



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOM CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

CECILY FRANKLIN

THIS SPRING HAS really brought out "Fungi, Fun and Friends"! For "Fungi", we've had a spectacular season for Morels, as shown on pages 6 and 7. Morels were reported in at least ten counties, and I even found one on my

own property! Just now the Chanterelles are starting to appear.

The "Fun" came at our May Cultivation Meeting, when 100 people brought logs to inoculate with *Shiitake* spawn. We also gave members kits to make Oyster mushrooms. Under the expert guidance of **Rebecca Miller**, a veritable army of volunteers helped to make the whole operation run smoothly. Now some of our members are enjoying great success with their Oyster kits.

As for "Friends", we have both old and new friends to tell you about. First, we've added **Rick Kerrigan** (an old friend) to our lineup of Guest Mycologists for this year's Gary Lincoff Foray on September 21. Rick literally wrote the book on *Agaricus* and will be speaking about "Agaricus Diversity."

We also have a new friend at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum of Natural History. **Bonnie Isaac** is Collections Manager for the museum's Section of Botany, which has been added to the list of Partner Fungaria for the North American Mycoflora Project. See page 3 for details.

More recently, we set a new record for WPMC membership. (See Membership report below.) *Let's keep growing!*

**Have a story, photo, or news item you want to share?
Send it to Cecily Franklin, Editor:
cs4wpmc@gmail.com**

WPMC Sets New Membership Record

Jim Wasik – Membership Chair

THANK YOU TO THE new and renewing members. We are on our way to become one of the largest Mushroom Clubs.

Congratulations! WPMC has hit a new record in membership. Currently we have **817** members; in 2018 at this time we had 581 members and ended the year with 794.

A big thank you goes to all of the 214 NEW members who have joined the Club so far in 2019. As in the song "New York, New York," keep spreading the news. We could top 1000 in 2019. We have made great strides from the humble beginning in 2010 of only 140 members. **See page 12 for membership form.**

To join or renew online: → [CLICK HERE](#)

2019 Meeting Schedule

ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS are free and include a Mushroom Display Table, staffed by expert Identifiers. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from March through November at:

**Beechwood Farms (Audubon Society of Western PA)
614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238**

July 16

**Toxicology Report
Past-President John Stuart**

Mushrooms have been evolving over the last 460 million years and have developed the ability to produce thousands of compounds to ensure their survival. Some of these chemicals are poisonous when consumed. John will cover which of the 14 toxico-syndromes that have been reported worldwide are important in our area and how we can keep ourselves out of trouble.



August 20

**Chickens & Hens
Mike Lloyd, WPMC Legal Counsel**

Mike's talk will be geared to beginner mushroom hunters who may be hoping to find their first chicken-of-the-woods and hen-of-the-woods. Mike will also introduce shaggy manes and puffballs as other fall mushrooms. Mike's presentation will be on the light side of mushroom hunting, with almost no Latin words. If you prefer a picture of an oak tree with six 10-pound hens to the *Sports Illustrated Swim Suit Edition*, then this speech is for you.



September 17

**Lichens / Bryan Dolney
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy**

October 15

**Photo Contest Winners
& Election of Officers**

November 19

Pot Luck Dinner & Member Photos

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. WPMC's Scholarship/Grant application forms are available on our website and must be sponsored by a WPMC member. For more information, contact **John Stuart** at jons2art@comcast.net or 724-443-6878.

The 19th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray Guest Speakers

WPMC has lined up three great speakers for this year's Lincoff Foray on Saturday, September 21.

Rick Kerrigan is the author of *Agaricus of North America*, the result of forty years of research. Rick became interested in *Agaricus* while an undergraduate at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He did his graduate study under the mentorship of Harry Thiers at San Francisco State University, and in 1989 he was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. A postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Toronto led to an appointment with Sylvan, Inc., the world's leading producer of cultivated mushroom spawn. Dr. Kerrigan has held the position of Director of Research, U.S.A., with Sylvan since 1993. His topic at the Lincoff Foray will be "Agaricus Diversity."



Rick Kerrigan



Bill Russell



Adam Haritan

Bill Russell is the author of *Field Guide to Wild Mushrooms of Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic*, which he revised and expanded in 2017. Bill has been giving mushroom workshops, walks, and talks since 1960. A longtime resident of State College, Pennsylvania, Bill is founder and past president of the Central Pennsylvania Mushroom Club. Bill's topic will be "Hidden Treasures: Delectable but Obscure Edible Wild Mushrooms."

