



Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Newsletter

Fungi, Fun & Friends!

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2023 Meeting Schedule

Sept. 19 Lichens

Natalie Howe, PhD and **Tom McCoy** from the Mycological Association of Washington, DC will present Lichens. In this talk, Natalie and Tom will discuss how lichens survive and thrive in forests and urban lands. How are people and climate change influencing these fungi, and how are fungi influencing people? Natalie and Tom will share stories about searching for lichens in Pennsylvania and across the U.S. After this talk, they hope you will notice more of the dazzling lichen diversity while on your fungal forays, fishing trips, or other adventures.



Natalie Howe, PhD



Tom McCoy

Oct. 17 Photo Contest Winners and Election of Officers

WPMC IDENTIFIER **Sara Klingensmith** will present the winners of this year's Photo Contest. In addition, WPMC members will vote on a slate of Officers for 2024.

Nov. 21 Potluck & Annual WPMC Awards

FOR THE POTLUCK, bring something for 6-8 people, along with serving utensils. The categories are Appetizers, Salads, Hot Dishes, Cold Plates, Soup, Casseroles, Desserts, anything you want—be creative. It does not need to be mushroom related but, if so, wild mushrooms must be identified and approved by a club Identifier or Mycologist before cooking, and any non-members will have to sign a waiver before trying them. Since electrical connections are limited, bring hot food hot, and bring cold food cold. WPMC will provide soft drinks, plates, eating utensils, napkins, and take-home boxes.

WPMC meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month from March through November at the Frick Environmental Center. Each meeting features updates on club activities, a speaker/presentation, mushroom identification table, and mushroom-related merchandise for sale. Meetings are free and open to the public.

You can watch WPMC monthly meetings that are streamed live on Facebook. (You don't need a Facebook account.) NOTE: meetings may begin after 7:00 p.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/WPAMC/> Previous meetings are also available to view.

23rd ANNUAL WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOM CLUB

GARY · LINCOFF · FORAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 · THE LODGE, NORTH PARK

WALKS · AUCTION · LIVE MUSIC · MUSHROOM FEAST

GUESTS MYCOLOGISTS:

DR. BARRIE OVERTON · PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, LOCH HAVEN UNIVERSITY

NOAH SIEGEL · PREMIER MUSHROOM PHOTOGRAPHER

FREE MUSHROOM WALK FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29 · COOK FOREST



REGISTRATION REQUIRED: WPAMUSHROOMCLUB.ORG/LINCOFF-FORAY/

John Gardiner Sharp-scaly *Pholiotia*

Time is Running Out to Register for Lincoff Foray

SEE PAGES 2, 3 & 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Wildwood Road Detour

IF YOU HAVE USED Wildwood Road (Yellow Belt) to get to North Park, you will need to find an alternate route or allow extra time to get to the Lincoff Foray this year. That's because the bridge that carries Wildwood over Willow Run and the Allegheny Valley Railroad is closed through early November. Detours will be posted, but you may want to consult Google Maps for an alternate route. The address for The Lodge at North Park is North Ridge Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101.



GARY · LINCOFF · FORAY

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS filling up for the 23rd annual Gary Lincoff Foray on **Saturday, September 30**, at The Lodge in North Park. (NOTE: Pricing increases on September 1.)

- Current WPMC member (2023 dues previously paid): \$60
- Non-Members: \$80 (includes 2023-24 membership)
- Students (with ID) and kids 11 to 18: \$40
- Kids 10 & under are free.

To register: <https://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/>.

While you're registering, be sure to order an official Lincoff Foray T-shirt designed by WPMC member **Dana Driscoll**. They're \$20 each and come in sizes Small through XXL.



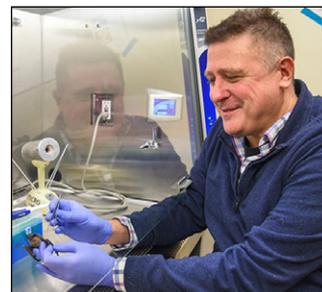
Saturday Schedule at The Lodge

THE OFFICIAL LINCOFF FORAY will take place on Saturday, September 30, at The Lodge in Allegheny County's North Park. Here's the full schedule:

