



The 1170th meeting of the New England Botanical Society will be held
Friday, 23 June 2023, at 6:30 PM at Wellesley College Botanic Gardens
Visitor Center, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA



**“A Sustainable Conservatory in New England?
Lessons from Wellesley College's Global Flora Project”**

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PLEASE READ (IMPORTANT DETAILS and REMINDERS):

- 1) **ACTIVITIES AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE WILL BE IN-PERSON ONLY:** Please see below for details about workshop, presentation, and tour of Global Flora Conservatory. **Please note date and times. All attendees must register in advance because of limited space. You will be contacted if you are on the waitlist. If your plans change after you have registered, please reply to this email to make changes and free up space for others.**
- 2) **DR. JONES' ABSTRACT:** The Global Flora project is our attempt to reimagine what a conservatory can be, while drawing on a rich historical legacy and gleaning ideas and lessons from other places. This story of the Global Flora Conservatory includes an overview of an award-winning design, attempts at the Living Building Challenge, and an inclusive and justice-oriented approach to plant collections development, interpretation, and programming as we aim to tune it to its context and community within a liberal arts college. This means providing year-round opportunities for teaching, research, and fun, learning directly from plants, and co-creating these experiences with diverse students, staff, and faculty. For example, considering the Conservatory as a series of indoor ecosystems with hyperdiverse plant communities with IPM as interventions in predator-prey dynamics - this approach lends itself to deep engagement and continual learning for all involved. Tapping into the creativity and diverse perspectives of our community continues to be a game-changer as we aim to go beyond Eurocentric conventions on everything from which plants to include to what goes on plant labels. After this introduction we'll head into the conservatory for Q&A and a look around.
- 3) **LOCATION OF JUNE MEETING IS AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE, MA:** Wellesley College is located at 106 Central St. (Route 135), Wellesley, MA. The workshop at 3:30 PM and the presentation/tour at 6:30 PM will be in the Wellesley College Botanic Gardens Visitor Center. At this Plan Your Visit website | [Wellesley College](#) are directions and parking information. Parking near the Visitor Center is for those with limited mobility. All others should park at the Davis Parking Garage near the west entrance. Please see [WCBG map of gardens and parking](#).
- 4) **SCHEDULE:**
 - **3:30-5 PM WORKSHOP BY DR. LISA STANDLEY “HOW TO COLLECT VASCULAR PLANT SPECIMENS”** – Description of intent and activities was sent in May 13th email and is on the [NEBS Home page](#). Limit: 22 ([Registration Required for All](#) in advance)
 - **5 PM-6:30 PM** – Picnic dinner on the campus grounds or arranged individually at a local restaurant.
 - **6:30 PM – PRESENTATION AND TOUR OF GLOBAL FLORA CONSERVANCY BY DR. KRISTINA JONES** – Limit: 50 ([Registration Required for All](#) in advance)

- 5) **NEW FIELD TRIP ADDED TO SUMMER 2023 DAY & COLLECTING FIELD TRIPS:** DAY FIELD TRIPS (**July 7, July 15 added**) are informal, small-group outings to explore interesting places and to see (not collect) interesting plants, facilitated by knowledgeable and enthusiastic leaders. COLLECTING TRIPS (**July 1, August 5**) are intended to collect specimens in under-represented New England localities. Collected specimens will be added to our herbaria and species lists will be prepaid for local land managers. All trips will be **limited to 14 participants, so please register at least 1 week in advance**. Bring your lunch, water, insect repellent, field guides, hand lens, and curiosity. Be prepared for the terrain and level of difficulty indicated for each trip. Details can be found on the [Upcoming Field Trips](#) webpage or this [Field Trips PDF](#). **We advise saving this PDF with the registration links and other information.**
- 6) **EAGLE HILL INSTITUTE DISCOUNTS (20%) & NEBS STIPENDS (\$150) FOR STUDENTS:** The [Eagle Hill Institute](#), Steuben, ME, is again offering NEBS members a 20% discount for their 2023 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 3 NEBS STUDENT members who register for a summer botany course. In addition to Bob Wernerehl's iNaturalist/field botany of Maine coast, some upcoming options include grasses & sedges (Engstrom & Jenkins), grass ID (Magee), ericaceous heaths (Manos & Meireles), lichens (Jacob & Schnull), aquatic flowering plants (Hellquist), tree & woody plant ID (Mitchell), fall mushrooms (Porter & Mulvey). Contact the Executive Director Sara Helm-Wallace at nebc@rhodora.org for details and to apply. [Eagle Hill calendar](#).
- 7) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures.
- 8) **MEMBERSHIPS ARE PAST DUE:** [Renew or Join for 2023 Here!](#) If you know of others who might be interested in our organization, please forward this link.

The next Council meeting will be 30 August 2023 from 6:00-7:00 PM ET via Zoom.

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