



The 1112th meeting of the New England Botanical Club, Inc. will be held Friday, **7 October 2016, at 6:45 p.m.** in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.



**“Preserving Plants in the Face of Pests:
Lessons Learned in Cornwall and Devon”**

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PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **MEGHAN BLUMSTEIN’S ABSTRACT:** Pest and disease damage to forests in the United States causes an estimated \$1.5 Billion in economic losses a year. This amount is increasing as the number of invasive insects and pathogens rises each year. Can we protect the plants in our front yards and local forests and those further reaching from these seemingly unstoppable forces? I plan to explore this question by looking at how the United Kingdom is currently handling their plant pest crisis. I will share some of the challenges facing the UK, from individuals to the government level, and some of the solutions and setbacks that arose in my work with the National Trust, the Department for Environment, Food, & Rural Affairs, and the Forest Service in Cornwall and Devon in 2012.
- 2) **SUMMER 2016 FIELD TRIPS:** A huge thanks to the following for leading field trips this summer: Melissa Dow Cullina, Paul Somers, and Lisa Standley.
- 3) **NEBC MEETING DATES for 2016-2017:** Please put the following dates on your calendar for upcoming meetings: Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, and May 5. Details will be posted at [Upcoming Meetings](#).
- 4) **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](#).
- 5) **EARLIER ARRIVALS:** For those arriving before 5 PM, visitor permits (\$17.00/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 4–5 PM in the meeting room near Haller Lecture Hall.

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