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| 7:30 a.m. | Registration & Setup |
| 7:45 a.m. | Morning Walk Signup |
| 8:15 a.m. | Overview of Program |
| 9:00 a.m. | Morning Walks |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch (Food Trucks Available) |
| 1:00 p.m. | "White-Nose Syndrome in Bats" by Dr. Barrie Overton |
| 2:15 p.m. | "Under Pressure: Evolution Oddities in the Fungal World" by Noah Siegel |
| 3:15-6:00 p.m. | Live Music, Mushroom Display, Meet & Greet Speakers, Visit Vendors |
| 3:30 p.m. | Cooking Demonstration |
| 4:00 p.m. | Auction Results |
| 4:30 p.m. | Mushroom Feast |
| 5:30 p.m. | Table Walk |
| 6:00 p.m. | Cleanup |

Guests Mycologists Noah Siegel and Barrie Overton

DR. BARRIE OVERTON is a professor of biology at Lock Haven University (now part of Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania), where he teaches Biology and Mycology courses. His areas of expertise include plant pathology, identification of wild edible mushrooms, and White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) in bats.



WNS is a fatal disease, caused by *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, a fungus that has devastated North American bat populations. At this year's Gary Lincoff Foray, Dr. Overton will talk about WNS and the new species of *Pseudogymnoascus* that he has found in Pennsylvania caves.

NOAH SIEGEL, one of the premier mushroom photographers in the nation, will present "Under Pressure: Evolution Oddities in the Fungal World." This lecture will highlight some of the fascinating traits which fungi have evolved due to environmental pressures, and the strive to get ahead in the fungal world.



Noah travels and lectures extensively across America. His photographs have appeared on the covers and have been featured in articles of multiple issues of *FUNGI Magazine*, the primary mushroom enthusiast magazine in the United States, numerous mushroom books, as well as many club publications. He is currently working on *Mushrooms of Cascadia: A Comprehensive Guide to Fungi of the Pacific Northwest*.

New This Year: Food Trucks!

DON'T WORRY IF you forget to bring a lunch to the Foray or if you don't bring enough, because there will be two food trucks onsite during the 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. lunch period. Sak Pase serves authentic Haitian food, and Worldwide Eatz will bring its exotic foods from Washington, PA.



WPMC Identifier Will Present Cooking Demo

THIS YEAR'S COOKING demonstration will be presented by WPMC Identifier **Barbora Batokova**. In addition to being a great cook, Barbora is also an outstanding photographer. You can see some of her recipes and photos on her website, www.fungjiwoman.com.



Vendors

SIX VENDORS WILL be selling unique, handmade goods at the Foray, and each one will donate an item to the auction.



Fairy Gifted from Slippery Rock will bring handmade trinkets and treasures for you and your home.



Heart Filled Macrame makes handmade macrame gifts and decor, from keychains to wall hanging and everything in between.

Herby's
Photos & Potholders

Retired Pitt professor **Herby Chesler** will be selling his 100% cotton mushroom potholders. Each potholder is unique!

jen schnakenberg
jewelry

Jen Schnakenberg, Assistant Director of Education for Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, will be selling her nature-inspired jewelry.



Based in Butler, **Secret Plant Co.** offers exotic and rare houseplants.



Wobble Mud Studios will be back this year, featuring mushroom ceramics.

Volunteers and Cooks Still Needed

THE ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF Foray is the WPMC's signature event, and it wouldn't be possible without the help of volunteers. Our volunteers are club members just like you who donate their time to make the event happen.

It's an all-day event, but you don't have to volunteer for the entire day. We have small volunteer opportunities that will not take more than a couple of hours of your time. We need help with setting up tables and chairs on Friday and taking them down on Saturday. We also need runners on the day of the event to help with the mushroom display tables and other activities.

We will again be offering rebates on Foray registration to those who volunteer their time at the event in some way. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail lincoff-Foray@wpamushroomclub.org for more details. We appreciate your support!

Fellow mushroom lovers, if you are planning to attend this year's Lincoff Foray, and you love to cook your favorite food (mushrooms!), now is a good time to think about bringing your signature dish to the Foray. You don't need to cook for 100 people – just 10 to 15.

If you plan to use wild-foraged mushrooms, you will need to first get them identified and approved by a WPMC Identifier or Mycologist. It's OK to use mushrooms that you bought at a store if you are uncomfortable with cooking wild mushrooms. In fact, your dish doesn't need to contain mushrooms at all; some members are allergic or sensitive to mushrooms and will need an alternative meal choice.

