

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society

Invites you to its

March Annual Meeting Saturday March 10, 2007

“Understanding Lady-slipper Orchids”

Presented by

William Cullina, Director of the New England Wild Flower
Society’s Nurseries

Co-sponsored by the New England Carnivorous Plant Society & the R.I. Orchid Society
at the **Roger Williams Park Casino**, Providence, R.I.

RIWPS Business Meeting from 11:30 to 12:30

Fellowship 12:30 to 1:30 Speaker 1:30 to 3:00

Free and Open to the Public

Lady-slipper orchids are at once the most loved and most misunderstood of wildflowers. They are the subject of frequent questions such as “Are they impossible to grow?” and “Can I transplant one?” This talk delves into the fascinating and complicated world of *Cypripediums* to provide the answers to everything the audience ever wanted to know about these amazing wildflowers.

William Cullina holds degrees in plant science and psychology and has been working in plant propagation and nursery production for over twenty years. In 1995 he became nursery manager and propagator at the New England Wild Flower Society’s Garden in the Woods and Nasami Farm, where he is currently the director of the New England Wild Flower Society Nurseries— now the largest of its kind in New England with locations in Framingham and Whatley, MA. Cullina lectures on native plants and propagation to garden and professional groups and writes for popular and technical journals. His first book, *The New England Wild Flower Society Guide to Growing and Propagating Wildflowers of the United States and Canada*, was published by Houghton Mifflin in 2000. A follow-up volume: *Native Trees, Shrubs, and Vines—A guide to using, growing and propagating North American woody plants* was published in June 2002. His new book, *Understanding Orchids* was published in November, 2004.

Directions to Roger Williams Park Casino:

Heading South on I-95 take Exit 17, Elmwood Ave. Turn left at light, park entrance is [] block on left. Go into park. Casino is on the right

Heading North on I-95 take exit 16, Elmwood Avenue. Bear right, turn left at light. Park entrance is [] block on right. Casino is on your right.

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