



The 1184th meeting of the New England Botanical Society will be held
Friday, 7 February 2025, at 7:00 PM ET in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102),
Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University,
Cambridge, MA, **and via Zoom**



**“Two Tales of Floristic Change in Southern New England:
Orchids and Northern Species”**

By

**Dr. Robert Bertin, Professor Emeritus of Biology,
College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA**

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 (4PM-9PM) that we have made for our members who plan to attend in person.
- 2) **DR. BERTIN’S ABSTRACT:** Floras change over time in response to numerous variables, including land use changes, species introductions, climate change, and other factors. This talk will examine and attempt to explain changes in frequencies of two groups of plants in southern New England: orchids and northern species (i.e., those near the southern end of their range). It will include a discussion of different data sources and their limitations and the challenges of dealing with potentially confounding factors.
- 3) **2025-2026 NEBS SLATE:** The Slate for 2025-2026 Council proposed by the Nominating Committee will be sent in a separate email later and is posted now on the [What's New](#) webpage. The vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting on 7 March 2025 held at Harvard University and via Zoom.
- 4) **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH 1 FEBRUARY 2025 DEADLINE:**
 - **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** – 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** – 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.

- 5) **NEBS AT NORTHEAST NATURAL HISTORY CONFERENCE IN APRIL:** Several NEBS Council members have organized an oral session “Celebrating New England Herbaria: Research, Teaching, Community, & Outreach.” This annual conference organized by Eagle Hill Institute will be in Springfield, MA, April 4-6, 2025. Registration is now open and early registration closes March 10. Discounted lodging rates close on March 14. For full details and other deadlines: [Northeast Natural History Conference Home Page](#)
- 6) **HARVARD UNIVERSITY FREE 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. 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. **FRIDAY PARKING ARRANGEMENTS:** Free parking for attendees will be from 4 PM to 9 PM on the Friday of the meeting.
- 7) **NEXT NEBS MEETING:** On Friday, March 7, 2025, Dr. Don Hudson (*NEBS Outgoing President*), President Emeritus, Chewonki, Arrowsic, ME, will speak on “*Forests, Fish, and a Botanist’s Excursion into Riverine and Near Ocean Habitat Restoration.*” This meeting will be at Harvard University and on Zoom.
- 8) **NEBS UPDATED PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2024-2025:** Please check the [Upcoming Meetings](#) webpage and the full Program Calendar for up-to-date details on newly scheduled April and May meetings.
- 9) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) webpage for videos of past lectures.
- 10) **2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE:** [Please Renew Promptly for 2025 Here!](#) If you know of others who might be interested in our organization, please forward this link.

ZOOM INVITATION FOR NEBS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Topic: NEBS Monthly Meeting
 Date and Time: First Friday of the month at
 7:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/98845538584>

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 Find your local number:
<https://zoom.us/u/adKxNNXCOj>

The next Council meeting will be held 26 February 2025 from 6:00-7:00 PM ET via Zoom.

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