The 111th meeting of the New England Botanical Club, Inc. will be held Friday, 7 April 2017, at 6:45 p.m. in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

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**NEBC 2017 Distinguished Speaker**

**“Native Orchids and Mycorrhiza – Ecologically Complex Interactions”**

By Dr. Dennis Whigham

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

1) **DENNIS WHIGHAM’S ABSTRACT:** Please see [NEBC Home Page](http://www.rhodora.org). Dennis suggests the "Yorchidding" podcast from Morel Dilemma to learn more about mycoheterotrophy and mycorrhizae before the presentation.

2) **NEXT NEBC MEETING AT GARDEN-IN-THE-WOODS:** On 5 May 2017, Dr. Dov Sax, Associate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the Institute at Brown for Environment & Society, Brown University, Providence RI, will speak on “Identifying Species at Risk from Climate Change and Considering Alternative Conservation Strategies.” As in past years, the May meeting will be held at the Education Building at Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA.

3) **EAGLE HILL INSTITUTE DISCOUNTS & NEBC STIPENDS:** Eagle Hill Institute, Steuben, ME, is again offering NEBC members a 20% discount for the 2017 Workshops and Seminars. Also, NEBC will give a stipend of $150 towards costs for the first 10 NEBC members who register for a summer botany course. Contact John Burns at nebc@rhodora.org for details. Eagle Hill 2017 calendar.

4) **UPCOMING EVENTS:** NEBC is sponsoring two upcoming events of interest to members:
   - **Plants and Place: Native Flora in Western Massachusetts** on 1 April 2017 at the Deerfield Community Center, Deerfield, MA. Details and registration form can be found [here](http://www.rhodora.org).

5) **PARKING LOCATION:** From 5 PM-10 PM, our designated FREE parking lot is the 52 Oxford St. Garage, near the intersection of Everett St. and Oxford St. Parking in any other lot will likely lead to towing. Please find a map showing the Oxford Garage (52OX) at the following link: [Interactive Harvard Campus & Parking Map](http://www.rhodora.org).

6) **EARLIER ARRIVALS:** For those arriving before 5 PM, visitor permits ($17.00/day) are available from Harvard Parking Service at Harvard Campus Service Center, 8th floor, Holyoke Building, 1350 Massachusetts Ave. (8AM-5PM) and on-line at [Visitor Parking Permit](http://www.rhodora.org). License plate number needed for transaction. Print pass and display on dash. For more information, Parking Services may be contacted at 617-495-3772 or parking@harvard.edu. [AN ALTERNATIVE: Some members park at Alewife T station and ride the red line train to the Harvard Square T stop.]

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The newly elected Council will meet 3:15–5 PM in the meeting room near Haller Lecture Hall.