The 1143rd meeting of the New England Botanical Club, Inc. will be held Saturday, 11 January 2020, at 4:00 PM in the Southeast Conference Room (#108), Division of Fisheries & Wildlife’s Cronin Building in Westborough, MA.

**“20th Assembly of Associates’ Appetizing Alimentary Acquisitions and Amazing Apparitions of Angiosperms”**

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

- **4:00 – Raffle ticket sales followed by “show & tell”**
- **Potluck dinner followed by raffle**
  (details below)

**PLEASE READ:**

1) **LOCATION OF JANUARY 2020 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 SECOND Saturday of the month. Free Parking.

2) **PROGRAM DETAILS AND BOTANICAL POTLUCK:**
   a) **Starting at 4:00 PM,** members and guests may purchase raffle tickets and prepare to share anything of botanical or club interest. The following will be provided: computer with USB drive and PowerPoint for projection, table for display of plants, books, etc. **PLEASE email ahead of time your presentation (<15MB) or its link in the cloud to neystersmith@bentley.edu,** so that it can be installed on the computer BEFORE the meeting. **Limit please ~ 10 “slides” or 5 minutes narration.**
   b) **Dinner after Show & Tell:** Please bring a potluck dish to share with other members and guests. Botanical labeling of dishes is encouraged. A refrigerator, microwave, and sink are 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. **Raffle will follow dinner.**

3) **ITEMS TO RAFFLE, GIVE AWAY, OR SELL AT JANUARY 2020 MEETING (BRING LOTS of CASH!):** As in the past, books and other items will be raffled. A couple of boxes of botanical books have already been donated. 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). Six tickets for $5.00.

4) **NEXT NEBC MEETING:** On Saturday, February 1, 2020, Dr. Neil Pederson, Senior Ecologist, Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA, will speak on “Trees Don't Read Textbooks and Other Woody Stories of Persistence, Individuality, and Resilience.” The meeting will be on the Harvard University campus.

5) **ASSOCIATION MANAGER POSITION OPEN:** The New England Botanical Club seeks an Association Manager for our ~300 member organization. The position will have leadership roles in managing membership and renewals, in coordinating subscription services with the publisher of *Rhodora,* and in working with NEBC Council to improve digital infrastructure and organization communications, and outreach. The full job description, qualifications, expectations, and application procedure are described in the [Association Manager position advertisement](https://example.com). **Applications will be accepted until the position is filled with an anticipated start date of February-March 2020.** Please forward this email or link to the position announcement to others who may be interested.
6) **REQUEST FOR RHODORA ASSOCIATE EDITORS AND REVIEWING EDITORS:** NEBC’s newly appointed Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Melanie Schori, seeks additional Associate Editors for *Rhodora* to serve for three-year terms and several Reviewing Editors to serve two-year terms. Associate Editors will be expected to handle 4–6 manuscripts per year on their topic area by contacting potential reviewers, reviewing the manuscript themselves, and sending collated responses to the Editor-in-Chief. Reviewing Editors will be asked to review 1–2 manuscripts per year on their topic area and should either be graduate students or recent graduates who will be mentored through the reviewing process to gain experience. NEBC membership is not required for either type of editorship. Those interested should send an email describing their relevant expertise and experience (or lack thereof) to editor@rhodora.org.

7) **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FROM NEBC NOW OPEN (DEADLINES FEB 1 AND MARCH 1):**

- **NEBC JUNIOR FACULTY AWARD ON THE FLORA OF NEW ENGLAND – APPLICATIONS DUE 1 FEBRUARY 2020:** Applications for funding will be accepted from 1 December 2019 to 1 February 2020 from early-career, tenure-track faculty at any college or university in New England. Full requirements and application instructions can be found on the [Junior Faculty Award on the Flora of New England web page](http://www.rhodora.org).

- **NEBC LES MEHRHOFF BOTANICAL RESEARCH AWARD(S) – APPLICATIONS DUE 1 FEBRUARY 2020:** Applications for funding will be accepted from 1 December 2019 to 1 February 2020. Full details for project requirements and application instructions can be found on the [Les Mehrhoff Botanical Research Award web page](http://www.rhodora.org). Summaries of past funded projects and a button for donations can be found on the same web page.

- **NEBC GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD(S) – APPLICATIONS DUE 1 MARCH 2020:** Each year NEBC awards several thousands of dollars in support of botanical research conducted by graduate students. Sunday, 1 March 2020 is the deadline for receipt of proposals and supporting letters. Full details can be found on the [Graduate Student Research Award web page](http://www.rhodora.org).

8) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](http://www.rhodora.org) for videos of past lectures, including Jaclyn Mattes’ December presentation.

9) **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE PAST DUE:** [Renew Your NEBC Membership for 2020 Here!](http://www.rhodora.org)

10) **NONVASCULAR HERBARIUM WORK DATES:** If you would like to help Elizabeth Kneiper and the Nonvascular Herbarium Committee with many tasks related to the NEBC collection, please contact her at Ekneiper@aol.com. Meet in the basement of the Farlow Herbarium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Upcoming work dates are on Wednesday’s and Saturday’s. Please see the [What’s New page](http://www.rhodora.org) for details.

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The Council will NOT meet this month.