



The 1086th meeting of the New England Botanical Club, Inc. will be held Friday, **1 November 2013, at 6:45 p.m.** in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

“Ginkgo: An Evolutionary and Cultural Biography”

By

Dr. Peter Crane

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PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **ABOUT DR. CRANE’S TALK BASED ON HIS 2013 BOOK “Ginkgo: The Tree That Time Forgot” (\$40 at the meeting):** Perhaps the world’s most distinctive tree, Ginkgo is a botanical oddity that has remained stubbornly unchanged for more than two hundred million years. It is the most widely recognized of all botanical “living fossils.” Today Ginkgo is beloved for the elegance of its leaves, prized for its edible nuts and revered for its longevity. Beginning with the historic Ginkgo that has thrived in Kew Gardens since the 1760s, the lecture will explore the evolutionary and cultural history of the species from its mysterious origin through its proliferation, drastic decline, and ultimate resurgence. The lecture will also highlight the cultural and social significance of Ginkgo: its medicinal and nutritional uses, its power as a source of artistic and religious inspiration, and its importance as one of the world’s most popular street trees.
- 2) **NEXT NEBC MEETING:** On December 6th, Glenn Motzkin, will speak on “**Conifer Swamps of Central and Western Massachusetts.**”
- 3) **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 Map.](#)
- 4) **EARLIER ARRIVALS:** For those arriving before 5 PM, visitor permits (\$15.00/day) are available from Harvard Parking Service at Harvard Campus Service Center, 8th floor, Holyoke Center, 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.]

The Council will meet 4–5 PM in the meeting room near Haller Lecture Hall.

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