



The 1179th meeting of the New England Botanical Society will be held
Saturday, 15 June 2024, all day at Polly Hill Arboretum,
West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, MA



“Plant Conservation Initiatives of the Polly Hill Arboretum”
By
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PLEASE READ:

- 1) **ACTIVITIES AT POLLY HILL ARBORETUM WILL BE IN-PERSON ONLY:** Specific details below. **Registration and Payment** of \$75 required, as well as separate pedestrian ferry ticket. The registration fee will cover a donation to the PHA, on-island transportation, and food/beverages.
- 2) **SUMMARY OF “AWAY” MEETING PLANS:** This meeting will be an enriching, all-day immersive experience at the Polly Hill Arboretum in West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, on Saturday June 15, 2024. Pedestrian passage should be booked individually by participants on the 8:15 AM ferry from Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven. NEBS will provide transportation to and from the ferry landing at Vineyard Haven. We will kick off the meeting with a warm welcome and remarks by Executive Director Tim Boland and Assistant Director and Curator Emily Ellingson at 9:30 am. Activities of the day will feature an Arboretum Tour, walk along the Native Tree Trail, a picnic-style lunch, lecture on the conservation activities of the Polly Hill Arboretum, and a display and discussion of plant rarities of Martha's Vineyard. The day will close with libations and treats at the Arboretum's "Far Barn" at 5 PM. Participants will then be shuttled back to Vineyard Haven to catch the 7:15 PM ferry or enjoy an overnight on the island. PHA's recommended lodging for those interested in making the trip into an overnight: The Mansion House, within walking distance of the restaurants and ferry in Vineyard Haven. Important links:
 - For information about [Polly Hill Arboretum](#).
 - Please **register and pay here**. The registration fee of \$75. paid via PayPal will cover on-island transportation, admission fee to arboretum, lunch, and afternoon libations. **Only a few seats remain**. If registration has filled, the registration link will be turned off. If you are interested in being on a wait list, please reply to this email.
 - Make reservations for the 8:15 AM [Steamship Authority ferry](#) from Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven and for return on the 7:15 PM ferry (separate fee).
 - Questions or to ask for reduced rate for MV residents: Contact NEBS Vice President Melissa Cullina at mcullina@gmail.com.
- 3) **EAGLE HILL INSTITUTE DISCOUNTS (20%) & NEBS STIPEND (\$150) FOR 1 STUDENT:** The [Eagle Hill Institute](#), Steuben, ME, is again offering NEBS members a 20% discount for their 2024 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 another NEBS STUDENT member who registers for a summer botany course. Contact Society President at president@rhodora.org for details and to apply. [Eagle Hill calendar](#).

- 4) **SUMMER 2024 DAY FIELD TRIPS & COLLECTING FIELD TRIPS:** Details can be found on the [Upcoming Field Trips](#) webpage or this [PDF](#). **We advise saving this PDF with the registration links and other information.** DAY FIELD TRIPS are informal, small-group outings to explore interesting places and to see (not collect) interesting plants, facilitated by knowledgeable and enthusiastic leaders. COLLECTING TRIPS 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. 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. All trips have **limited capacity, so please register at least 1 week in advance. There is still space on the June 1 trip, as well as other trips.** Pre-registration ensures sufficient participation to run the trip, so do please sign up.

DAY FIELD TRIP - Saturday, June 1 (9 AM – 2 PM)

[Sheepscot Headwaters Preserve, Montville, Maine](#)

- Leader: **Christian Schorn**, Forest Ecologist, Maine Natural Areas Program
- The Northern Headwaters Preserve of Midcoast Conservancy contains nearly 1,000 acres of relatively late-successional forest protecting the headwaters of the Sheepscot River, one of the most biodiverse and healthy rivers in Midcoast Maine. Highlighted as an area of interest for survey by state agencies, this rural landscape is likely under-botanized. Walk a loop trail through the preserve, exploring ridgelines, pockets of local enrichment, and riparian plant communities; all information will inform the management plan for this growing preserve, which was recently recognized as one of the only blocks of protected "Wildlands" south of the Appalachian Trail in Maine.
- Terrain: Moderately difficult (3.5-5 miles)
- Trip Capacity: 15
- [Register here](#) so Chris may be in touch with you about this trip.

