



The 1173<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the New England Botanical Society will be held **Friday, 1 December 2023, at 7:00 PM ET** in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, **and via Zoom**



## “Darwin and the Art of Botany”

By **Bobbi Angell**  
**Botanical Illustrator**

### 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) **MS. ANGELL’S ABSTRACT:** Charles Darwin studied orchids, insectivorous plants, climbing plants, movements of plants, and fertilization and pollination, with his research published in 6 detailed books. Botanical illustrator Bobbi Angell will talk about many of the plants that Darwin worked on and will show species she has illustrated that led to her interest in him. Fascinated by Darwin’s studies, Bobbi and coauthor James Costa selected and introduced 45 chapters in *Darwin and the Art of Botany* (Timber Press, 2023). Beautiful art of Darwin’s era, considered the Golden Age of Botanical Art, was selected from Bunny Mellon’s collection at the Oak Spring Garden Foundation in Virginia and many of the paintings selected for chapters of the book will be shown in the presentation. **Copies of her book “*Darwin and the Art of Botany: Observations on the Curious World of Plants*” will be available for sale and for signing. Books are \$30 with cash, check, or credit card.**
- 3) **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES OPEN 1 DECEMBER 2023 - 1 FEBRUARY 2024:**
  - **NEBS JUNIOR FACULTY AWARD** – Applications are accepted from early-career academic faculty at any college or university in New England. Full requirements and application instructions can be found on the [Junior Faculty Award](#) web page. Please note that there is no longer a tenure-track requirement for eligibility for this award. It is now open to those in their first 5 years as a new academic member at a post-secondary teaching institution in New England.
  - **NEBS 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 reports are posted.
  - **NEBS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD(S)** – Each year NEBS 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.

- 4) **NEXT NEBS MEETING:** On Friday, January 12, 2024, we will have our annual members' "show and tell," raffle, and potluck dinner at Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Cronin Building, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA. Please start making your slide and food preparations for the "24th Convocation of Consumption, Celebration of Classification, and Collecting of Curiosities." Donations of botanical books and other botanical items for the raffle are appreciated, and a couple of boxes worth are already on hand.
- 5) **NEBS PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024:** Please check the [Upcoming Meetings](#) webpage for up-to-date details on February and March 2024 speakers.
- 6) **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.
- 7) **FRIDAY PARKING ARRANGEMENTS:** Free parking for attendees will be from 5 PM to 9 PM on the Friday of the meeting.
- 8) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures, including Dr. Lena Struwe's November presentation.

### **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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*The next Council meeting will be 29 November 2023 from 6:00-7:30 PM ET via Zoom.*

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