Anytime is the perfect time to think about what to bring, with so many delicious mushrooms all around us. Please contact **Mike Henry** if you are interested in bringing a dish or volunteering for other kitchen duties at forayfood@wpamushroomclub.org.

But No More Auction Donations Needed!

THANKS TO THE generous contributions of WPMC members and vendors for this year's Foray, we have more than 50 great prizes to award! We've got toys & games, clothing & accessories, books & magazines, home décor, and much more! Raffle tickets will be \$1 and may be purchased at the Foray, so bring along some extra bucks.

If you have any questions about this year's auction, call **Kathy Gilotty** at 412-445-3121 or email Past President **Cecily Franklin** at cs4wpmc@gmail.com.



Free Walks at Cook Forest Will Precede Lincoff Foray

ON THURSDAY EVENING, **September 28**, WPMC will host a UV Walk at Cook Forest for WPMC members. Meet WPMC experts and Environmental Education Specialist **Dale Luthringer** at the Amphitheater in the Ridge Campground for a UV walk in Cook Forest. The Amphitheater is located at the entrance to the campground; there is additional parking for visitors who aren't camping a little further down the main campground road by the Contact Station.

We will hike Ridge Trail out of the campground and come back on the Pet Loop Trail, for about 1-2 miles total walking. There is no charge for this walk, but you will be responsible for your own transportation.

Those interested in camping are encouraged to book a site through the state's website or call 888-727-2757. Sites 25-31 are closest to the amphitheater; sites 17-22 and 35-39 are also close. Each site can host up to 5 people. Make reservations at this link: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/CookForestStatePark/Pages/Stay.aspx>

ON FRIDAY, **September 29**, WPMC will host its annual Pre-Foray Walk at Cook Forest State Park. Meet WPMC experts at 10:00 a.m. at Shelter 2. There is no charge for this walk, but you will be responsible for your own transportation and lunch.

WPMC Awards New ID Buttons



LOTS OF WPMC MEMBERS have been earning ID Buttons. **Becka Marsh** and **Liz Berckmann** (not pictured) earned 50 buttons; **Dan Stockman** and **Jason Simons** earned 75 buttons; **Rachel Gallagher** (not pictured) earned a 100 button; WPMC Membership Co-Chair **Dawn Wehman** earned a 150 button; and WPMC Identifier and Walks Chair **Josh Mowris** earned a 250 button. Congratulations to all!

WPMC's Button ID Button Program offers members a fun way to increase their knowledge of mushroom species. To learn more about the ID Button program and how to submit your list of known mushrooms, go to:

<http://wpamushroomclub.org/about/button-id-program/>



Dan Stockman



Jason Simons



Becka Marsh



Dawn Wehman



Josh Mowris

IN MEMORIAM

DR. DONALD PLAZEK • 1931-2023

DR. DONALD J. PLAZEK, one of the earliest members of WPMC, passed away on July 17. According to the obituary, Donald was "an avid mushroom hunter." His daughter Caroline, also a WPMC member, says "Dad loved mushrooms so much that, even when a wheelchair prohibited him from going on forays, he was still a dedicated member of the club attending meetings, classes, and the Lincoff Foray lectures and feasts."

To read the entire obituary, go to: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/donald-plazek-obituary?id=52489249>

Dr. Donald Plazek (right) received his "25" ID button from WPMC Past President Dick Dougall on Mushroom Education Day in 2017.



Last Chance to Enter WPMC Photo Contest

THE DEADLINE IS rapidly approaching for this year's WPMC Photo Contest. Entries must be received by September 30. WPMC Identifier **Sara Klingensmith** will judge members' photos in four categories: Documentary, Pictorial, Judge's Option, and "Mushroom Selfies."

Here are the Photo Contest rules for this year:

- Deadline for Submissions: September 30, 2023
- Maximum of 5 Entries per WPMC member
- Submit high resolution JPEG files
- Rename images before submitting, using name and subject, e.g., "Joe Smith morel.jpg"
- Email entries to Sara Klingensmith at pamushroomclubphotos@gmail.com.
- Indicate in your email the desired category for each photo.

You must be a member of the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club in good standing to enter. Club dues must be up to date. Photos submitted by non-members will not be considered.

Entry Divisions

Mushroom Selfies (New!): Entries must be single, self-taken ("selfie") cell phone photos of you with at least one mushroom. You may also include other willing people, your pets, and other animals that happen to cross the background in the photo. You may use selfie sticks, but no other person may take the photo for you.

