



President's Message



Richard Jacob
WPMC President

I'VE BEEN ENJOYING the warmer weather and occasional thunderstorm and all that it brings. Mushrooms are starting to pop up everywhere. The slight differences in the weather and growing conditions mean that every year we find species not previously recorded in the Western Pennsylvania region. Some may have always been there, but we never noticed—like the Mayapple rust recently identified on a weekday walk—while others have never been found or identified.

Last year Gary Lincoff suggested that we should use more images of mushrooms collected locally on our website. Over the winter a number of members have been working on improving the club's species list and, as part of this effort, we plan to use the list as a starting point for a catalog of local species with matching images on the website. So at this time I would like to put out a public call for pictures of local fungi species. If you have suitable pictures, see the article (right) on how to donate them to the catalog.

Upcoming meetings include an introduction to fungal microscopy in July with La Monte Yarroll, a DNA barcoding update in August from me, and a cooking demonstration in September with Kate Lasky and Tomasz Skowronski from the under-construction Eastern European Kitchen "APTEKA".

Morel season is definitely over and we are in a lull before chanterelle season takes off. Although I did not have the best of Morel seasons, I heard a number of success stories from members who attended walks or talks and were able use the information they learned to find Morels on their own, so we—or rather they—are doing something right! Let's hope the chanterelles are more abundant, and I look forward to your joining us in the woods to find them.

Introducing the Species Catalog Project

AT THE END OF WALKS and meetings, you will often see one or more people identifying the mushroom species that have been found. We record these species and make the lists available on our website. Over the lifetime of the club, the total number of species identified has grown to over 1400 entries, and we add a handful of new ones every year. During the winter a number of members started to clear up this list by updating the Latin names and removing duplicates. This list forms the foundation for a number of WPMC projects that are currently in development.

The first project that uses the list is the new **Species List Generator**. A walk leader can enter a list of species that was found on a walk. This list is converted into a post for the website and we add a few pictures if we have any and maybe a walk report. In the website post, the species name currently links to a Google image search. This means that even if we didn't take a picture of the species on that day, you can still see what it looks like from other pictures on the web.

At Gary Lincoff's suggestion, rather than linking to a Google search of images, we should really be using images of mushrooms collected locally. This brings me to our second project related to the species list: a **Species Catalog**. The Species Catalog will contain entries for all the species taken from the club's lifetime list found here in Western Pennsylvania. The catalog entries will contain images of the species and links to other websites such as Index Fungorum, Michael Kuo's MushroomExpert.com, Google images, and Wikipedia. DNA sequencing results will also be included in the catalog. Such an online catalog would be searchable on our website and by the web in general.

Future projects that will use the species list and catalog include sets of index cards of the commonly occurring species that we can use for labels when identifying species at the end of a walk. We also plan to release a program which uses the species list for recording species you have identified for the ButtonID program. A more ambitious project for the future would be a local guidebook using club members' contributions.

Initially only a few entries will include pictures, but over time we hope to fill out the catalog with one or more images for each species. To do this, we will need to use images contributed by WPMC members. The entries will not include any text about the species to begin with, but we welcome original descriptions.

You can see an example species entry at <http://wpamushroomclub.org/shop/amanita-cokeri/>. Hopefully, entries for the complete life list will be available soon. We will need clear, focused, high resolution images. If you are sending a large quantity of images, the easiest way is to use a free file transfer service such as WeTransfer (www.wetransfer.com). If you are only sending a few, they can be emailed. Send all files to: site-admin@wpamushroomclub.org. You can also collect your images and put them on a jump drive (flash stick) or CD/DVD and bring them to club meetings. Use the photographed species, with a short description, as the filenames. For example: H_furfuracea-gills.jpg, H_furfuracea-cap.jpg, H_furfuracea-stem.jpg.

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T-Shirts Make a Great Gift!

