



The 1148<sup>th</sup> meeting of the New England Botanical Club, Inc. will be held **Saturday, 9 January 2021, at 7:00 PM via Zoom.**



**“21st Virtual Visits and Visions (but no Vittles)”**  
**By**  
**NEBC members living outside New England (by invitation)**

**PLEASE READ:**

- 1) **PRESENTATIONS & MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL:** Although since March 2020 all our spring presentations, summer field trips, and special events had to be cancelled because of COVID-19, New England Botanical Club is now offering meetings and presentations via Zoom. The link to join our Zoom Monthly Meetings will be reoccurring and is below. After this presentation, we invite attendees to stay on Zoom and participate in some “virtual visiting.” Feel free to provide your own refreshments!
  
- 2) **PRESENTATION ABSTRACT:** For the previous 20 years, NEBC's January meeting has been a member "show and tell" accompanied by a potluck supper. We will continue this tradition (without the potluck) by hearing from six members with ties to New England. Moving across the USA from east to west: **Ian Medeiros**, Ph.D. candidate at Duke University, NC, will speak on his 2019 fieldwork studying lichens and endophytic fungi in South Africa and Namibia. **Jason Karakehian**, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, will speak on the fungal genus *Rhytisma* in New England that is a leaf parasite of various species of trees and shrubs. In addition to illustrating some very common species, he hopes to gain your assistance in finding specimens of *Rhytisma andromedae* on *Andromeda polifolia* and *Rhytisma salicinum* on *Salix*. **Marge Holland**, from the University of Mississippi, will describe a long-term botanical study with which she has been involved in New Hampshire since 1978. **Tim Whitfeld**, Collections Manager of the Bell Museum Herbarium at the University of Minnesota, will describe a 2019 botanical bonanza in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in search of the elusive *Phacelia franklinii* and other curiosities from the north woods of Minnesota. **Emil (Ame) Doyle** is retired, a graduate of the Native Plant Trust's Field Botany Certificate Programs, now living in Walla Walla, WA, and will speak about his work developing a regional botany educational program, monitoring rare plant populations, and his current research and photography interests. **Karen B. Searcy**, former Lecturer at UMass-Amherst and Curator of MASS, now living in Del Mar, CA, will speak on the flowering season in Crest Canyon Open Space Park, part of the Coastal Sage Scrub Community, San Diego County, CA.
  
- 3) **NEXT NEBC MEETINGS VIA ZOOM:**
  - On Saturday, 6 February 2021, **Dr. Mason Heberling**, Assistant Curator of Botany, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA, will speak on “*Rethinking the Herbarium Specimen*”
  - On Saturday, 6 March 2021, **Wesley Knapp**, North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, Asheville, NC, will speak on “*Tales from the Crypt: The Extinct Plants of North America with a Focus on New England Extinction Events.*”

4) **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FROM NEBC (DEADLINE 1 FEBRUARY 2021):**

- **NEBC JUNIOR FACULTY AWARD ON THE FLORA OF NEW ENGLAND** – Applications are accepted 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.
- **NEBC LES MEHRHOFF BOTANICAL RESEARCH AWARD(S)** – Full details for project requirements and application instructions can be found on the [Les Mehrhoff Botanical Research Award](#) web page. Summaries of past funded projects and a button for donations to the fund can be found on the same web page.
- **NEBC GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD(S)** – Each year NEBC awards several thousands of dollars in support of botanical research conducted by graduate students. Full details for proposals and supporting letters can be found on the [Graduate Student Research Award](#) web page. Abstracts for previous recipients can also be found on this web page.

5) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures, including Dr. Anurag Agrawal's December presentation.

6) **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE:** [Renew Your NEBC Membership for 2021 Here!](#)

*The Council will not meet 9 January 2021.*

**ZOOM INVITATION FOR NEBC MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Topic: NEBC Monthly Meeting

Date and Time: First Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM

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