



The 1123<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the New England Botanical Club, Inc. will be held Friday, **5 January 2018, at 6:45 p.m.** in the Southeast Conference Room (#108), Division of Fisheries & Wildlife's Cronin Building in Westborough, MA.



**“Eighteenth Ensemble of Entertaining Expeditions and Exquisite Entrées”**

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

**5:30-6:45 PM - food and drink followed by raffle**

**6:45 PM - show and tell**

(details below)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- 1) **LOCATION OF JANUARY 2018 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 FIRST Friday of the month. Free Parking.
- 2) **BOTANICAL POTLUCK AND PROGRAM DETAILS:**
  - a) **Starting at 5:30 PM in the Cronin Building**, please bring a potluck dish to share with other members and guests. Botanical labeling of dishes is encouraged. A kitchen is 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.
  - b) **At 6:45 PM**, members and guests may share anything of botanical or club interest. The following will be provided: computer with CD and USB drives and PowerPoint for projection, table for display of plants, books, etc. **PLEASE email presentation ahead of time to [neystersmith@bentley.edu](mailto:neystersmith@bentley.edu)**, so that it can be installed on the computer before the meeting. **Limit please - 10 “slides” or 5 minutes narration.** Afterwards, refreshments will follow.
- 3) **ITEMS TO RAFFLE, GIVE AWAY, OR SELL AT JANUARY 2018 MEETING (BRING LOTS of CASH!):** As in the past, books and other items will be raffled or sold. This year we already have donations of botanical art, books on carnivorous plants, ferns, field guides, and books related to Concord, MA, New York, Canada, Great Britain and E USA. 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) **CELEBRATION OF ELIZABETH FARNSWORTH'S LIFE:** The video of the "Celebration of Life" held on December 9, 2017, is [here](#). [Memorial Program](#). Other remembrances are posted on the [What's New](#) page.

- 5) **LES MEHRHOFF BOTANICAL RESEARCH FUND:** Applications for funding will be accepted until 1 February 2018. Full details for project requirements and application instructions can be found on the [Les Mehrhoff Botanical Research Fund](#) web page. Summaries of past funded projects and a button for donations to the fund can be found on the same web page.
- 6) **NEBC GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD(S) APPLICATIONS DUE 1 MARCH 2018:** Each year NEBC offers up to \$3000 in support of botanical research conducted by graduate students. Thursday, 1 March 2018 is the deadline for receipt of proposals and supporting letters. Additional details may be found on the [Graduate Student Research Award webpage](#).
- 7) **EAGLE HILL INSTITUTE DISCOUNTS:** Eagle Hill Institute, Steuben, ME, is offering NEBC members a 20% discount for the 2018 Workshops and Seminars. Also, NEBC will give a stipend of \$150 towards costs for the first ten NEBC members who register for a summer botany course. Contact John Burns at [nebc@rhodora.org](mailto:nebc@rhodora.org) for details. [Eagle Hill calendar](#).
- 8) **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](mailto: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 for details.
- 9) **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE:** [Renew Your NEBC Membership for 2018 Here!](#)
- 10) **NEXT NEBC MEETING:** On 2 February 2018, Dr. Bob Wernerehl, State Botanist, Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, Westboro, MA, will speak on "*Rare Vascular Plants in Massachusetts: Natural Heritage Maps the Mystery.*" The meeting will be on the Harvard University campus.
- 11) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures, including Alden Griffith's December presentation. No password required for access to videos.

*The Council will meet 4–5 PM in room 108, Southeast Conference Room of Cronin Building.*