Pictorial: This division is for single photos that illustrate the beauty and variety of fungi in form and color. The objective is a photo suitable for display or illustration in a fine book. Judging criteria include consideration of both technical (focus, depth of field, exposure, lighting, color, absence of distracting elements) and artistic (composition, color, background, lighting) aspects.

Documentary: For single photographs especially suited as illustrations in a field guide or monograph, or for use in a lecture. Emphasis is placed on portrayal of key morphological characteristics such that the usefulness of the image as an identification aid is maximized.

Subjects may be shot in the field, laboratory or studio and the photographer has complete freedom to process, manipulate, or orient the specimen in any desired manner to achieve the goal. Close-ups of single features and photomicrographs are acceptable. Judging criteria will be the same as in the Pictorial category but they will be of secondary importance to the overall mycological utility of the photo. Accurate identification of the subject will be a consideration.

Judge's Option: For photos which do not fit into the Pictorial or Documentary divisions. Examples include fungi in an interesting situation, fungi with animals, people enjoying fungi.

Subject material: Organisms from the Myxomycota (slime molds), the classes Basidiomycetes and Ascomycetes of the Eumycota ("true fungi"), and Lichens are eligible. For Judge's Option, nearly anything goes, so long as the theme relates to fungi, and fungi are a key element of the photograph.

Use and copyright: WPMC may use your photographs on the website, newsletter and Mushroom Catalog and when we do, they will always be accompanied by your name as photographer (mentioned on the same page or caption of the image). WPMC will not allow the use of your photographs on other websites, although realistically we cannot prevent this. We will not sell or provide the images to others without your permission and the images remain the property and under the copyright of you the photographer and are used under license by the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club.



WPMC Identifier Josh Doty used this Dryad's Saddle to hold his camera while he got a drink of water.

WPMC Members Approve Honorary Membership

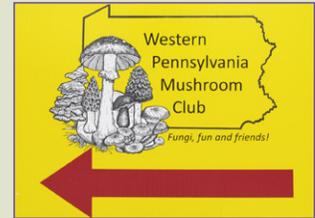
IN JULY, WPMC received a nomination to award an Honorary Lifetime membership in WPMC to **Richard Jacob**, who served as President for three years. WPMC's Board of Directors unanimously approved this nomination, and a majority of the membership approved at the August meeting.

Richard's certificate reads as follows: "For your many contributions to the success of WPMC, including Serving as President, Webmaster, Identifier & DNA Barcoding Chair; leading numerous walks, making presentations, & contributing to the WPMC newsletter; handling A/V for meetings and recording species found."



Day and time for walks vary. Please read carefully for any registration requirements or fees. Check the website at www.wpamushroomclub.org/events for updates, directions, and much more!

NEVER EAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MUSHROOM!



If you would like to lead a WPMC walk, or if you know a great walk location, please email WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** at joshmowris@yahoo.com.

WPMC Walks

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 10:00 A.M.

Clear Creek State Forest, Kennerdell Overlook (Venango County)

Meet WPMC Identifier **Dirk Cappel** (TroutFly on iNat) at the Dewoody Road trailhead for a walk to the Kennerdell Overlook. This is a fairly easy walk on level terrain covering four miles in total. Free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1:00-3:00 P.M. SOLD OUT

Beginners Mushroom ID Hike with Allegheny Land Trust Audubon Greenway, 160 Magee Road, Sewickley

Join ALT staff and WPMC Identifier **Julie Travaglini** for a mushroom hike and ID table at Audubon Greenway. Hike runs rain or shine. NO WALK INS will be permitted. We will not be foraging for food on this hike. Tickets are \$5 for ages 3 and up. For tickets: <https://alleghenylandtrust.networkforgood.com/events/55779-beginners-mushroom-id-hike>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Mushroom Treasure Hunt with Upper Saint Clair Library Boyce Mayview Park – Boyce Gardens

Meet WPMC Identifiers **Josh Doty** and **Jared White** at the Boyce Gardens parking lot on Boyce Road to explore the trails of Boyce Mayview Park. There is no charge for this walk, but registration is required, and space is limited. Register at this link: <https://twpusc.libcal.com/event/10877130>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 3-4:00 P.M.

