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A mysterious encounter with a special herb; an unusual study of Ginkgo sperm: scientists, authors, botanists from across the globe share life-changing experiences in the world of plants in Botany Story Slam

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Framingham, MA- Native Plant Trust, the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants, announces **Tales from the Field: A Botany Story Slam**, a virtual event taking place on Saturday, February 26, 6-8 p.m. Tickets are available at NativePlantTrust.org.

Each storyteller has minutes to share an experience on the evening's chosen theme: *The Plant that Changed My Life*. The event will showcase professional botanists, scientists, horticulturists and more who will reveal their most moving experiences in the world of plants for a one-of-a-kind evening of humor and adventure. The event will be moderated by Uli Lorimer, Director of Horticulture at Native Plant Trust and author of the forthcoming book, *The Northeast Native Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden* (May 2022, Timber Press). Storytellers include:

William (Ned) Friedman, Director of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Arnold Professor of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University

Christin Geall, best-selling author of *Cultivated* (Princeton University Press)

Jonathan Drori, author of the international best seller *Around the World in 80 Trees* and *Around the World in 80 Plants* (Laurence King Publishing)

Rebecca McMackin, Director of Horticulture, Brooklyn Bridge Park

Joann Vieira, Director of Horticulture, The Trustees

Michael Piantedosi, Director of Conservation, Native Plant Trust.

ABOUT NATIVE PLANT TRUST

Native Plant Trust is the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants. We save native plants in the wild, grow them for gardens and restorations, and educate others on their value and use. We are based at Garden in the Woods, a renowned native plant botanic garden that attracts visitors from all over the world. From this flagship property in Framingham, Massachusetts, 25 staff and many of our 1,500 trained volunteers work throughout New England each year to monitor and protect rare and endangered plants, collect and preserve seeds to ensure biological diversity, detect and control invasive species, conduct research, and offer a range of educational programs. Native Plant Trust also operates a nursery at Nasami Farm in western Massachusetts and manages six sanctuaries in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont that are open to the public. Native Plant Trust is among the first organizations worldwide to receive Advanced Conservation Practitioner accreditation by London-based Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), which included an endorsement by an International Advisory Council representing six continents. Please visit www.NativePlantTrust.org.

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