Adam Haritan is the founder of LearnYourLand, a community and online database of Pennsylvania's naturalists and nature-related events. Adam leads classes and workshops related to plant and mushroom identification, wild food harvesting, nutritional and medicinal components of wild foods, the benefits of nature connection, and more. He is an official WPMC Identifier and has served on WPMC's Board since 2016. Adam published a *Fun Guide to Fungi*, and his YouTube channel features over 100 instructional nature videos. Adam will present "Fungal Toxins in Modern Medicine."

Registration is Now Open for Gary Lincoff Foray!

REGISTER TODAY: The 19th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at the Rose Barn in Allegheny County's North Park. The day will include guided walks, mushroom identification tables, cooking demo, sales table, vendors, speakers' Meet & Greet, raffle, and the legendary Mushroom Feast. *All included in the price of admission!*

WPMC Treasurer **Barbara DeRiso** and Mycologist **Kim Plischke** will co-host the Mushroom Feast, and WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor**, a professional chef, will do the cooking demonstration.

As in previous years, WPMC will also hold a free Pre-Foray walk at Cook Forest on Friday, September 20, 2019, led by WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor**.

See page 11 for registration form or online: → [CLICK HERE](#)

Help Wanted at the Lincoff Foray!

While you're registering for the Foray, please sign up to volunteer, using the SignUpGenius: → [CLICK HERE](#)

You'll see openings and job descriptions for a whole range of duties, including:

- Hospitality
- Runners
- Audio Visual Support
- Cooks (NOTE: All foraged mushrooms used for the Feast must be certified by a club mycologist before cooking.)
- Set Up & Tear Down
- Walk Leaders & Identifiers
- Dishwasher & Clean-Up

So don't be shy. Sign up today!

More Donations for Lincoff Foray Auction/Raffle

Random House Kids donated this new children's book, "Sweetie" by Andrea Zull, to this year's Lincoff Foray Auction/Raffle.



WPMC Identifier Fluff Berger donated this 252-piece jigsaw puzzle with photo of Orange Mycena, M. leaiana.



Are you in the process of spring cleaning, downsizing, decluttering, or otherwise trying to organize your life? If so, now is the perfect opportunity for you to donate those excess or unwanted mushroom items to WPMC's annual auction/raffle. If they no longer "spark joy", just give them to **Cecily Franklin** or **Judy Mackenroth** at any monthly meeting or email cs4wpmc@gmail.com to make other arrangements. All proceeds benefit WPMC.

WPMC and Carnegie Museum Team Up for New Fungarium



From left to right: La Monte Yarroll, Bonnie Isaac, Richard Jacob, Cecily Franklin, John Stuart. Photo courtesy of Carnegie Museum of Natural History

WPMC IS PLEASED TO announce that Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum of Natural History has been added to the list of Partner Fungaria for the North American Mycoflora Project (NAMP).

NAMP is a collaboration between professional mycologists and citizen scientists to identify and map the distribution of macro-fungi throughout North America. Key components of the project include careful documentation and preparation of specimens (vouchering), depositing these specimens in herbaria where they can be accessed for later examination by anyone researching the organism, and DNA sequencing to complement the morphological observations that amateur mycologists already use. NAMP provides a framework and tools to allow independent projects, organized and administered by local mushroom clubs and other groups, to contribute data to a unified framework for documenting and understanding fungal biodiversity in North America.

During May, WPMC representatives met with Bonnie Isaac, Co-Chair of Collections for Carnegie Museum, to discuss and formalize our agreement to provide the new fungarium with high-quality collections, appropriately preserved and with all of the necessary meta-data. Carnegie Museum would then accession the specimens and upload storage information to the MyCoPortal collections index. On behalf of WPMC's Scholarship Committee, we presented Bonnie with a check in support of our new partnership.

New Book for Kids: "Sweety"

by Andrea Zuill

Sweety is awkward, even for a naked mole rat. She has protruding front teeth, thick glasses, and some very unusual hobbies, including fungus identification. She's intense and passionate — and her peers don't always get her. Surely there are other mushroom lovers out there. But how will she find them?