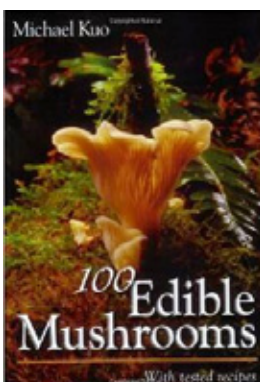
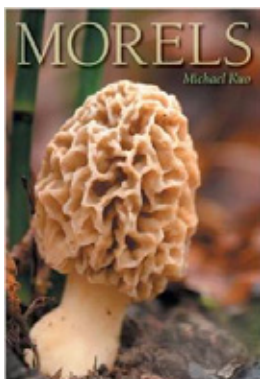
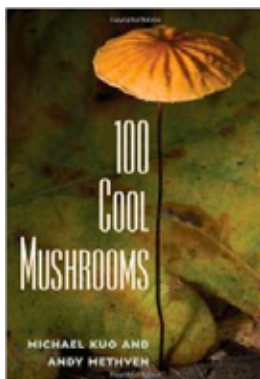
SURPRISE YOUR FAVORITE mushrooer with a "Fun guy" or "Fun gal" t-shirt from www.cafepress.com/wpmc. Featuring art-work by our own Joyce Gross, the "Fun gal" t-shirt comes in three colors (pink, yellow or blue) and in five sizes (small through 2XL). The matching "Fun guy" t-shirt comes in three colors (blue, beige or gray) and in six sizes (small through 3XL).



Books by Michael Kuo

WPMC has a supply of all four books by Michael Kuo: *100 Cool Mushrooms, Morels, 100 Edible Mushrooms* and *Mushrooms of the Midwest*. These books may be purchased at any WPMC meeting or at WPMC's Amazon shop at wpamushroomclub.org. Michael Kuo will be signing these books at the 15th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray on Saturday, September 19.

IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER: Read Richard Jacob's review of *Mushrooms of the Midwest*, the latest book by Michael Kuo.



WPMC Scholarships & Grants

WPMC HAS A 2015 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 our website and may be submitted by any club member. Contact John Stuart at jons2art@comcast.net or 724-443-6878.

2015 Meeting Schedule

DATE/TIME: Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm
LOCATION: Beechwood Farms
(Audubon Society of Western PA)
614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

July 21 La Monte Yarroll, WPMC Mycologist
Introduction to Microscopy for mushroom identification

La Monte Yarroll will present an introduction to studying mushrooms with a microscope. We'll look at how to examine spores and learn definitions of spore-related terms like "fusiform". We'll learn about other major microscopic structures such as basidia, asci, and cystidia. If you have a microscope, please bring it. There will be an opportunity to prepare your own slide to examine.

August 18 Richard Jacob
DNA Barcoding

Richard will present the latest in the scientifically important DNA barcoding project.

September 15 Kate Lasky & Tomasz Skowronski from the Eastern European Kitchen "APTEKA"
Mushroom Cooking Demo

Learn about cooking tips and new mushroom dishes.

October 20 Photography Contest Winners and Election of Officers

Interested in being an officer of the club? Want to vote for the best candidate to lead the club forward? Then you need to be at this meeting! It will decide the leadership of the club. Also, remember to submit your photos for the contest! (see last page of this newsletter)

November 17 Third Annual "Pot Luck Dinner and Member Photos" evening

For the Pot Luck, bring something for 6 – 8 people. Your choice, does not need to be mushroom related (cultivated mushrooms only if mushroom based). The categories are: Appetizers, Salads, Hot, Dishes; Cold Plates, Casseroles, Desserts. Anything you want—be creative. The Club will provide soft drinks, plates, dinnerware, napkins, take home boxes.

Also, if you would like to bring a set of pictures for the Open Forum, please bring no more than 15 pictures for a short presentation on a flash (thumb) drive. JPG format preferred and the slide show does not need to be in a presentation program. Just the pictures will work. Topics: mushrooms, vacations, hobbies. Let's see what you are doing in your life (no politicking, please). You may narrate them or just let the pictures run through without description using the built-in software.

Register Now for the Lincoff Foray!

In honor of its 15th Anniversary, the Annual Lincoff Foray will be a weekend-long event September 18-20, 2015.



Gary Lincoff



Michael Kuo



Chef Tom Chulick

Friday, September 18

A guided walk in Cook Forest State Park, an old-growth forest and National Natural Landmark, near Clarion, PA, about 80 miles north of Pittsburgh. Our guide will be none other than Gary Lincoff himself.

Get on the Bus! Ride to Cook Forest in comfort aboard a luxury air-conditioned bus, complete with reclining seats and a lavatory. The bus will leave the North Park Swimming Pool parking lot at 8:00 a.m. sharp and will be back at North Park at 6:00 p.m. The \$40 registration fee for Friday includes both round-trip transportation and lunch. Seating is limited, so sign up today!

