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Message from the Editor

It is with the deepest respect that I dedicate this autumn issue of *Drummondii* to the life and work of the late Stanley Rehder. As one of the earliest people concerned with the conservation of carnivorous plants in North Carolina, he is an inspiration to us all.

Autumn is an exciting time for many *Sarracenia*, especially the late season leaves of *Sarracenia leucophylla*.

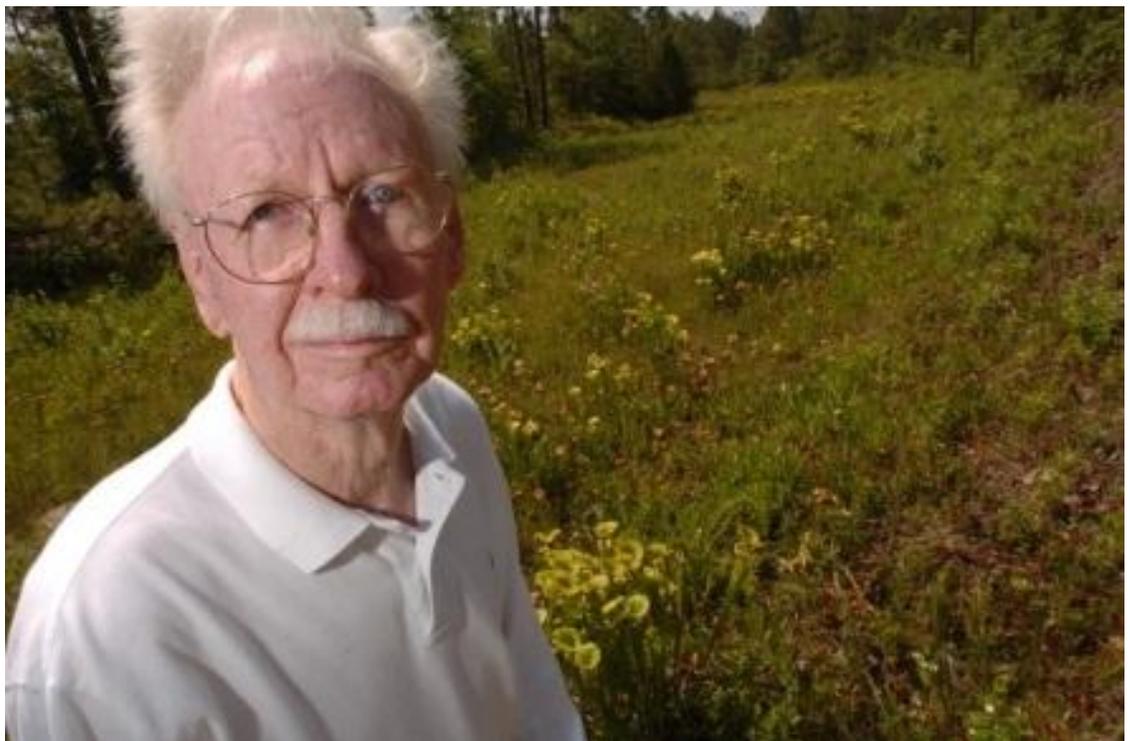
I'm still interested in seeing pictures of your plants for a photo spread in the winter issue, so keep sending them! E-mail me at: publicrelations@nasarracenia.org.

Remember to find us on [Facebook!](#)

Shane R. Myers

Director of Public Relations and Education, NASC

Photo at right: Stanley Rehder, who helped develop the trail of Venus Flytraps and other carnivorous plants in a nature preserve behind Alderman Elementary School looks over a few of the plants June 06, 2006. The area is covered in carnivorous plants that Rehder has been caring for over the past twenty five years. Photo by Ken Blevins, Wilmington Star News.



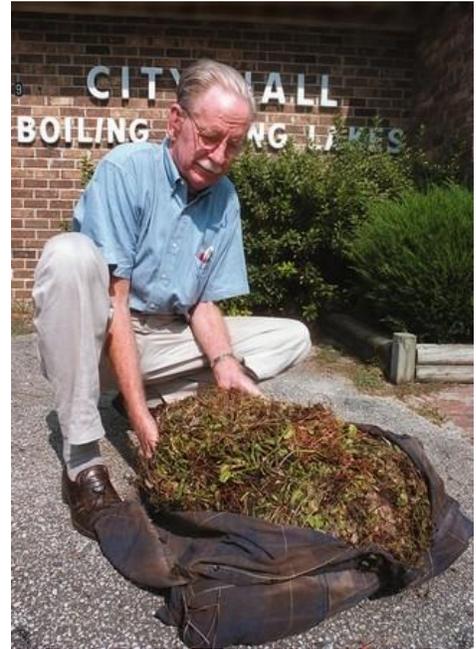
In Memory of Stanley Rehder

Mark Todd, NASC Director of Conservation

Stanley Rehder wasn't the most well-known person in the carnivorous plant community, but he was one of the most important when it comes to conserving these plants we love. He drove around the heart of Venus flytrap country in a jeep with the license plate "FLYTRAP" and was known to the local residents as "The Flytrap Man."

