

THE GARDEN PLOT AND MID-ATLANTIC CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY FALL PLANT SWAP, CARNIVOROUS PLANT SHOW, AND NEPENTHES TALK

The Mid-Atlantic Carnivorous Plant Society will host a variety of free events and activities on November 12th at The Garden Plot from 1-5 PM! Everyone is welcome to trade plants with other hobbyists at the plant swap, take home a free Venus flytrap, and learn all about beginner and advanced Nepenthes care from an expert grower. Expand your collection by bidding on plants at the live Carnivorous Plant Auction. All are invited to enter their most impressive carnivorous plants into the Carnivorous Plant Show, which will award a Grand Prize as well as Honorable Mentions in multiple categories. Earn free raffle tickets throughout the event, for a chance to win a beautiful Nepenthes hybrid.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided, thanks to a sponsorship from Carnivorous Plant Nursery.

[Please RSVP for the meeting here.](#)

Thank you to our generous event sponsors, [The Garden Plot](#) and [Carnivorous Plant Nursery](#). You can find more info about the Mid-Atlantic Plant Society at our [website](#) or check our Facebook page [here](#).

1:00 - 3:00 PM

The Plant SWAP & Raffle:

This plant swap is for hobbyists to connect with one another and trade all types of plants, carnivorous and non-carnivorous. There are no official trade rules, but MACPS asks that participants act respectfully to volunteers and fellow participants. Please only bring plants in good health and without pests. We highly encourage everyone to act in the spirit of trade!

How it works:

- The plant swap will be in the rear greenhouse of The Garden Plot's garden center.
- Plant swap participants will receive a name tag and plastic flat for their plants. Sharpies and ID tags will be available to label plants.
- Tables will be provided for plants and plant material.
- All plants and plant material for the plant swap are to remain in the rear greenhouse through the duration of the event so as not to be confused with products otherwise carried at the nursery.
- Although we are a carnivorous plant society, we welcome all types of plants, carnivorous and non-carnivorous, at this plant swap.

Raffle:

- Each plant, cutting, or propagation will earn the attendee one raffle entry with a maximum of 5 tickets per individual (but feel free to bring as many plants as you like!). Members of the Mid-Atlantic Carnivorous Plant Society will earn two raffle entries per plant, with a maximum of ten per individual. [You can become an MACPS member by clicking here.](#)
- Rick Roberts will make the raffle drawing during his Nepenthes Care and Maintenance Talk, at the end of the plant swap. You must be present in order to claim your prize.

Prize:

We will be raffling off a mature Nepenthes hybrid: Nepenthes “Poi Dog” originally produced by Sam Estes at the now-defunct Leilani Nursery. While its lineage is something of a mystery, it’s undoubtedly an impressive cross that produces large, colorful traps! This Nepenthes is an easy grower for the beginner or advanced hobbyist!

1:00 - 2:30 PM

The Plant WORKSHOP:

Every carnivorous plant enthusiast must have their own Venus flytrap! The Mid-Atlantic Carnivorous Plant Society will provide Venus flytraps (free while supplies last) during this workshop on basic care of carnivorous plants. Thanks to a generous donation of Venus flytraps from Carnivorous Plant Nursery and potting materials from The Garden Plot, you can plant your very own Venus flytrap while learning how to properly care for and maintain it. This workshop will teach you all you need to know to ensure success for years to come!

How it works:

- This workshop will be open at the start of our MACPS event at the workshop table, and go until 2:30 or while supplies last.
- A member of MACPS will walk you through step by step how to transfer a young fly trap from its plug-pot into your very own pot and answer any questions about Venus fly trap care.
- We will provide all you need to care for your new Venus flytrap, with soil and basic pots provided by The Garden Plot and plants courtesy of Carnivorous Plant Nursery.

2:30 - 3:00 PM

The Plant SHOW:

Enter your best, most impressive carnivorous plants for the first Mid-Atlantic Carnivorous Plant Society Show. Everyone is welcome to enter carnivorous plants into the show. Prizes will be awarded for overall Best in Show, Runner Ups, and Honorable Mentions in multiple categories. The grand prize will also take home a surprise carnivorous plant, courtesy of The Garden Plot.

How it works:

- Please register your plants here (<https://forms.gle/NCJEF3FVAbLXud4G9>) by 6 pm on November 11 and have them present at the show table by the start of the event at 2:30 PM. Plants cannot be registered at the event.
- Contestants can have up to 5 entries in the show. Plants must be carnivorous and properly identified.
- MACPS will judge entries from 2:30-3:00 PM based on the listed criteria
 - Health: Does the plant appear healthy?
 - Condition: Is the plant in good condition? Does it have any torn leaves, dried patches, or holes?
 - Size: Is it appropriately sized, considering the age of the plant?
 - Form: Is the organism aesthetically pleasing? Is it a wild tangle of stems/leaves/pitchers, or is it shaped nice?
- Ribbons and the Grand Prize will be given out after judging is complete.

Prizes:

The Best In Show will receive our first place prize. A *Nepenthes (chaniana x veitchii)* with a 12" leaf span! It's an extremely hirsute cross, with fuzz covering the plant from head to toe. Even the pitchers are velvety to the touch! Ribbons will be awarded to Honorable Mentions in multiple categories.

3:00 - 3:30 PM**The Plant TALK:**

Join Rick Roberts, owner of The Garden Plot, for a talk on *Nepenthes* care. Rick will discuss the basic care and cultivation of *Nepenthes*, as well as advanced tips and tricks on how to make your pitcher plants flourish!

You will learn:

- Proper basic care of *Nepenthes* tropical pitcher plants
- Best practices for long-term success with *Nepenthes* in different growing conditions.
- Advanced tips on proper fertilization, taking cuttings, and more.
- Proper methods and media for repotting *Nepenthes*.

3:30 - 5:00 PM**The Plant AUCTION:**

Plant auctions are an MACPS specialty! Anyone is welcome to bid on plants and register carnivorous plants for sale. This auction is limited to carnivorous plants and companion plants, such as bog or terrarium plants.

How it works:

- For sellers:

- Day of entries are allowed, but we appreciate if you [register your plants](#) before the meeting on November 12th.
- All items must be present before the auction begins. Pre-numbering is greatly appreciated!
- 50% of auction proceeds go to MACPS, so we can continue to host free events. You are also welcome to donate plants.
- Payout for items sold will happen at the end of the auction.
- For buyers:
 - Bidder numbers will be provided.
 - You may pay with cash or card. Card payments are taken via Square reader.
 - Bidders must pay for their winnings at the end of the auction.