Saturday, September 19

This day will be our typical Annual Lincoff Foray at Parish Hill in North Park. Activities will include local mushroom-hunting walks, table identification, a cooking demonstration, auction, book sales and, of course, our mushroom feast.

Gary Lincoff will tell us all about "Best Edible Mushrooms."

Michael Kuo, our Guest Mycologist, will give a presentation entitled "The names, they are a changing: How taxonomic mycology works these days, and what you can do about it." Michael's talk will include a non-technical discussion of the way mycologists work to determine what names to apply to species, as well as encouragement for amateurs to help as citizen scientists.

Both Gary and Michael will be available to sign their books.

Executive Chef Tom Chulick owner & chef of the Back Door Cafe in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, will create a culinary mushroom masterpiece.

Science Sunday, September 20

This day is devoted to more in-depth mushroom identification, with microscopes and reagents set up for those who would like to learn more about these techniques.

WPMC President Richard Jacob will lead a session on DNA barcoding and specimen collection techniques. Michael Kuo and Gary Lincoff will provide expertise at the various workstations.

NOTE: Each day will be a separate activity and priced accordingly. Attendees will have the choice of attending any or all of the activities. Housing for the event will be the responsibility of the attendee. Please see the registration form included in this newsletter. More details are available on our website and, if you prefer, you may register online.

Calling All Cooks!

It's time to start thinking about what dish you'd like to bring to the Foray Mushroom Feast on Saturday, September 19. You may use any store-bought mushrooms, but all wild mushrooms must be approved in advance by Kim Plischke at ladiebugzkp@aol.com.

Donations for the Foray Auction

Valuable donations are arriving for the Foray Auction on Saturday, September 19. The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania has generously donated a one-year family membership (\$50 value). Other goodies include mushroom-infused olive oils, spectacular mushroom photographs, and other fun stuff for mushroom lovers. There will be both a Silent Auction and Raffle (two chances for \$1, so bring some extra bucks!)

POSTERS AND POSTCARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE NEXT MEETING

(SEE EVENT POSTER ON PAGE 6)

Catalog Project (continued from page 1)

WPMC may use your photographs on the website 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. Please don't upload anything that isn't yours and only upload relevant images, e.g. photos of fungi, mushrooms or groups of mushrooms.

If you wish to write a description of a species, please use this form on the website: <http://wpamushroomclub.org/about/species-lists/catalog-descriptions/>. Again, your contribution will be credited to you and will be used in the catalog.

We look forward to receiving contributions from the budding photographers in the club!

Out & About: Good Turnouts for WPMC Events



WPMC President Richard Jacob photographed these morels at Pine Ridge County Park on May 2.



WPMC Identifier Joyce Gross leads a walk at Harrison Hills Park on May 9. (Photo by Dick Dougall)



WPMC Identifier Fluff Berger describes some of the mushrooms from Sewickley Heights Borough Park on May 23. (Photo by Adam Haritan)



Ari Lattanzi displays a Dryad's Saddle (*Polyporus squamosus*) during a 'species survey' for the Allegheny Land Trust on Sycamore Island on May 16. (Photo by Jason Bridge, Trib Total Media)



WPMC Identifier Dick Dougall discusses mushrooms found during a mid-week walk at Hartwood Acres on May 13. (Photo by Adam Haritan)

The Button Program

WPMC HAS A PROGRAM to encourage club members to become more confident in their ability to identify the mushrooms they find. The name for this program is informally The Button Program (official name: The John Plischke III Award for Mushroom Knowledge). It has been in operation since 2009, and nearly 75 people have earned over 100 buttons.

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***Interested in leading a mushroom walk?
Know of a good mushrooming location?
Contact La Monte Yarroll or John Plischke III.***

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.

Leave the parks cleaner than you found them!



Industrial Mycologist Mark Spear explains how to grow oyster mushrooms at WPMC's monthly meeting on May 19.
(Photo by Adam Haritan)



Fungi Education Day on June 6 attracted a lot of interest. Four topics presented by WPMC members were followed by a mushroom walk at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve.



Identifier Joyce Gross, who designed WPMC's logo, showed members how to make their own clay mushrooms at the June meeting.

The Mysterious Nature of Fungi

September 17 — December 15, 2015

Hunt Institute (Carnegie Mellon University)

The Hunt Institute exhibition *The Mysterious Nature of Fungi* will feature a wealth of imagery from the Institute's Art and Library collections that illustrate the scientific and avocational inquiries that have furthered our understanding of these fascinating organisms.



