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Moraga Garden Club Carnivorous Plants Lecture

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From left, Moraga Garden Club president Linda Foley and photographer Damon Collingsworth display carnivorous plants at a recent presentation. Photo Ute Kelley

The man-eating plant of Little Shop of Horrors was just one playwright's take on what would happen if carnivorous plants should - just possibly - get out of control and develop an appetite for larger meals, like us! At the Moraga Garden Club's Nov. 15 meeting, photographer Damon Collingsworth visited from the California Carnivores nursery in Sebastopol to introduce members to the wondrous world of these intriguing plants, and to presented images of the wide variety of "meat-eating" plants featured in the book, *The Savage Garden* by Peter D'Amato. This vegetation, like many others of the kingdom, has developed fascinating methods and appearances to survive and reproduce in certain environments. Even Charles Darwin claimed to be more captivated by the sundew *Drosera* that gobbled up insects with relish, than the origin of any other specie in the world. The unique adaptations and methods utilized by the plants are being studied by scientists from universities worldwide. For information about future Moraga Garden Club activities, visit http://moragacitizensnetwork.org/images/service_orgs/mcg.pdf.

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