“Seventeenth Shindig for Spirited Stories of Special Specimens and Sparkling Servings of Scrumptious Snacks”
All members and guests are invited to share culinary and visual potluck!
5:30-6:45 PM - food and drink followed by raffle
6:45 PM - show and tell
(details below)

PLEASE NOTE:

1) **LOCATION OF JANUARY 2017 MEETING IS AT F&WL CRONIN BLDG, WESTBOROUGH, MA:** The Cronin Building is the Field Headquarters of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife at 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, Massachusetts. The NEBC meeting will be in room 108 on the FIRST Friday of the month.

2) **BOTANICAL POTLUCK AND PROGRAM DETAILS:**
   a) **Starting at 5:30 PM in the Cronin Building,** please bring a potluck dish to share with other members and guests. Botanical labeling of dishes is encouraged. A kitchen is available. Please bring serving utensils. The following will be provided: extension cords, plates, cups, eating utensils, napkins, and a wide assortment of hot and cold non-alcoholic beverages. Please do not bring alcoholic beverages to this location.
   b) **At 6:45 PM,** members and guests may share anything of botanical or club interest. The following will be provided: computer with CD and USB drives and PowerPoint 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 before the meeting. **Limit please - 10 “slides” or 5 minutes narration.** Afterwards, refreshments will follow.

3) **ITEMS TO RAFFLE, GIVE AWAY, OR SELL AT JANUARY 2017 MEETING (BRING LOTS of CASH!!):**
   As in the past, books and other items will be raffled or sold. This year we already have donations of botanical calendars and art, horticultural books, books on western flora in many habitats, and field guides to fungi. 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. Please remember to bring cash (small denominations preferred).

4) **NEBC GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD(S) APPLICATIONS DUE 1 MARCH 2017:** Each year NEBC offers up to $3000 in support of botanical research conducted by graduate students. **Wednesday, 1 March 2017 is the deadline for receipt of proposals and supporting letters.** Additional details may be found on the [Graduate Student Research Award webpage](#).

5) **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE:** Renew Your NEBC Membership for 2017 [Here!](#)

6) **NEXT NEBC MEETING:** On 3 February 2017, Dr. Jenica Allen will speak on “Invasive Plant Risks and Advantages with Climate and Land Use Change.” The meeting will be on the Harvard University campus.

7) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures, including Anna Aquilera’s December presentation. No password required for access to videos.