



The 1135th meeting of the New England Botanical Club, Inc. will be held Friday, **1 March 2019, at 6:45 p.m.** in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.



**“Celebrating Edward Lothrop Rand,
NEBC Corresponding Secretary for 25 years”**

**By Dr. Nancy M. Eyster-Smith
Associate Professor Emerita, Bentley University, Waltham, MA
and**

**“Floristic and Climate Change on Mount Desert Island, Maine, from the
Champlain Society to Acadia National Park's Centennial”**

**By Dr. Caitlin McDonough MacKenzie
Postdoc, Climate Change Institute, University of Maine, Orono, ME**

PLEASE NOTE:

1) **NANCY AND CAITLIN'S ABSTRACT:** Edward Lothrop Rand, the first Corresponding Secretary of the New England Botanical Club, served from the club's founding in 1896 until a paralyzing disability in 1921. He also served on the Editorial Board of *Rhodora* from its establishment in 1899 until his death in 1924. In April 2019, Nancy will exceed Rand's 25 years as Corresponding Secretary, and with some archival documents will celebrate Rand and his dedication to his botanical avocation that benefited not only NEBC, but future students. In the 1880s, Edward Rand was a member of the Champlain Society, a group of Harvard students who spent their summers camping and studying natural history on Maine's Mount Desert Island. Rand's meticulous records with the Champlain Society became the 1894 Flora of Mount Desert Island, Maine, a work that became the baseline for floristic change in Acadia National Park, Maine, and a gold standard for historical botanical data. Using Rand's Flora, Caitlin's research added Mount Desert Island to the growing field of floristic change studies in the northeastern United States, and she has attempted to uncover regional patterns in a review of community change, historical data, and species loss. Her presentation will give a preview of the soon-to-be published second Featured Review in *Rhodora*, for which she is lead author.

2) **2019-2020 NEBC SLATE:** The [Slate for 2019-2020 Council](#) proposed by the Nominating Committee was sent earlier in a separate email and is posted on the NEBC website. The vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting on 1 March 2019. Committee Chairs will also give their annual reports then.

3) **ANNOUNCING NEW NEBC AWARD ~ JUNIOR FACULTY AWARD ON THE FLORA OF NEW ENGLAND (APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FEB 22-APRIL 15):** The NEBC Council is excited to announce a new \$5000. award for early-career, tenure-track faculty at any college or university in New England. Full requirements and application instructions can be found on the [Junior Faculty Award on the Flora of New England](#) web page or in this PDF. [Junior Faculty Award Applicant Instructions.](#)

4) NEBC GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD(S) – APPLICATIONS DUE 1

MARCH 2019: This year NEBC will award \$6000 in support of botanical research conducted by graduate students. Friday, 1 March 2019 is the deadline for receipt of proposals and supporting letters. Full details can be found on the [Graduate Student Research Award](#) web page.

5) NEXT NEBC MEETING IS OUR ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER: On 5 April 2019, Dr. Carmen Ulloa Ulloa, Curator, Science & Conservation, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, MO, will speak on *“In the Footsteps of Humboldt: The Making of the Map of the Plants of the Americas.”*

6) VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS: Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures, including Kristina Stinson’s February presentation. No password required for access to videos

7) 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. 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.

8) EAGLE HILL INSTITUTE DISCOUNTS & NEBC STIPENDS: Eagle Hill Institute, Steuben, ME, is again offering NEBC members a **20% discount** for their 2019 seminars and workshops, which applies toward tuition and accommodations, but not meals. Also, NEBC will give a **stipend of \$150** towards costs for the first 10 NEBC members who register for a botany course. Contact John Burns at nebc@rhodora.org for details. [Eagle Hill 2019 calendar](#).

9) MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE PAST DUE:
[Renew Your NEBC Membership for 2019 Here!](#)

10) PARKING LOCATION: From 5 PM-10 PM, 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. Please find a map showing the Oxford Garage (52OX) at the following link: [Interactive Harvard University Campus Map](#)

11) EARLIER ARRIVALS: For those arriving before 5 PM, visitor permits (\$18.00/day) are available from Harvard Parking Service at Harvard Campus Service Center, 8th floor, Holyoke Building, 1350 Massachusetts Ave. (8AM-5PM) and on-line at [Visitor Parking Permit](#). Select OEB/MCZ/HUH for building and 2017 for the department code. License plate number needed for transaction. Print pass and display on dash. For more information, Parking Services may be contacted at 617-495-3772 or parking@harvard.edu. [AN ALTERNATIVE: Some members park at Alewife T station and ride the red line train to the Harvard Square T stop.]

The Council will meet 3:15 – 5 PM in the meeting room near Haller Lecture Hall.