Riverview Park Day with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

As part of annual RP Day, meet WPMC Mycologist **Jim Tunney** at the Riverview Park Visitors Center to look for and learn about mushrooms while picking up trash on the trails. There is no charge for this walk, but registration is required, and space is limited. Register at this link: <http://support.pittsburghparks.org/site/Calendar?id=106682&view=Detail>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 10:30 A.M.

Wolf Creek Narrows Natural Area 195 Miller Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057 (Butler County)

Meet WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** in the parking lot at Wolf Creek Narrows. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7:30 P.M.

UV Walk at Cook Forest

Meet WPMC experts and Environmental Education Specialist **Dale Luthringer** at the Amphitheater in the Ridge Campground for a UV walk in Cook Forest. The Amphitheater is located at the entrance to the campground; there is additional parking for visitors who aren't camping a little further down the main campground road by the Contact Station. We will hike Ridge Trail out of the campground and come back on the Pet Loop Trail, for about 1-2 miles total walking. There is no charge for this walk, but you will be responsible for your own transportation. For information about camping, see page 4.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 10:00 A.M.

Pre-Foray Walk at Cook Forest (Clarion County)

Meet WPMC experts at Shelter 2. There is no charge for this walk, but you will be responsible for your own transportation and lunch.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 9-11:00 A.M.

Feathers & Fungi at Dead Man's Hollow Allegheny Land Trust & Audubon Society of Western PA Scene Ridge Road, Catfish Pond Entrance, McKeesport, PA 15133

Join **Ben Kehoe** from ASWP and WPMC Identifier **Sara Klingsmith** from ALT for a Feather & Fungi joint walk at Dead Man's Hollow. Hike runs rain or shine. NO WALK-INS will be permitted. We will not be foraging for food on this hike. There is no charge for this walk, but registration is required, and space is limited. Register at this link: <https://alleghenylandtrust.networkforgood.com/events/60969-feathers-and-fungi>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

State Game Lands #51, Dunbar Township (Fayette County)

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor** to look for species for the Fall Continental MycoBlitz at 39°55'55.8"N 79°35'18.3"W. We will be taking home any interesting specimens that we find. Walk time may be extended if we are short of mushroom hunters or if it is dry and we have to look hard. All interesting specimens will be sequenced for science (and maybe some that aren't so interesting).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 4:00-6:00 P.M. SOLD OUT

Slightly Spooky Mushroom Walk with Allegheny Land Trust Dead Man's Hollow Conservation Area Near Boston Ballfield, 1906 Donner Street, McKeesport

Join ALT staff and WPMC Identifier **Julie Travaglini** for a mushroom hike at Dead Man's Hollow. This slightly spooky hike will include the haunted history of Dead Man's Hollow as we walk 0.9 mile along the Great Allegheny Passage to enter the ruins of the Hollow to look for fungi. COSTUMES WELCOME! Hike runs rain or shine. NO WALK-INS will be permitted. We will not be foraging for food on this hike. Tickets are \$5 for ages 3 and up. To purchase tickets: <https://alleghenylandtrust.networkforgood.com/events/55971-slightly-spooky-mushroom-walk>



Walks & Forays Check List:

- Bring a buddy or two. **Do not forage alone!**
- Dress for the weather, carry a rain poncho
- Bring drinking water and lunch
- Insect repellent
- Basket for collecting
- Knife for cutting mushrooms
- Wax or paper bags (no plastic) to keep mushrooms separated
- Whistle
- Compass
- Hand lens
- Cell phone & camera
- Notebook & pencil
- Field guide for identification
- Band-aids
- Garden hand-clippers

Other Walks, Forays & Events

SEPTEMBER 1-4

Mycological Association of Washington, DC
Sequanota Foray, Boswell, PA
<https://www.mawdc.org/event-4999030>

SEPTEMBER 14-17

Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF) Foray
Kerhonkson, NY
<http://www.nemf.org/>

SEPTEMBER 22-24

Ohio Mushroom Festival, Garrettsville, OH
<https://www.ohiomushroomfestival.com/>

SEPTEMBER 30

23rd Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray, The Lodge at North Park
See pages 1, 2, 3, & 4 for more information.