Age Range: 3 - 7 years. Hardcover: 32 pages. Publisher: Schwartz & Wade (March 26, 2019)



WPMC Members Receive ID Buttons



WPMC Vice President **Fluff Berger** presented **Julie Travaglini**, Education Program Director for Allegheny Land Trust, with a "50" ID Button at the May meeting. (ABOVE LEFT)

WPMC President **Cecily Franklin** presented **Bryan Cass** with a "50" ID Button at the June meeting. (ABOVE RIGHT)

To learn more about the ID Button program and how to submit your list of known mushrooms: → [CLICK HERE](#)

Photos by Kristine Murawski

A Note from Mary Ellen Dougall

May 6, 2019

My family and I thank all the WPMC Board of Directors and the members of the club for making a donation to the Audubon Society in memory of Dick. You all know how important the WPMC was to Dick. Over the years, our family spent many hours at Beechwood Farms, many of the hours connected to WPMC. All of you have been our friends for many years. We will all miss Dick.

Love to all,

Mary Ellen Dougall

P.S. Our son Paul and his 18-year-old daughter just joined the Ohio Mushroom Club. Saturday's walk was good with finding some morels as a "prize."

WPMC In the Community



IN ADDITION TO LEADING WPMC's frequent mushroom walks, many of our members also contribute their time and energy to promoting WPMC's mission of educating the public about mycology.

WPMC Identifier **Bob Sleigh** (above) gave a presentation on Morels and led a walk at Pine Ridge Park for Indiana County Friends of the Parks in April. *(Photo by Cheri Widzowski)*

REI HOSTED WPMC'S Mushroom Education Day at their Robinson Store in Settler's Ridge on May 4. WPMC Identifier **Fluff Berger** presented Mushroom Basics; WPMC President **Cecily Franklin** reviewed Mushroom Resources; Past-President **Richard Jacob** covered Edibility; and WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** gave an overview on Morels.

On May 11, WPMC Mycologist **John Plischke** (below) led a workshop on "How to Grow Your Own Mushrooms" for the Woodland Owners of Clarion-Allegheny Valley. *(Photo by Kim Plischke)*



On June 1, WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor** led a mushroom walk in Allegheny State Park as part of the 61st annual Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage. *(Photo by Matt Nusstein)*



On May 18, WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** led walks at both Wingfield Pines and Pittsburgh Botanic Garden for Allegheny Land Trust, as part of this year's Pennsylvania Master Naturalist training.



On June 2, WPMC Membership Chair **Jim Wasik** hosted a display table and WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** led two mushroom walks in Schenley Park as part of the Phipps BioBlitz Family Fun Festival.

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Fungi, Fun & Photos!

Photos are coming in for this year's WPMC Photo Contest, which will be judged by WPMC Identifier Josh Doty.

Deadline for Submissions: September 30, 2019

Maximum of 5 Entries per WPMC member

Submit high resolution JPEG files up to 4 MB

**Email entries to Josh Doty at:
wpmcphotocontest@gmail.com**



Extra 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 Pennsylvania Mushroom Club and submit them to our Treasurer, **Barbara DeRiso**.

Beware of Scammers!

By Cecily Franklin

MANY WPMC MEMBERS have been receiving annoying emails and text messages, purporting to be from me. They usually begin by asking "Are you free at the moment" and, if you respond, ask you to purchase gift cards and then give them the numbers! Please ignore all such requests, which don't use my email address or phone number. These unfortunate scams affect WPMC members who are listed on our website.

We are taking steps to reduce or eliminate this problem. In the meantime, please heed the advice of a former gift card scammer who is now serving a prison sentence for his crimes: "if someone [contacts] you, don't buy gift cards, no matter what the person tells you. Because if you do, you will never see your money again."

Tales from a Morel Hunter

By Richard Jacob

I HAVE ATTENDED a couple of spring walks with WPMC at Ryerson Station State Park. Stories of morels were told, and of people leaving with full baskets and hundreds of morels found. This year I decided to try and find a Morel spot at Ryerson Station. In my dreams, I would be bringing home hundreds of morels. For those who don't know, Ryerson Station is about 70 miles from Pittsburgh, in the southwest corner of PA. The surrounding area is rural, and a trout stream runs alongside of the park. My plan was to drive there for successive weekends until I found the motherlode.

At the start of the season, we had steady warmth and some 80°F plus days. As the park is further south of Pittsburgh, I figured that I would go earlier to make sure I did not miss the morels. I had a few pictures of the area I visited before and a park map and started out exploring with my son. We pretty quickly came to a slope with a lot of elms. Both sides of a hill were mixed woods and lots of elms in various states of health, from living to dying to dead. Some of them looked picture perfect for morels. We didn't find any morels that first week, but we did find some nice cup mushrooms and lots of great locations for the following visits.