Botanical illustrations by Worthington George Smith (1835-1917)

15TH ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF MUSHROOM FORAY

3 DAYS! **SEPTEMBER 18, 19 & 20, 2015**
NORTH PARK & COOK FOREST STATE PARK

Mushroom Walks & Identification • FEATURING: Gary Lincoff • Author Michael Kuo • PLUS: Mushroom Feast • Cooking Demo by Chef Tom Chulick • Merchandise Sales & Silent Auction

For registration options visit: www.wpamushroomclub.org

	Friday, Sept. 18 MUSHROOM WALK Cook Forest	Saturday, Sept. 19 FORAY & FEAST North Park	Sunday, Sept. 20 SCIENCE SUNDAY North Park
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For more info call: 412-252-2594 or email: Lincoff-Foray@wpamushroomclub.org

Presented by the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club © 2015 • Photo by Richard Jacob; orange mycena (*Mycena Isidaria*)

Never Take Dessert from a Stranger (or a Shroomer)!



photo © Cecily Franklin

This "confection" is actually the back of an Artist's Conk (*Ganoderma applanatum*). Each layer represents one year of growth. It's a lot crunchier than chocolate cake!



THIS is chocolate layer cake...

Recipe Corner: Pretty "Pretend" Mushrooms

Impress your dinner guests with these fun & easy mushroom look-alikes

by Valerie Baker



Radishes: Use an apple corer and a knife. Insert the corer about half way into the radish. Circle the radish about half way with a knife, remove the cut portion, and then remove the corer. Make small gouges in the radish cap to resemble the Fly Agaric mushroom. (Go ahead and munch the cut-off portion of the radish.)

Potatoes: Val also makes mushroom look-alikes out of red potatoes (without the gouged-out pieces in the "cap"). Steam the "mushrooms" along with their cut-off parts. Then separate them so that the "mushrooms" can be served at a special dinner and the remainder eaten at another time.

Mayapple Rust: A New Addition to the Club's Life List

By Dick Dougall



YOU MAY THINK that a lot of study of mushroom books and websites is needed to come up with a new mushroom for addition to the club's Life List. First, a specimen has to be found and brought to a club Identifier or Mycologist. Then they have to carefully study it, maybe with microscopes, to establish its name. This is true in many cases. Other times, the fungus is so unique in its

habitat and appearance that it practically identifies itself.

This was the case on the May 13th club walk at Hartwood Acres. WPMC member Adam Haritan found the "funny" orange growth on the underside of a mayapple leaf (see photo). He brought it back to a group of us who were heading for our cars. No one knew its name, but some people vaguely remembered seeing something like it. I brought the leaf home with me to study more and photograph it.

I had been exchanging emails with a friend who's not in the club. He is interested in mushrooms, but is still a beginner. I sent him an email of the "mayapple fungus." I gave it this descriptive name that we could use to discuss it. Within two hours, he sent me a reply that he had a possible identification. My name "Mayapple Fungus" should be "Mayapple Rust." The webpage he found was an article in *Fungi Magazine* by Britt Bunyard entitled "Mayapple Rust Resurrection." (See www.fungimag.com, go to archives, then look up the Spring 2013 issue.)

The article identifies Mayapple Rust by the scientific name *Allodus podophylli*. I brought this information to the next monthly meeting. La Monte Yarroll and Jim Tunney, Club Mycologists, confirmed the identification. Now this name can be added to the Club's Life List.

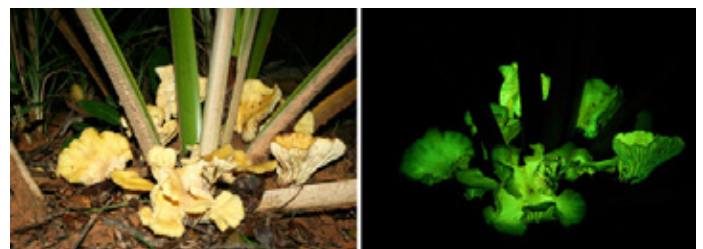
This identification turned out to be a group effort. Because it has a unique habitat, appearance, and could be quickly found on the Internet, it was an easy case. Many of our new mushroom finds require much more effort and time to pin down their identification, sometimes with multiple finds and years of trying.

