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Lisa Lofland Gould Native Plant Program Lecture and RI Wild Plant Society General Meeting

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011

Location:

Agnes G. Doody Auditorium
Swan Hall
University of Rhode Island
60 Upper College Road
Kingston, RI

Guest Speaker: Arthur Haines, Research Botanist, New England Wild Flower Society

1:00 pm- Business meeting

1:30 pm -Refreshments & fellowship

2:00 pm - Guest Speaker – Arthur Haines -- **Flora Novae Angliae: Rhode Island**

Free and open to the public

**Flora Novae Angliae: Rhode Island
Speaker: Arthur Haines**

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society is pleased to announce that Arthur Haines, Research Botanist for the New England Wildflower Society will be the Guest Speaker for the 2011 Lisa Lofland Gould Native Plant Program Lecture.

Arthur Haines is the author of the recently published -- New England Wild Flower Society's *Flora Novae Angliae: A Manual for the Identification of Native and Naturalized Vascular Plants of New England*.

He was initially hired by the New England Wild Society to examine specimens of ca. 530 rare or poorly known native species in regional herbaria. The goal was to verify the accuracy of determinations and enter the corresponding label information into a Microsoft Access database named HERB. The information is being used to update distributions and Natural Heritage Program files, as well as complement on-going studies in New England (e.g., Conservation Plan writing and relocation of historic taxa). Haines is presently working with the New England Wildflower Society on **Go**



Botany, an online botany education site using *Flora Novae Angliae* as a resource. In addition to his work with New England Wild Flower Society, Haines owns and manages the Delta Institute of Natural History in Canton, Maine, a school for small group instruction on a diversity of natural history topics with focus on plant taxonomy and primitive technologies. Arthur Haines began his botanical study in the mountains of western Maine searching for state rare species with Les Eastman. His early experience involved working at the University of Maine Herbarium and participating in field trips of the Josselyn Botanical Society. He performed graduate studies in systematics at the University of Maine under Christopher Campbell (*Flora of Maine* and hybridization in *Schoenoplectus*). In addition to taxonomic classes, he is also involved in primitive skills instruction. These skills include edible, medicinal and useful plants; knapping stone; fire making; shelter fabrication; constructing wooden bows and arrows; fiber arts; hide tanning; etc. Various classes are taught around New England and make use of wild-collected materials from local landscapes. For more information, please visit www.arthurhaines.com.

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The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society, Inc., is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated

to the preservation and protection of Rhode Island's native plants and their habitats.

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