He was born on February 11, 1922 into the family florist business that his grandmother started in 1872. As a child, Stanley contributed to the business by harvesting thorny smilax to ship to the northern states and later ran the wholesale end of the business for more than 25 years.

In 1939 he attended N. C. State College to obtain a horticulture degree but in 1942 he was called to serve in the Second World War in an artillery unit, reaching the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He was aboard the SS Leopoldville when it was torpedoed by a German U-boat on Christmas Eve, 1944. 2,235 Americans were onboard the ship; 763 Americans were killed and it is not known how many British soldiers died. Mr. Rehder, with the help of another lieutenant, saved 8 men. He wrote about this experience in a screenplay, "The Night Before Christmas." He earned a Bronze Star for his service. After the war he returned to N. C. State and graduated in 1947.



Stanley Rehder examines a shirt full of Venus flytraps in the morning outside the Boiling Spring Lakes City Hall and Police Department. Photo courtesy the Wilmington Star News.



Stanley Rehder, photo courtesy of Ken Blevins, *Wilmington Star News*.

Though he had a remarkable life not connected to carnivorous plants, he will be best remembered for the dedication and love he had for them. He appeared on numerous TV shows including *That's Incredible*, *Good Morning America*, and appeared on the *Today Show* with Barbara Walters. He lobbied the North Carolina State government for laws to protect the Venus flytraps from poaching.

Mr. Rehder opened a real estate company and while scouting development sites discovered a boggy road bed in the center of town that could not be developed for residential property. Discovering that the site was owned by a friend and that it already contained some carnivorous plants, he received permission to adopt the site and then planted various additional carnivorous plants including *Sarracenia leucophylla* and *S. × rehderi*. Also growing there are *S. purpurea*, *S. minor*, *S. flava*, *S. rubra*, *Dionaea muscipula*, *Drosera capillaris*, *D. brevifolia* and *Utricularia subulata*. Earlier this year the site was renamed the Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden by the City of Wilmington and will become a part of the Cross City Trail.

Stanley Rehder led a very remarkable life. He has done more than his part in protecting carnivorous plants. On October 1, 2012 his fight to save these plants ended when he died at age 90. In the weeks before his death I tried to arrange a meeting with him to ask a few questions and to let him know that I plan to carry on the work he started. I never got the chance to tell him. In a recent e-mail with his daughter, Julie Rehder, she said "I am probably the only bride in New Hanover County that carried a small bouquet of carnivorous plants and had flytraps entwined in my hair with pink roses – all legally gathered, I assure you."

I think a post on terraforums.com by Mark Anderson of Vancouver, Washington says it best: "Though I didn't know of him while he was alive he sounds like one of the best of us. Working to conserve carnivorous plants in North Carolina, and with such dedication, looks to me to be an act of great service to us all. Thank you, Stanley Rehder."

Information and photos gathered for this article were obtained and used with permission from various articles of the *Star News* in Wilmington, NC and Julie Rehder. ♦

Auction Donations Aid in Prescribed Burn

Shane R. Myers, NASC Director of Public Relations and Education

On July 27, 2012, The Nature Conservancy performed a controlled burn at Myrtle Head Savanna in North Carolina. This was made possible in part by a gift from the NASC donations from the 2010 Annual Benefit Auction. Trees and shrubs can shade out shorter plants such as *Sarracenia*, and fires help keep habitats such as savannas and bogs clear of woody plants. Thirty five acres of this 72-acre long-leaf pine savanna were burned to help preserve one of the rarest habitats in the southeast.



Myrtle Head Savanna, North Carolina. Photo by Mark Todd.

Some of you may ask, if fires are natural shouldn't we allow them to happen naturally? The reason they prescribe these burns is to limit the effect they have on nearby residential areas. By performing these burns we can keep certain specialized habitats (and the plants and animals dependent on those habitats) from going extinct while at the same time containing the fire to those areas.

The image to the left is a picture of Myrtle Head Savanna, showing the open areas around the long-leaf pines. These areas are critical to many species. ♦



Stanley Rehder. Image courtesy of the *Wilmington Star News*.

Membership & Contact Information

Membership with the NASC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is only \$10.00 a year and it's easy to set up a recurring membership via PayPal on our website at <http://nasarracenia.org/join>. If you have any talents that you would like to donate to the NASC, such as illustrations, web design, experience growing *Sarracenia*, public relations experience, etc., please contact the relevant Board members below or ask to sit in on one of our weekly meetings, which are held on Skype.

When are the NASC meetings?

NASC Board meetings are held every Thursday evening at 9:00 PM Eastern on Skype. To join, e-mail the President or Vice President with your Skype screen name and be online a few minutes before the meeting is scheduled to begin. You will be invited to the group chat. Visitors and members are always welcome!

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