



The 1177th meeting of the New England Botanical Society will be held **Friday, 5 April 2024, at 7:00 PM ET** in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, **and via Zoom.**



**“Unlocking the Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes:
Fresh Approaches to Identifying these Challenging Plants”**

By

**Ted Elliman, MA botany/ecology instructor, retired Native Plant Trust,
and Lauren Brown, CT author, VP Connecticut Botanical Society**

PLEASE READ:

- 1) **THIS PRESENTATION & MEETING WILL BE IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL:** This meeting will be **in-person** at Harvard University, but it will also be a **hybrid presentation using Zoom**. The link to join our Zoom Monthly Meetings will be reoccurring and is below. Also below is information on the free parking arrangements we have made for our members who plan to attend in person.
- 2) **TED & LAUREN’s ABSTRACT:** Grasses, sedges, and rushes sometimes seem to present an impenetrable wall to identification. *GRASSES, SEDGES, RUSHES: AN IDENTIFICATION GUIDE* (2020, Yale University Press), helps users to surmount this barrier by introducing these plants with everyday vocabulary and using readily observable characteristics for identification. Lauren and Ted will discuss the creation and the concept of the book and discuss in detail the book’s identification process of some common grasses, sedges, and rushes that you are likely to encounter in the upcoming field season. Copies of their book, winner of 2020 Library Journal Best Reference Pick of the Year in the Science & Technology category, will be available for sale and for signing. Cash or check.
- 3) **NEBS HERBARIA VOLUNTEER WORK DAY – FRIDAY APRIL 5:** ALL HELP WELCOME!
 - The [NEBS Vascular Plant Herbarium](#) will be holding a volunteer workday prior to the meeting on Friday, April 5. There will be plenty to do for people at all levels of experience. Workday will start at 10 AM and run until 5 PM. Please contact Curator Lisa Standley at lisa_standley@verizon.net **before Wednesday, April 3**, if you are interested in participating.
 - Volunteers interested in doing assorted curatorial tasks in the [NEBS Cryptogams Herbarium](#), housed in the basement of the Farlow Herbarium, should contact Curator Elizabeth Kneiper at Ekneiper@aol.com **before Wednesday, April 3**. WE WELCOME ALL HELPERS!
- 4) **NEXT NEBS MEETING:** On Friday, May 3, 2024, Neela de Zoysa, recipient of a 2022 Les Mehrhoff Botanical Research Award and instructor at Native Plant Trust, Framingham, MA, will speak on **“Climbing Plants of the Northeastern United States.”** This meeting will be held at Native Plant Trust’s Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA, and will be on Zoom.
- 5) **JUNE 15 “AWAY MEETING” ON MARTHA’S VINEYARD:** Start making your plans. See [Upcoming Meetings](#) webpage for current plans at [Polly Hill Arboretum](#). Plan to be on the 8:15 AM [Steamship Authority ferry](#) from Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven. A registration fee of \$75. will cover on-island transportation, admission fee to arboretum, lunch, and afternoon libations. Registration link will be available later. Questions or to ask for reduced rate for MV residents: Contact NEBS Vice President Melissa Cullina at mcullina@gmail.com.

- 6) **SUMMER COLLECTING FIELD TRIP:** Hold the Date! A 2024 NEBS Herbaria collecting foray is scheduled for Sunday, June 23, in Bennington County, VT. Join us and learn about southern VT vascular plants, bryophytes, or lichens -- and how to collect them. Watch for details about registering on the [Upcoming Field Trips](#) webpage and in future emails.
- 7) **EAGLE HILL INSTITUTE DISCOUNTS (20%) & NEBS STIPENDS (\$150) FOR 2 STUDENTS:** The [Eagle Hill Institute](#), Steuben, ME, is again offering NEBS members a 20% discount for their 2024 in-person summer week-long seminars (May-Sept). This discount is applied towards tuition and accommodations, but not meals or lab/microscope use fees. Also, NEBS will cover one stipend per year of \$150 towards costs for the first 2 NEBS STUDENT members who register for a summer botany course. Contact Society President at president@rhodora.org for details and to apply. [Eagle Hill calendar](#).
- 8) **PARKING LOCATION:** 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 the Oxford Garage (52OX) in the Northeast corner of the [Printable Map](#) (PDF). At the booth at the entrance to the underground garage, please tell the attendant that you are with the New England Botanical Society. The [Interactive Harvard Campus Map](#) is useful for navigating around campus.
- 9) **FRIDAY PARKING ARRANGEMENTS:** Free parking for attendees will be from 5 PM to 9 PM on the Friday of the meeting.
- 10) **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE PAST DUE:** [Renew or Join for 2024 Here!](#) If you know of others who might be interested in our organization, please forward this link.

The next Council meeting will be 3 April 2024 from 6:00-7:00 PM ET via Zoom.

ZOOM INVITATION FOR NEBS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Topic: NEBS Monthly Meeting

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

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