OCTOBER 13-22

Fall Continental MycoBlitz (online)
<https://mycota.com/2023-continental-mycoblitz/>

OCTOBER 16 - 25

Mushrooms & Culture of Greece
<https://www.smugtownmushrooms.com/parnassus>

NOTE: The Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club does not endorse or support the commercial harvesting of wild mushrooms from any state, county or city park. WPMC does promote the gathering of mushrooms—where permitted—for recreational, educational and scientific purposes.

Important Walk & Foray Information

- Try to dig up three of the same species at different stages of development.
- Don't pick old mushrooms; leave them to drop spores.
- You are responsible for not getting lost. Find a buddy to search with.
- Only Club Mycologists and Identifiers should be used for identification and advice.
- Take notes and pictures to help you remember the mushrooms: location, habitat, etc.
- Whether you decide to eat a mushroom is ultimately your responsibility alone.
- **Help Keep Our Parks Clean!** When mushrooming, it's easy to bring a plastic grocery bag to collect cans, bottles or other trash you find. Trash cans are generally found nearby. If not, take it home for disposal.

Phipps Focuses on Fungi for Fall

PHIPPS CONSERVATORY'S fall Adult Education program includes 20 different options which focus on fungi. These include art classes, cooking classes, mushroom walks, gardening, and a movie! All of these activities are for adults, and all include registration fees for Phipps members and non-members. Some classes also have supply lists and fees.



Some of these events are in person, while others are virtual. Locations include Phipps Conservatory, the Phipps Garden Center in Mellon Park, and Frick Environmental Center. Three of the Instructors are WPMC members, including WPMC President **Stephen Bucklin**, WPMC Identifier **Judy Mackenroth**, and WPMC member **Brittany Burch**. For course descriptions and registration fees, follow the links below:

THURSDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 7 THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 6-9:00 P.M. (VIRTUAL)

Drawing Edible Fungi of Pennsylvania – Melissa Fabian

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Drawing-Edible-Fungi-of-Pennsylvania>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

Introduction to Printmaking: Focus on Fungi

Phipps Garden Center in Mellon Park

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Introduction-to-Printmaking-Focus-on-Fungi>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 10:00 A.M. TO NOON

Mushroom Walk at Frick Environmental Center

WPMC President **Stephen Bucklin**, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Mushroom-Walk-at-Frick-Environmental-Center-Partnered-with-Pittsburgh-Parks-Conservancy>



MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Dyeing with Fungi – WPMC Identifier Judith Mackenroth

Phipps Garden Center in Mellon Park

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Dyeing-with-Fungi>

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 4-6:00 P.M.

WPMC President Stephen Bucklin, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Mushroom Walk at Frick Environmental Center

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Mushroom-Walk-at-Frick-Environmental-Center-Partnered-with-Pittsburgh-Parks-Conservancy-03Oct2023>

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6-8:00 P.M.

Mastering Mushrooms – Botany Hall Kitchen, Flannel Roots Farms & Chef Emily Larsen, Familiar: Button and Portobello Mushrooms

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Mastering-Mushrooms-Familiar-Button-and-Portobello>

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6:30-8:00 P.M. (VIRTUAL)

Mushroom Fairy Wreath – Sarah Needham

Registration closes on September 25.

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Mushroom-Fairy-Wreath>

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7-8:00 P.M. (VIRTUAL)

The Hidden Kingdom – Carrie Roy – Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/The-Hidden-Kingdom>

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 6-8:00 P.M.

Mastering Mushrooms – Botany Hall Kitchen, Flannel Roots Farms & Chef Emily Larsen, Functional: Lions Mane & Oyster Mushrooms

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Mastering-Mushrooms-Functional-Lions-Mane-and-Oyster>

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7-8:00 P.M. (VIRTUAL)

Orchid and Fungi Relationship: A Discussion of Mycorrhiza, Tim Choltco

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Orchid-and-Fungi-Relationship-A-Discussion-of-Mycorrhizae>

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6-8:00 P.M.

Mastering Mushrooms – Botany Hall Kitchen, Flannel Roots Farms & Chef Emily Larsen, Wildcard: Chestnut & Pioppino Mushrooms

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Mastering-Mushrooms-Wildcard-Chestnut-and-Pioppino>

WEDNESDAYS FROM OCTOBER 18 THROUGH NOVEMBER 8, 6:30-8:00 P.M. (VIRTUAL)

Fungi in Watercolor: Understanding Structure and Painting Techniques – Margaret Saylor

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Fungi-in-Watercolor-Understanding-Structure-and-Painting-Techniques>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6-8:00 P.M.

