



Botanical Society of Washington Holiday meeting via zoom

Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm

Speaker: **John Wiersema**, BSW outgoing President

Topic: "**An Analysis of the World's Economic Plants**"



This will serve as our annual holiday meeting, and although unfortunately we cannot enjoy the usual holiday potluck feast, as the meeting will be conducted using Zoom. So to spruce things up, **please attend wearing your favorite thinking cap or hat** 🎅 and **have at hand your favorite alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage** 🍷 to consume, as the talk will be interactive. Consider also competing in our **best 'ugly' holiday sweater competition** by donning your favorite holiday jersey. **Pets are also welcome to attend.** 🐱

You are invited to the zoom here: (Passcode: 012021)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86360527784?pwd=czJ2KzF5bzdtahZxcml0aEZnMTFpZz09>

If you want to make brief remarks before the presentation, please contact either Robin Everly EverlyR@si.edu or Kathy Bilton kathy@fred.net beforehand. This can be some sort of show and tell or whatever you'd like. We will begin the zoom session at 6:45 to socialize.

Dr. Wiersema retired in 2018 after 34 years of surveying economic plants for the GRIN-Global database of the USDA's National Plant Germplasm System. He is currently a Research Associate in the Botany Department of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. This presentation will analyze the diversity of useful plants and their uses over the entire world, with material for this analysis being derived from the 329 families, 3,391 genera, and 14,482 species of economic plants characterized in GRIN-Global

(<https://npgsweb.ars-grin.gov/gringlobal/search>).

