



The 1174th meeting of the New England Botanical Society will be held **Friday, 12 January 2024, at 5:30 PM ET** in the Southeast Conference Room (#108), Division of Fisheries & Wildlife's Cronin Building in Westborough, MA.



**“24th Convocation of Consumption, Celebration of Classification,
and Collecting of Curiosities”**

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 READ:

- 1) **LOCATION OF JANUARY 2024 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 NEBS meeting will be in room 108 on the SECOND Friday of the month. Free Parking. This is an in-person only meeting and guests are welcome.
- 2) **BOTANICAL POTLUCK AND PROGRAM DETAILS:**
 - **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. **Raffle will follow dinner. Please purchase your tickets early.**
 - **At 6:45 PM**, members and guests may share anything of botanical or club interest. The following will be provided: computer with USB drive and PowerPoint for projection, table for display of plants, books, etc. It is preferred that you email your presentation or its link in the cloud to neystersmith@bentley.edu to expedite presentations at the meeting. **Limit please ~ 10 “slides” or 5 minutes narration.** Afterwards, refreshments will follow.
- 3) **ITEMS TO RAFFLE OR GIVE AWAY AT JANUARY 2024 MEETING (BRING LOTS of CASH!):** As in the past, books and other items will be raffled. Numerous botanical books and special botanical items have already been donated. Will we exceed last year's 71 items? If members have items of a botanical nature that they wish to contribute to the raffle or find a new home for, please bring them to this meeting. Please remember to bring cash (small denominations preferred). Six tickets for \$5.00.
- 4) **NEXT NEBS MEETING:** On Friday, February 2, 2024, Dr. Rachel Spicer, Associate Professor of Botany, Connecticut College, New London, CT, will speak on "*Connecting the Vasculature in Leaves and Woody Stems: Auxin Biosynthesis and Transport in Trees.*" **This will be a Zoom only meeting.**
- 5) **NEBS UPDATED PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024:** Please check the [Upcoming Meetings](#) webpage and the full Program Calendar for up-to-date details of the next five meetings. In particular, please save Saturday, June 15, for an all-day “away meeting” on Martha's Vineyard in association with Polly Hill Arboretum. Preliminary details on the website.

- 6) **ANNOUNCING A NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF FOR RHODORA:** Please see our [What's New](#) webpage to learn more about Dr. Lytton John Musselman, who is taking over the Editor-in-Chief position. We are fortunate to welcome such an eminent scholar to lead *Rhodora*. Additionally, we thank Dr. Melanie Schori for her outstanding work during a difficult few years and in the transition to self-publishing of our journal. Welcome, Lytton, and many thanks, Melanie.
- 7) **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.
- 8) **PASSING OF DR. C. THOMAS PHILBRICK:** Tom was a member of NEBC since 1977 and taught in the Department of Biology & Environmental Sciences, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT. Please see his [Obituary](#): “*Field Botanist, Mentor, Devoted Family Man*” for information about his life, his impact on others, and some photographs.
- 9) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures, including Bobbi Angell’s December presentation.
- 10) **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE 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 31 January 2024 from 6:00-7:00 PM ET via Zoom.

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