Growing Gourmet Mushrooms – Botany Hall Kitchen, Luke Mitchell, Mitchell's Mushroom Farm

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Growing-Gourmet-Mushrooms>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 6-7:30 P.M. (VIRTUAL)

Whimsical Watercolor Mushrooms – Rosalie Haizlett

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Whimsical-Watercolor-Mushrooms>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Making Masterpieces from Mushrooms - Paper & Ink: Ink Caps, WPMC member Britt from Flannel Roots Farms

Phipps Garden Center in Mellon Park

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Making-Masterpieces-from-Mushrooms-Paper-and-Ink-Inkcaps>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2-4:00 P.M.

Creating a Mushroom Garden, Luke Mitchell, Mitchell's Mushroom Farm

Phipps Garden Center in Mellon Park

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Creating-a-Mushroom-Garden>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Making Masterpieces from Mushrooms - Watercolor & Paint, WPMC member Britt from Flannel Roots Farms

Phipps Garden Center in Mellon Park

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Making-Masterpieces-from-Mushrooms-Watercolor-and-Paint>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Making Masterpieces from Mushrooms – Mushroom Leather: Amadou, WPMC member Britt from Flannel Roots Farms

Phipps Garden Center in Mellon Park

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Making-Masterpieces-from-Mushrooms-Mushroom-Leather-Amadou>

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 6-7:30 P.M.

Medicinal Mushrooms – Botany Hall Kitchen, Dr. Sa'ed Al-Olimat, Pittsburgh Mushroom Company

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Medicinal-Mushrooms>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 7:30-9:00 P.M.

Fantastic Fungi Movie Screening – Botany Hall Auditorium

<https://3989p.blackbaudhosting.com/3989p/Fantastic-Fungi-Screening>



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WPMC New Committee Chairs

WPMC RECENTLY MADE several changes to the roster of Committee Chairs. Earlier this year, the club created the role of PA DCNR Representative, which has been filled by WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor**. WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** has taken over responsibility for the Walks Committee from WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter**, allowing Cara to fill the vacant position of Education Chair. Please join us in thanking all of these individuals for their many contributions to the club.

WPMC Scholarships & Grants

WPMC ADMINISTERS AN annual Scholarship/Grant program to promote wild mushrooming by providing monetary support for educational events, projects, research, or mycological studies by individuals or institutions. Application forms are available on the WPMC website and must be sponsored by a WPMC member. For more information or to register, go to:

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/education/wpam-scholarship-grant-application/>

WPMC Membership Report

By Kris Murawski and Dawn Wehman

AS OF AUGUST 24, WPMC has 822 members from 462 households. Thank you to everyone for renewing your membership or becoming a new member in 2023, as these dues are vital to keep the club running. They contribute over 40% of the WPMC's income every year. If you need to renew your membership or would like to become a member, please go to <https://wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/> and fill out the form.

Donations Help Fund WPMC Projects

LOOKING FOR A WAY to support WPMC beyond paying your annual dues? Make a donation anytime; it's tax-deductible (if you itemize deductions) because WPMC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. Your employer may even match your contribution. Make checks payable to Western Pa. Mushroom Club and submit them to WPMC Treasurer, **Jared Delaney**.

WPMC Newsletter

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club is published five times a year: March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, and November/December. Articles, photos, news items and other submissions should be sent to the Editor at least 6-8 weeks prior to targeted distribution. The Editor cannot guarantee that submissions will be included in the next newsletter. The Editor reserves the right to make spelling or grammatical corrections and may suggest content changes to the author. Material published in WPMC newsletters may only be used in other non-profit publications with expressed permission and with appropriate acknowledgements.

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23rd ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF MUSHROOM FORAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 – THE LODGE, NORTH PARK

PLUS: Free Mushroom Walk Friday September 29 • Cook Forest

Guests Mycologists: DR. BARRIE OVERTON, Professor of Biology, Loch Haven University.
NOAH SIEGEL, Premier Mushroom Photographer.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 (ALL DAY): Foray includes Mushroom Feast.
Bring a sack lunch. NEW! A food truck will be on site during the lunch hour.
The Lodge at North Park • North Ridge Drive • Allison Park, PA 15101
– REGISTRATION REQUIRED –

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29 (10:00 A.M.): Meet at Shelter 2, Cook Forest State Park, Clarion County. FREE
– TRANSPORTATION AND LUNCH NOT INCLUDED –

NOTE: ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 ALL REGISTRATION FEES WILL INCREASE BY \$10.