We visited a total of four weekends and over that time walked every trail to get the lay of the land. We also explored the elm slope both sides and from top to bottom. On the second week we didn't find any morels again but had our hopes high for the third week. By that time, the Facebook morel groups were abuzz with sightings and pictures of large finds. It was looking like it was going to be a banner year!

I left the house early with high anticipation that this was going to be the week. I went up and down the south-facing hill in a zigzag pattern but found nothing. When navigating through a particularly dense thicket of jagger bushes, I started praying to the mushroom gods, "Show me a sign that I'm in the right place!" I looked down and there at my feet was a large yellow morel. Where there is one, there's more. Sure enough, there were another four nearby. I then circled the area, moving out farther and farther, but found no more. I continued searching for another hour or so before calling it a day and moving on to a spot closer to home.

The next week I went out again, hiking into the elm tree hill. I searched from top to bottom, taking a meandering path over the slope, but only found one more slightly past-it morel. That was the last time I went out looking for morels at Ryerson Station this season. Miles driven: approximately 600; time spent walking at site: 10+ hours; morels found: 5. Are there morels there? Definitely, and for sure a lot more than I found. Will I be going out to the park next year? Nope – it's just too far for the amount of success I had.

Don't feel too sad about my failure to find the motherlode of morels at Ryerson Station. I have a few other spots, some of which are places where there has not been a Club walk, and I found enough for a few meals. I've also heard about another spot where people were seen carrying out bags of morels, and it's a lot closer to home. That's where I'll be next year!

A Million Morels!

WPMC members and non-members alike found Morels early and often this year. Various species of Morel were reported in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Centre, Erie, Fayette, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties. They were located not only in wooded areas, but even within some Pittsburgh city neighborhoods. Here's a sampling of the diversity found.

Editor's Note: Those of you who weren't as successful may take some comfort in reading **Richard Jacob's** article, "Tales from a Morel Hunter," on page 5.

PHOTOS:

Evan Hamrick found these half-free morels, *M. punctipes*, at Bushy Run Battlefield State Park in Westmoreland County. (BELOW)

Rob McGuire had some help finding these beauties in Lawrence County. (ABOVE RIGHT)

Danielle Schoonover-Wils came across an assortment of Morels after a rainy day in Centre County. (BELOW RIGHT)

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Josh Doty discovered these Yellow Morels, *M. esculentoides*, at Youghiogheny River Lake in Fayette County in early May. (TOP)

Stephen Bucklin filled this plate with Morels from Frick Park. (CENTER)

Josh Doty photographed these morels, *M. diminutiva*, at Peters Lake Park in Washington County on April 28. (BOTTOM LEFT)

Bob Sleigh picked this handful in Indiana County on May 4. (BOTTOM CENTER)

Josh Doty identified this Black Morel, *M. angusticeps*, during Earth Day at Frick Park on April 27. (BOTTOM RIGHT)





WPMC Walks & Presentations

ALL WALKS ARE ON SATURDAYS, beginning at 10 a.m., unless noted otherwise. Please read carefully for any registration requirements or fees. We're always adding new walks to the WPMC website: <http://wpamushroomclub.org/events/> so check back often for updates, directions, and much more!



WPMC Walks

July 6 Annual Chanterelle Walk, North Park

Meet **Jack & Valerie Baker** at the North Park swimming pool parking lot to hunt for Chanterelles.

July 13 9:00 a.m. to noon / Sycamore Island with Allegheny Land Trust (ALT)

Meet WPMC and ALT at the Verona Public Docks for the Summer survey of Sycamore Island. Because the island is only accessible by boat, the Allegheny Cleanways pontoon boat, the Rachel Carson, will provide shuttle service to and from the island from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost of the boat will be covered by a registration fee. Space is limited, and registration is required.

To register: → [CLICK HERE](#)

July 13 9 to 11 a.m. / Otto & Magdalene Ackermann Nature Preserve, Ardara (Westmoreland County)

Meet **Jack & Valerie Baker** and the Westmoreland Bird and Nature Club for a free mushroom walk through this 59-acre preserve in North Huntingdon Township. A list of mushrooms found will be sent to the Westmoreland Land Trust. Location: 13290-13106 Ardara Road, Ardara, PA 15615 / GPS Coordinates: 40.36105, -79.74410

Directions: From the intersection of PA 48 and US 30, travel east on US 30 for 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Leger Road (2 miles, ignore the closed road signs.) Look for the Ackermann Preserve sign on the left and park at the end of the grassy strip between two houses.