New Study Available

Why Some Mushrooms Glow In The Dark

A TEAM OF SCIENTISTS recently created some fake, glowing mushrooms and scattered them in a Brazilian forest in hopes of solving an ancient mystery: Why do some fungi emit light? As reported in the journal *Current Biology*, at least one kind of mushroom controls when it glows. It lures bugs that then spread the mushroom's spores throughout the dense forest, where there's little wind.

To read NPR's full report, go to: www.npr.org/2015/03/21/394089178/why-some-mushrooms-glow-in-the-dark.



Walks & Forays 2015



Mushroom Walks 2015

ALL WALKS ARE ON Saturdays, beginning at 10am, unless noted otherwise. Please read carefully for any registration requirements or fees. For directions, updates and other details, visit our website at wpamushroomclub.org.

July 11 Salamander Park, Fox Chapel

Dick Dougall

July 18 North Park

Meet Valerie and Jack Baker at the North Park swimming pool parking lot for our annual Chanterelle Hunt.

July 25 Northmoreland Park, Apollo (Westmoreland Co.)

Meet Joyce Gross at the large parking lot at the end of Northmoreland Road. See Park Map: <http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/1643>

August 1 Hartwood Acres

Barb DeRiso

August 8 North Park

Meet John Stuart at the swimming pool parking lot. This will be a different section of North Park from the July 18th Chanterelle walk.

August 15 Dark Hollow Woods Park, Oakmont

Meet Cecily Franklin at the Dark Hollow Woods Park Entrance. Note: There are no restrooms at Dark Hollow Woods.

August 22 Settlers Cabin Park

Jim Tunney

August 29 Hartwood Acres

Richard Jacob

September 26 Raccoon Creek State Park, Beaver Co.

Dick Dougall

Other Walks & Forays

July 18 / 2:30-4:30pm Riverside Park, Greenville

(Mercer County) Meet John Plischke III at the nature trail by the Nature Center/Kayak Rental Building.

July 24 – 25

West Virginia Mushroom Club Foray, Dry Fork, WV near Canaan Valley State Park. Pre-Foray Workshop Friday afternoon, July 24 by Tradd Cotter; Friday evening presentation by Walt Sturgeon. Gary Lincoff and Max Dubansky on Saturday. For more information and to register, go to www.wvmushroomclub.org.

July 30 – August 2

The 2015 NEMF Samuel Ristich Foray will be hosted by the Connecticut Valley Mycological Society at Connecticut College, New London, CT. Details and updates can be found at NEMF.org.

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 their 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.

WALKS AND FORAYS CHECK LIST:

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

August 14 – 16

Central PA Mushroom Club's **2015 Bill Russell Foray**.

August 28 – 30

4th Joint Appalachian Foray at the Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia

September 18 – 20

15th Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray, Cook Forest State Park & North Park.

September 18 – 20

MAW Annual Sequanota Foray at Jennerstown, PA.

September 24 – 27

The NAMA Foray will be hosted by the Asheville Mushroom Club and the Mushroom Club of Georgia at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Located on 1,200 acres of wooded mountainsides. Asheville Regional Airport is 30 miles away. Alan Bessette will be the Chief Mycologist.

October 2 – 4

Ohio Mushroom Society Fall Foray to be held in Wooster at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center/Secret Arboretum. For more information see www.ohiomushroom.org.



15th Annual Gary Lincoff Mushroom Foray

SPECIAL 3-day event: September 18, 19 & 20, 2015

LOCATIONS: COOK FOREST STATE PARK & NORTH PARK

FEATURING: **Gary Lincoff**, past-president of the North American Mycological Association (NAMA), the nation's best-known mushroom expert and author of the *Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*. **Michael Kuo**, author and principal developer of **MushroomExpert.com**, will join us as a guest speaker and mycologist. **Tom Chulick**, Executive Chef & owner of the Back Door Café in Johnstown will do a cooking demonstration.

For full descriptions of each day's events visit: www.wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/

Register for one, two or three days.

Friday, Sept. 18: Walk led by Gary Lincoff in **Cook Forest State Park**, an 8,500 acre old-growth forest in Cooksburg, Clairon County.

Saturday, Sept. 19: Walks, presentations, auction, book signing, sales, table-walk, mushroom feast. Parish Hill, Allegheny County **North Park**, Walter Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.

Sunday, Sept. 20: Science Sunday in **North Park**. Species identification (microscopes and reagents will be available), along with a program devoted to DNA-based identification of fungi.