COLLECTING TRIP - Sunday, June 23

Bennington County, Vermont

- Leaders: **Lisa Standley**, NEBS Curator of Vascular Plants, **Elizabeth Kneiper**, NEBS Curator of Cryptogams
- Join the NEBS Herbarium Curators Bennington County, Vermont, to collect specimens of the modern vascular and cryptogam flora (and lichens too!) for the herbarium. We'll be collecting both native and non-native species to provide a modern record of the diversity, distribution, and phenology of plants in a relatively under-collected area. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the flora, as well as techniques for plant collecting! Be prepared for a day in the field.
- [Register here](#) so Lisa may be in touch with you about this trip.

DAY FIELD TRIP - Saturday, June 29 (9 AM – 11 AM)

[Highstead, Redding, Connecticut](#)

- Leader: **Ed Faison**, Senior Ecologist and **Geordie Elkins**, Executive Director
- Explore the ecology of Highstead's 192-acre preserve and see the natural and semi-natural plant habitats of southwestern Connecticut including an oak forest, mesic forest, grassland meadow, forested wetland, and pollinator meadow that are home to plant, bird, and mammal species of special concern. In addition, see some of Highstead's native plant collections, field research sites, and naturally designed landscapes and learn about the work with ecotype seeds.
- Terrain: Moderately difficult (elevation change 250 feet)
- Capacity 15 participants
- [Register here](#) so Geordie may be in touch with you about this trip.

- 5) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures, including the last three, which were all excellent and have just been posted:
- [John Daigle's March presentation](#)
 - [Lauren Brown & Ted Elliman's April presentation](#)
 - [Neela de Zoysa's May presentation](#)
- 6) **RHODORA MILESTONE:** Recently **Issue #1000** (Volume 124, October-December, 2022) of *Rhodora* was issued. The first issue of *Rhodora* was published in January 1899 and was 20 pages long. From then through 1961 (Volume 63), *Rhodora* was published monthly. Subsequently it has been a quarterly journal. All volumes and issues of *Rhodora* are available free to members online through an annual login/password on a webpage that is accessed from the [Current and Archived Issues](#) tab on our website. BioOne provides free member access to the most current issues, and JSTOR provides free member access to issues from 1899 to 2018 (currently, because of moving wall embargo).
- Beginning and last part of “Editorial Announcement” in the 1899 first issue of *Rhodora*:**
- “This Journal is founded by the NEW ENGLAND BOTANICAL CLUB, with confidence that it will give new stimulus and render material aid to the study of our local flora. Its publication has not been undertaken without mature consideration, nor until, through the keen and helpful interest of New England botanists, a sufficient subscription list has been secured to assure its monetary support. ... The name RHODORA, although the designation of one of our most attractive New England plants, has been chosen, not from sentiment but primarily from a desire to have a distinctive and euphonious one-word title, experience having amply shown that similar titles (e. g. Linnaea, Grevillea, Helios, Erythea, Auk, Ibis, etc.) soon become familiar, and possess great merit in their brevity and ease of citation.”
- 7) **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO RHODORA:** After some transitions in editorial staff this year, we are steadily catching up on back issues of *Rhodora*. (Check out the latest issue [here](#) and get free access to all *Rhodora* issues via login/password from the [Current and Archived Issues](#) tab on the website.) In addition to research articles, *Rhodora* welcomes your submissions for New England Notes, Botanists’ Corner communications, and book reviews of recent botanical publications. Have a new state record of plant taxa? Involved in a conservation initiative or large-scale research study involving plants? Read a new identification guide? We want to hear about it! Check out the [guidelines for submission](#) and send your submissions to Editor-in-Chief Lytton John Musselman (editor@rhodora.org).
- 8) **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE PAST DUE:** [Renew or Join for 2024 Here!](#) **A benefit of membership is a hardcopy of *Rhodora* and electronic access to all issues online.** If you know of others who might be interested in our organization and peer-reviewed journal, please forward this link.

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