava* "Wide Mouth"
- S. flava* var. *ornata*. (SFMK88)
- S. leucophylla* var. *alba*
- S. leucophylla* – White venation
- S. leucophylla* – Gas Station, Alabama having red venation
- S. minor* var. *minor*
- S. oreophila* var. *ornata*
- S. psittacina* var. *okefenokeensis*
- S. psittacina* var. *psittacina* f. *viridescens*
- S. purpurea* ssp. *venosa* var. *burkii*
- S. purpurea* ssp. *purpurea*
- S. purpurea* ssp. *venosa* var. *montana* "Tom's Swamp"
- S. rubra* ssp. *alabamensis*
- S. rubra* ssp. *gulfensis* – From Yellow River, Florida
- S. alata* var. *atropurpurea* x *minor*.
- S. Moorei* "Giant George" (*leucophylla* x *flava*)
- S. x courtii*.

*Drosera barbiger*a – a Western Australian pygmy sundew.

*Drosera squamosa* – a tuberous sundew plant.

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## NEWS

During late February, we had the film crew from Vasili's Garden To Kitchen visit Triffid Park. One of their hosts, whose name is also Jason and Vasili's son Louis who is the camera man, spent the day filming segments for their show on Channel 44. So far, 4 episodes have been screened with one more to go.

Jason, their host, loves carnivorous plants, and always calls in to see us at markets. So it was only fitting that he visit our nursery to film our carnivorous plants. They also filmed a segment on our water plants.

We have had many people recognise us from the show, from customers at the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show, to the office lady at the kids school! We were fortunate that they were able to put the first episode on the before the Flower and Garden Show. People who had watched the show and then saw us at the garden show were thrilled to think that something they saw on television was actually real and achievable.

**You can view the first 4 episodes on their web site at:**

[www.c31.org.au/series/111](http://www.c31.org.au/series/111)

If you don't want to watch the entire show, I have listed the times that we are on.

**March 9**      18.38mins  
                  28.56 mins  
                  47.59 mins



**March 16**     16.46 mins  
                     31.19 mins  
**April 6**        15.15 mins  
                     28.16 mins  
**April 13**      18.02 mins  
                     51.23 mins

**Look out for the final episode in the next few weeks.**

Triffid Park exhibited at the **Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show** from the 16 – 20 March 2016. This is the largest flower and garden show in the southern hemisphere and in the top 5 world wide. This was our 7th year exhibiting and we had wonderful feedback from visitors at the show about the quality of our stock, both carnivorous and water plants.

We also exhibited at the **Seymour Alternative Farming Expo** for 3 days from the 19th to 21st February. This is always a great show for us, and people are always amazed at our stunning range of carnivorous plants. Our water plants are also welcomed by people in the country areas with properties and dams.

In 2 weeks time at the start of May, we begin our **annual *Sarracenia* cut back**. We go through our entire *Sarracenia* growing room and bring every plant into our potting room. Each plant has all of its traps cut off whether they have gone fully dormant or not at that time, and then either repotted, divided or left as is. This process takes around 4-5 months to finish the entire growing room. It is amazing how quickly time flies and we come around to this time of year again. We seem to have just finished at one end of the growing room and we have to start at the other end again! But it is amazing to watch the process of dormancy and then watch the flower buds begin to appear, and then the new traps starting to grow again as the days get longer and warmer.





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*Drosera squamosa*



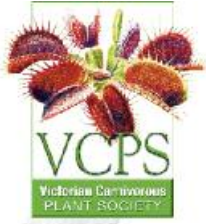
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## Meetings

Most VCPS meetings are held in the hall at the rear of the Pilgrim Uniting Church on the corner of Bayview Road and Montague Street, Yarraville – Melway map reference 41K7. These meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 8 PM.

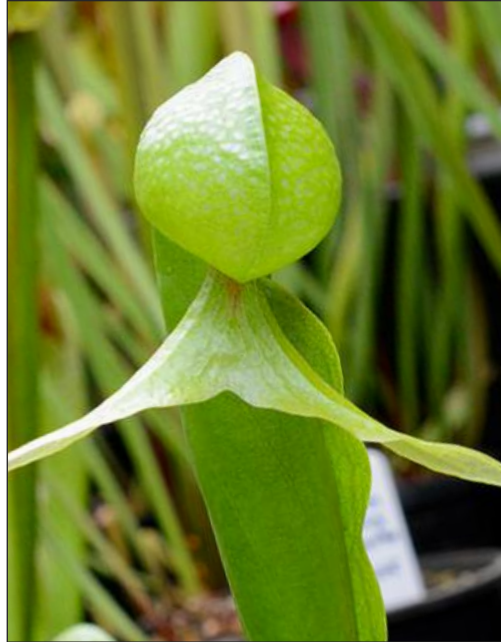
However, some meetings may be at the home of members during a weekend. Details of meeting dates and topics are listed in each journal.

If unsure of the location or date of any meeting, please ring a committee person for details.

The VCPS Annual General Meeting, usually held at Yarraville in June, provides substantial benefits for each and every member able to attend.



*Brocchinia reducta*



*Darlingtonia californica*



*Sarracenia flava* var. *rubricorpora*



*Nepenthes vogelii*



*Cephalotus follicularis*



*D. muscipula* "Werewolf Spawn"



*Dionaea muscipula* "Low Giant"



*Cephalotus follicularis*