July 14 Sunday, 10 a.m. to Noon / "Hike with a Naturalist: Fantastic Fungi" Frick Park with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

WPMC and Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy are teaming up for a "Hike with the Naturalist" walk in Frick Park. Meet WPMC member **Stephen Bucklin** and WPMC Mycologist **Jim Tunney** at the Frick Environmental Center for a hike focusing on the basics of mushroom identification and learn about the many types of fungi that fruit in summer. The walk is free, but attendance is limited, and registration is required. To register: → [CLICK HERE](#)

July 20 9 a.m. – ALT Presentation / 10:00 a.m. – Mushroom Walk Audubon Greenway (Sewickley) with Allegheny Land Trust

Meet WPMC Identifier **Fluff Berger** and ALT naturalists in the parking lot at 160 Magee Road. Registration is required. Fees: \$5 for non-WPMC members; free for WPMC members (use code WPMCFree). To register: → [CLICK HERE](#)

July 20 Pine Ridge Park, Blairsville (Indiana County)

Meet WPMC's Bolete Specialist **Scott Pavelle** to hunt for Boletes at Pine Ridge Park. Take Pine Ridge Road to the northern Park Entrance. Meet in the largest parking lot, at the end of the road, near the last pavilion and restrooms.

August 10 North Park

Meet WPMC Past President **John Stuart** at the North Park swimming pool parking lot.

August 17 9 a.m. ALT Presentation / 10 a.m. Mushroom Walk. Dead Man's Hollow with Allegheny Land Trust

Meet WPMC Identifier **Jared White** and ALT naturalists in the parking lot at Catfish Pond. Registration is required. Fees: \$5 for non-WPMC members; free for WPMC members (use code WPMCFree). To register: → [CLICK HERE](#)

August 18 Sunday, McConnells Mill (Lawrence County)

Meet WPMC Identifier **Jerry Sapp** at the Kildoo parking lot. The walk will start at the covered bridge.

Sept. 8 Sunday, 2:00 p.m. Mingo Creek State Park (Washington County)

Meet WPMC Identifier **Jared White** at the Ebenezer covered bridge near the West Entrance on Mingo Creek Road.

Sept. 14 Sewickley Heights Borough Park

Meet WPMC Identifier **Fluff Berger** in the parking lot.

Sept. 20 Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pre-Foray Walk at Cook Forest (Clarion County)

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor** and Park Ranger Dale Luthringer at Shelter #1 for a pre-foray walk. Bring a lunch. Garrett will be available for further exploration in the afternoon.

Oct. 19 Murrysville Community Park (Westmoreland County)

Meet WPMC and Friends of Murrysville Parks at the parking lot by the back baseball field.

Other Walks, Forays & Events

July 19-20 West Virginia Mushroom Club Foray

Blackwater Falls State Park; Davis, WV.

For more information: → [CLICK HERE](#)

July 27 Blue Knob State Park, Bedford County Buck Hill Amphitheater

John & Kim Plischke: 3 – 4 pm - Mushroom Walk, Chappells Field Trail / 4:30 – 5:30 pm – Mushroom Cultivation / 8:30 – 9:30 pm – Mushroom Identification and Slide Show.

You will have the opportunity to drill, plant spores, and seal a log to grow shiitake mushrooms. Logs and tools will be supplied for your use. Supplies are limited. If you would like to reserve a log, call Jessie Kohan at 814-276-3576. John and Kim Plischke will be identifying any mushroom species that you bring with you, answering questions, and educating us through award-winning slides about mushrooms in our area.

Aug. 1-4 Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF)

Samuel Ristich Foray, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA

For more information: → [CLICK HERE](#)

Aug. 8-11 North American Mycological Association (NAMA) Annual Foray, Paul Smiths, New York

For more information: → [CLICK HERE](#)

Aug. 17-18 Ohio Mushroom Society Foray, Penitentiary Glen

For more information: → [CLICK HERE](#)

Aug 30 - Sept. 2 Connecticut Westchester Mycological Association (COMA) Camp Hemlocks, Hebron, CT

For more information: → [CLICK HERE](#)

Sept. 13-15 Mycological Society of Toronto / Cain Foray

Sept. 12-15 Northwoods Foray / Cable, Wisconsin

For more information: → [CLICK HERE](#)

Sept. 13-15 Asheville Mushroom Club / Oconee Foray

Sept. 21 19th Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray / North Park

See page 2 for more information.

