



The 1171st meeting of the New England Botanical Society will be held **Friday, 6 October 2023, at 7:00 PM ET** in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, **and via Zoom**



“Grasses of the Prairies”

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PLEASE READ:

- 1) **THIS PRESENTATION & MEETING WILL BE IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL:** This meeting will be **in person** at Harvard University, but it will also be a **hybrid presentation using Zoom**. The link to join our Zoom Monthly Meetings will be reoccurring and is below. Also below is information on the free parking arrangements we have made for our members who plan to attend in person.
- 2) **DR. KELLOGG’S ABSTRACT:** The tallgrass prairie is an iconic American ecosystem that once filled the eastern portion of the Great Plains from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. The ecosystem is maintained in part by grazing and fire, although much of it has been replaced by agriculture. The dominant grass species of the prairie – big bluestem, little bluestem, Indian grass, and switchgrass - are individually widespread in North America, with ranges extending to parts of New England. Most are members of a single tribe of grasses and share similar floral structure and physiology. Although native tallgrass prairie is now an endangered ecosystem, prairies can be reconstructed as sustainable alternatives to other forms of landscaping.
- 3) **HERBARIA VOLUNTEER WORK DAY – FRIDAY OCTOBER 6:**
 - The [NEBS Vascular Plant Herbarium](#) will be holding a volunteer workday prior to the meeting on Friday, October 6. There will be plenty to do for people at all levels of experience - filing, strapping, stamping, barcoding, checking IDs, even repairs. Workday will start at 10 AM and run until 5 PM. Please contact Curator Lisa Standley at lisa_standley@verizon.net before Wednesday, October 4, if you are interested in participating.
 - Volunteers interested in doing assorted curatorial tasks in the [NEBS Cryptogams Herbarium](#), housed in the basement of the Farlow Herbarium, should contact Curator Elizabeth Kneiper at Ekneiper@aol.com before Wednesday, October 4. We welcome your help.
- 4) **RHODORA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF POSITION APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED:** The **New England Botanical Society (NEBS)** is seeking applications for a professional **Editor-in-Chief** for our organization's quarterly, peer-reviewed journal *Rhodora*, which publishes scholarly papers on the flora of New England and related regions. This is a part-time, remote, paid position (\$12K/year) that oversees all aspects of journal publication and promotion, works with the journal's Managing Editor, Editorial Board of Associate Editors, and Rhodora Committee, and is a voting member of NEBS Council. **Duties, qualifications, and how to apply are described [here](#)** (PDF). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, with a preferred start date in fall 2023. **Review of applications will begin October 1, 2023. Please share this information with anyone that may be interested in this position.** If you have any questions, please contact Sara Helm-Wallace, NEBS Executive Director, at director@nebotany.org.

- 5) **NEXT NEBS MEETING:** On Friday, November 3, 2023, Dr. Lena Struwe, Professor and Director of the Chrysler Herbarium, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, will speak on “**From Vasculums to iPhones: The History of Field Research Tools and the Stories Herbarium Specimens Tell Us.**” Dr. Struwe’s presentation will be at Harvard University in Haller Lecture Hall and via Zoom.
- 6) **FRIDAY PROGRAM CALENDAR DATES FOR 2023-2024:**
- December 1, 2023 – Bobbi Angell - "**Darwin and the Art of Botany**" (with book sale and signing)
 - January 12, 2024 – “**24th Convocation of Consumption, Celebration of Classification, and Collecting of Curiosities**” (Members “show & tell,” potluck, and botanical items raffle)
 - February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, 2024 (Please save the dates.)
- 7) **PARKING LOCATION:** 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 the Oxford Garage (52OX) in the Northeast corner of the [Printable Map](#) (PDF). At the booth at the entrance to the underground garage, please tell the attendant that you are with the New England Botanical Society. The [Interactive Harvard Campus Map](#) is useful for navigating around campus.
- 8) **FRIDAY PARKING ARRANGEMENTS:** Free parking for attendees will be from 5 PM to 9 PM on the Friday of the meeting.
- 9) **VIDEOS of PAST PRESENTATIONS:** Please see [Past Meetings](#) for videos of past lectures. Also posted from the June meeting is a video of Dr. Standley’s workshop “How to Collect Vascular Plant Specimens,” a PDF of plant collecting resources, and a slideshow of the Global Flora Conservatory by Dr. Jones. If you missed that visit to Wellesley College, the Conservatory is open to the public on Sundays (11 AM-4 PM). Student-led drop-in tours are at 2 PM. See [Wellesley College Botanic Gardens](#) for current information.
- 10) **MEMBERSHIPS:** [Renew or Join for 2024 Here!](#) If you know of others who might be interested in our organization, please forward this link.

ZOOM INVITATION FOR NEBS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Topic: NEBS Monthly Meeting

Date and Time: First Friday of the month at 7:00 PM Eastern Time

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The next Council meeting will be 25 October 2023 from 6:00-7:00 PM ET via Zoom.

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