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*Sarracenia*

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*Sarracenia* commemorates a French naturalist and physician, Michel Sarrazin (1659-1734), who from 1665 lived in Quebec as King's physician in the capital of 'New France' (a title that the North American area occupied by French settlers would lose in 1763 when it was ceded to Britain). He practised medicine, collected and studied plants (cataloguing the specimens systematically), as well as minerals and animals (dissecting the latter). Sarrazin sent specimens and results of any tests he had carried out to France and corresponded in particular with the French botanist, Joseph Pitton de Tournefort (1656-1708). The pitcher plant (*Sarracenia purpurea*) was one of the specimens Sarrazin discovered and sent (live) to de Tournefort.