Indicate the number/quantity for each item selected. All fees per person. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

_____ \$50 WPMC member / \$60 on or after 9/1/23 (with current paid 2023 membership)	sub total: _____
_____ \$70 Non-members / \$80 on or after 9/1/23 (includes 2023-24 Membership)	sub total: _____
_____ \$30 Students (with ID) & kids 11 to 18 / (members or non-members) kids 10 & under free. / \$40 on or after 9/1/23	sub total: _____
FORAY T-SHIRT: \$20 each _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL	sub total: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

E-mail (**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**) _____

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE: www.wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/

REGISTER & PAY BY CHECK (payable to Western PA Mushroom Club):

WPMC, c/o Jared Delaney, 1912 Chislett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

FOR MORE INFO: Lincoff-Foray@wpamushroomclub.org

REGISTRATION & RELEASE: SIGNED & DATED RELEASE FORM IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT FOR ATTENDANCE.

Knowing the risks, I (we) agree to assume the risks, and agree to release, hold harmless, and to indemnify the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club, and any of its officers or members, from any and all legal responsibility for injuries or accidents incurred by myself or my family during, or as a result of, any mushroom identification, field trip, excursion, meeting or dining sponsored by the club.

Signature (if participant is under age 18, signature of parent or guardian)	PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY: (INCLUDE NAMES OF CHILDREN UNDER TEN)
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____

FOR ADDITIONAL NAMES / SIGNATURES, PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA PAGE



WPMC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Anyone who has an interest in wild mushrooms is welcome to become a WPMC member.

COMPLETE THIS FORM **PRINT CLEARLY**, SIGN AND MAIL

Benefits: WPMC newsletter • Nine monthly WPMC meetings • Free participation in WPMC walks • Discount for WPMC forays

NEW MEMBERSHIP: RENEWAL:

Name (s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

E-mail (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) _____

Interests (e.g.: foraging, identification, cooking, etc.) _____

**PLEASE PRINT IN PLAIN BLOCK LETTERING. TAKE SPECIAL CARE WITH EMAIL ADDRESSES:
numeral "1," uppercase "i" and lowercase "L" look the same.**

Please return completed, signed and dated form (with check payable to Western PA Mushroom Club) to:

WPMC, c/o Jared Delaney, 1912 Chislett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 • treasurer@wpamushroomclub.org

or visit <http://wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/> to pay using a credit card.

Please indicate your newsletter/event announcement preference: Electronic via e-mail Hardcopy via US mail (\$10 additional)

\$15 Individual \$20 Family \$10 Full-time Student \$10 Newsletter Hardcopy Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Release and Indemnification Agreement

This Release and Indemnification Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club, as it is presently organized and may be later structured ("WPMC") and the undersigned Member (the "Member") on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

WHEREAS, WPMC is a non-profit educational organization that has as its principal purpose the sharing of mushroom-related information among its members; and

WHEREAS, all officers, directors, identifiers and members serve WPMC in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration for their services; and

WHEREAS, in cases where WPMC charges a fee for its forays, walks, lectures and other events (collectively "WPMC Events"), it is doing so only to cover its direct costs and does not operate in a for-profit capacity; and WHEREAS, the Member understands that there is inherent and unavoidable risk in outdoor activities relating to hunting and consuming wild mushrooms. These risks include but are not limited to the dangers of hiking in difficult terrain, the possibility of misidentifying a wild mushroom, and the possible allergic or toxic reaction that some individuals may have to otherwise edible mushrooms.

NOW THEREFORE, the Member hereby agrees to the following:

1. The Member assumes all risks associated with WPMC Events. The Member expressly acknowledges that it is the Member's sole responsibility to hike safely and to determine whether a wild mushroom may be consumed.
2. The Member releases, holds harmless, and indemnifies the WPMC, its officers, directors, identifiers, and representatives from any and all liability relating to any injury or illness incurred by the Member or the Member's family members as a result of participation in a WPMC Event.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If any portion of the Agreement is declared for any reason to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement. This Agreement shall apply to all current and future WPMC events.

MEMBERS:

SIGNATURE (IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER AGE 21, SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN). PLEASE PRINT NAME:

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3 _____ 3 _____

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