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 / Click on the Lincoff Foray tab. Choose the PayPal option.

Register & pay by check (payable to Western PA Mushroom Club): WPMC C/O Barbara DeRiso • 204 Woodcock Dr. • Pittsburgh PA 15215

For more info: Barbara DeRiso, Foray Chair: 412-252-2594 / Lincoff-Foray@wpamushroomclub.org

Select days/events you wish to attend. Indicate the number of persons for each item selected. All fees per person.

Friday, September 18 – Walk in Cook Forest State Park (meet at 7:45am in north park)

lunch option: A box lunch is offered for those who prefer to maximize their time in the forest.

Bus & Lunch (Returns to North Park at 6pm)	\$40 WPMC members	_____ Boxed Lunch	_____ Restaurant Lunch
	\$45 non-members	_____ Boxed Lunch	_____ Restaurant Lunch
Walk only: Transportation & lunch on your own:		_____ \$10 per person	

Saturday, September 19 – FORAY (includes light lunch & mushroom feast) NORTH PARK

_____ \$35 WPMC member _____ \$55 Non-members (includes admission & 2015-16 WPMC Membership)

_____ \$15 Students (with ID) & children 11 to 18. Children 10 & under free.

Sunday, September 20 – Science Sunday (includes light lunch) NORTH PARK

_____ \$30 (members or non-members) Optional Kits \$17.50 each: In-field Chemical Test Kit Microscope Stain Kit

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



Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club

WPMC MEMBERSHIP FORM

2015

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 • Fee 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 www.wpamushroomclub.org to pay using credit card.

Please indicate your newsletter/event announcement preference: Electronic via e-mail Hardcopy via US mail (\$5 additional)

Annual dues: \$15 Individual \$20 Family \$10 Full-time Student Amount enclosed: \$ _____

NOTE: Please add \$5.00 surcharge for hard-copy newsletters to dues amount.

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:
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____

Signed release form will be in effect from date of membership until termination of membership.

WPMC Meetings

Meetings are held at 7 pm on the 3rd Tuesday each month from March through November at
Beechwood Farms
(Audubon Society of Western PA)
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

WPMC Newsletter

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Jim Wasik, Membership Chair

As of June 15, 2015, WPMC is closing in on 500 members; we have 497 members and counting. If you move, change your e-mail address or phone number, please contact me with the updated information. We don't want you to miss important events.

Renew on-line at wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/. Use the renewal form in the newsletter or the interactive application at http://wpamushroomclub.org/club_files/WPMC-membership-form.pdf

membership@wpamushroomclub.org

or mail to:

WPMC Membership c/o Jim Wasik
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Check our website for a complete list of the year's events.

WPMC Yahoo Groups:

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/wpamushroomclub/>

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Fungi, fun and friends!

NEXT MEETINGS:

JULY 21 & AUGUST 18 at 7:00 PM:

Beechwood Farms:

Audubon Society of Western PA

WPMC Goals

- Provide organized walks and forays
- Teach scientific methods of wild mushroom identification
- Explore various art forms including photography, dyeing, and paper-making with mushrooms
- Share mushroom recipes
- Educate members and the public about the many aspects of wild mushrooms

NEVER EAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MUSHROOM

2015 WPMC Photo Contest

IT'S NOT TOO SOON to start taking and collecting photos for the annual photo contest. Please submit clear, well-lit, high-res images for the best representation and reproduction.

- Deadline for submissions: September 30, 2015
- Maximum of 5 entries per WPMC member
- Submit high resolution JPEG files up to 4 megabytes
- Email entries to Rebecca Miller at rmrtreesplease@gmail.com

WPMC Photo Contest Rules:

You must be a member of the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club in good standing to enter. Club dues must be up to date.

Entry Divisions:

Pictorial: Photos that illustrate the beauty and variety of fungi in form and color. Judging criteria include technical and artistic aspects.

Documentary: Photos that portray key morphological characteristics for identification. Subjects may be shot in the field, laboratory or studio. Close-ups of single features and photomicrographs are acceptable. Accurate identification of the subject will be a consideration.

Judge's Option: For photos which do not fit into the pictorial or documentary divisions. For example: fungi in an interesting situation, fungi with animals, people enjoying fungi.

Visit wpamushroomclub.org for complete rules.



2014 Documentary 2nd Place, Cecily Franklin:
Velvet Foot/Enoki (*Flammulina velutipes*)