Sept. 26-29 North American Mycological Association (NAMA)

Wildacres Regional Foray, North Carolina.

For more information: → [CLICK HERE](#)

Sept. 27-29 Mycological Association of Washington, DC (MAW) Annual Foray

Camp Sequanota, Boswell, PA (Somerset County)

NEMF Foray Schedule

The Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF) has announced the following speakers and topics for the 2019 Foray at Lock Haven University on August 1-4.



Thursday evening, August 1

Ralph Harnishfeger: Natural History of the Lock Haven Area

Friday, August 2

Bill Yule: Beginner's Mushroom Identification Workshop

Susan Hopkins: Dye Workshop

Roz Lowen: Ascomycete Workshop

Arlene & Alan Bessette: Lactarius ID (day lecture)

Rod Tulloss: Understanding DNA in Mushroom Identification (day lecture)

Maricel Patino: Special Topics in NJ Mushrooms (day lecture)

Walt Sturgeon: Cortinarius & Russula – Special Topics (evening lecture)

John Plischke: Foraging for Boletes by Automobile (evening lecture)

Saturday, August 3

Natalie Howe: Lichen Workshop

Tom Bruns & Karen Nakasone: Crust Workshop

In addition to these presentations, at least 15 mushroom walks have also been scheduled throughout the Lock Haven area, ranging from small nearby parks to an all-day foray in a State Park.

To print out a registration form: → [CLICK HERE](#)

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. If you have a tendency to wander off, stick like glue to the others. We won't wait for you, and we won't come to look for you.
- Don't take the identification of the person standing next to you; they might not know as much as you do. Only Club Mycologists and Identifiers should be used for advice.
- The Walk Leader will tell you when to be back at the walk starting place, where the mushrooms will be put on paper plates and the Walk Identifier or Club Mycologist will put names on only the mushrooms they know well.
- Take notes and pictures to help you remember the mushrooms. You should go home and check books yourself.
- 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.

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
- Keep mushrooms separated
- Insect repellent
- Basket for collecting
- Knife for cutting mushrooms
- Wax or paper bags (no plastic)
- Whistle
- Compass
- Hand lens
- Cell phone & camera
- Notebook & pencil
- Field guide for identification
- Band-aids
- Garden hand-clippers

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.

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19TH ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF MUSHROOM FORAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 • ROSE BARN, NORTH PARK

PLUS: FREE MUSHROOM WALK FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 • COOK FOREST

Featuring guest mycologists **Bill Russell**, author of *Field Guide to Wild Mushrooms of Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic*, **Rick Kerrigan**, author of *Agaricus of North America*, and WPMC Identifier **Adam Haritan**, founder of LearnYourLand.com and author of *Fun Guide to Fungi*. We'll have a cooking demonstration, as well as a Book-Signing / Meet & Greet with our guest mycologists, auction, sales tables, vendors, mushroom display tables and more. Finally, the Foray will be capped off by our legendary Mushroom Feast.

The Foray will kick off on **Friday, September 20**, with a FREE mushroom walk in the old-growth forest of Cook Forest State Park, Clarion County. This walk will be led by WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor** and **Dale Luthringer**, Environmental Education Specialist with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Saturday, September 21: Foray includes light lunch & mushroom feast. (Registration required)
Rose Barn in Allegheny County North Park, Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101
Friday, September 20: Cook Forest State Park, Clarion County (Free)

Indicate the number of persons for each item selected. All fees per person. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

_____ \$35 WPMC member _____ \$55 Non-members (includes admission & 2019-20 WPMC Membership)
 _____ \$15 Students (with ID) & children 11 to 18. Children 10 & under free.

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

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

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE: <http://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/>

REGISTER & PAY BY CHECK (payable to Western PA Mushroom Club):
 WPMC C/O BARBARA DERISO • 204 WOODCOCK DR. • PITTSBURGH PA 15215

FOR MORE INFO: FLUFF BERGER, Foray Chair: 724-601-8382 / 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)

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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

Members are entitled to:

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

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 Jim Wasik, 70 Woodland Farms Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 e-mail contact: membership@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 (\$5 additional)

\$15 Individual \$20 Family \$10 Full-time Student \$5 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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