The 1068th meeting of the New England Botanical Club, Inc. will be held Friday, 6 January 2012, at 6:45 p.m. in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

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“Twelfth Top Toothsome and Taxonomic Tales”

All members and guests are invited to share culinary and visual potluck!

5:30-6:45 PM - food and drink in the Seminar Room (room 105)

6:45 PM - show and tell in the Haller Lecture Hall (room 102)

(details below)

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PLEASE NOTE:

1) **FIRST FRIDAY in JANUARY 2012:** This year the January meeting is the first Friday, not the second Friday of the month. Directions to Haller Lecture Hall - inside the door to the right of the Harvard Museum of Natural History entrance. Map: University Museum (24 Oxford Street) Interactive Harvard University Map: http://map.harvard.edu/mapserver/campusmap.htm

2) **BOTANICAL POTLUCK AND PROGRAM DETAILS:**
   a) **Starting at 5:30 PM in the Seminar Room**, please bring a potluck dish to share with other members and guests. Botanical labeling of dishes is encouraged. Note that no kitchen is available, although extension cords and a sink will be available. Please bring serving utensils. The following will be provided: plates, cups, eating utensils, napkins, and a wide assortment of beverages, including wine and beer.
   b) **At 6:45 PM in the Lecture Hall**, members and guests may share anything of botanical or club interest. The following will be provided: computer with CD and USB drives and PowerPoint 2007 for projection, table for display of plants, books, etc. **PLEASE email presentation ahead of time to neystersmith@bentley.edu so that it can be installed on the computer ahead of time. **Limit please - 10 “slides” or 5 minutes narration.** Afterwards, refreshments will follow in the Seminar Room.

3) **ITEMS TO RAFFLE, GIVE AWAY, OR SELL AT JANUARY 2012 MEETING (BRING CASH!):** As in the past, books and other items will be raffled or sold. If members have items of a botanical nature that they wish to contribute to the raffle or other botanical materials to sell, please bring them to this meeting.

4) **NEXT NEBC MEETING:** On Friday, 3 February 2012, Dr. Patricia Swain, Natural Community Ecologist, Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Westborough, MA, will speak on “Unusual Natural Communities and Rare Plants of the Housatonic Watershed in Massachusetts.”

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: Harvard Parking Map

6) **EARLIER ARRIVALS:** For those arriving before 5 PM, visitor permits ($13.00/day) are available from Harvard Parking Service at Harvard Campus Service Center, 8th floor, Holyoke Center, 1350 Massachusetts Ave. (8AM-5PM) and on-line at Visitor Parking Permit. Select OEB/MCZ/HUH for building and 2017 for the department code. License 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 train to the Harvard Square T station.]

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The Council will meet 4 – 5 PM in the meeting room near Haller Lecture Hall.