



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOM CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

EITHER EVERYONE'S morel hunting skills improved at the same time, or it was a great year for yellow morels. I'm banking on the latter. Even in a great year, I would never find huge numbers. For that, I would have to be out in the woods a lot more or go to a Morel hotspot like the Midwest. Still, this was my best year yet, and I put to use many of the morel hunting skills I've learned at WPMC's presentations at Pine Ridge Lodge.

I'm looking forward to Chanterelle and Bolete seasons. The early summer thunderstorms have been rolling through the area every two or three days, and the weather has been warm. We've been finding Boletes on some of our early May walks, and we should start to see Chanterelles popping up by the time you receive this newsletter.

The online catalog of fungi species in the area received a boost when former WPMC President John Stuart donated 2,000 images to it. They include a great collection of milk-cap mushrooms (*Lactarius*), along with some other less frequently observed species. iNaturalist is also doing well, with 27 members having joined the WPMC project and about 250 species identified already.

We are very pleased to announce that WPMC received a *Pittsburgh Magazine* "Best of the 'Burgh" award, under its Business and Education section, for Best Place for Fun with Fungi. This is great recognition for all the time that the volunteers have put into

RICHARD JACOB

WPMC over the years running walks, forays, classes and more. As with any club, it is the volunteers that make it happen. Many of our key volunteers have been donating their time for many years, and we typically draw from the same pool. Because of this, we are always looking for new volunteers to ease the burden and make WPMC run smoothly. If you would like to help, please let a Board member know.

Another announcement is that WPMC has been chosen to be a pilot club for the NAMA MycoFlora 2.0 project. We've been running a DNA barcoding project since 2013, and NAMA takes some of those ideas and tries to bring make some standardized methods available to all of the other mushroom clubs in the country. We'll be testing these methods in the coming months.

Highlights in the next few months include the third BioBlitz at Wingfield Pines and the Chanterelle Walk in North Park. August will take us to the southwestern corner of Pennsylvania for a mushroom hike at Ryerson Station; to Forbes State Forest for an Introduction to Fungi walk with the PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry; and to the lakeshore at Presque Isle State Park. You'll find information about these and other walks in this newsletter.

Due to ongoing construction work at Beechwood Farms, we have relocated the next two monthly meetings, and we've lined up great speakers from the club. See below for more details.

I'm looking forward to Chanterelles for dinner, so here's to a great Summer!

WPMC MONTHLY MEETINGS: *Check upcoming newsletters for updates!*

DUE TO ONGOING CONSTRUCTION at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, the parking lot may not be available for our July and August meetings. Therefore, we have arranged to relocate both meetings, as follows:

The **JULY 18** meeting has been RELOCATED to The Cabin in North Park. WPMC member Scott Pavelle will present "Common Boletes and How to Identify Them."

The **AUGUST 15** meeting has been RELOCATED to the Cooper-Siegel Library in Fox Chapel. WPMC member Judy Mackenroth will discuss and demonstrate mushroom dyes.



North Park Cabin, E Ingomar Rd.



Cooper-Siegel Library, Fox Chapel Rd.

July 18 Common Boletes and How to Identify Them

Speaker: WPMC member Scott Pavelle

This meeting will be held at The Cabin in North Park. East Ingomar Road west of Babcock Blvd.

August 15 Mushroom Dyes

Speaker: WPMC member Judy Mackenroth

This meeting will be held at the Cooper-Siegel Library in Fox Chapel. 403 Fox Chapel Road, 15238 (near Field Club Road).

Sept 19 Capturing Wild Mushroom Cultures

Speaker: Mark Spear

WPMC member Mark Spear will cover basic methods, plate preparation and how to determine if you were successful in your capture. Prior to Mark's presentation, WPMC Grant recipient Dacia Neely will present her research into White Nose Syndrome in Pennsylvania and European bats.

Oct 17 Photo Contest Winners & Election of Officers

Nov 21 Pot Luck Dinner & Member Photos

Registration Now Open for Lincoff Foray

THE 17TH ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF FORAY will be held on Saturday, September 16th at the Rose Barn in Allegheny County North Park. This year's program will be a single-day event (alas, no Cook Forest walk this year!) with guest mycologists Gary Lincoff, author of the *Audubon Guide to Mushrooms of North America*, *The Complete Mushroom Hunter*, *The Joy of Foraging* (and many others), and Robert Chang, Managing Director and Chief Truffle Officer of the American Truffle Company. Chef George Harris will be returning as our guest chef for the cooking demo.

The day will include guided walks, mushroom identification tables, cooking demo, sales table, vendors, author's book signing/Meet & Greet, auction and, of course, the legendary Mushroom Feast. All is included in the price of admission: Club members \$35, non-club members \$55 (includes membership through December 2018). Students and kids (age 11-18) \$10, kids age 10 (and under) free.

Gather up any mushroom-related items you'd like to donate for the auction (contact Cecily Franklin) and/or volunteer to make a dish for the Mushroom Feast (contact Kim Plischke and please note: all foraged mushrooms used in cooking for the Feast must be certified by a club mycologist ahead of time).

We need volunteers for:

- Set-up and clean-up
- Walks
- Sales table
- Cooking
- Hospitality

Registration forms can be found in our newsletter and at the check-in desk for club meetings. You may also register and pay online at the club website: <http://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/>

Hope to see you there!



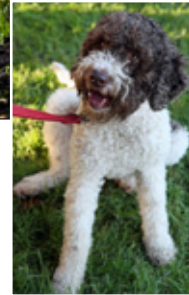
“Falling for Fungi” Mushroom Classes at Harrison Hills

JOIN WPMC IDENTIFIER FLUFF BERGER and other WPMC experts for morning mushroom classes and an afternoon walk at the Harrison Hills Park in Allegheny County on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

Classes will take place in the Environmental Learning Center from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We'll learn about common edible fungi of the autumn season, what to feast upon and what to avoid putting in your pot. Mushrooms are often plentiful in the fall, and a few are easy to identify which add culinary interest to your meals, even throughout the winter!

Bring your own lunch. Then we'll go for a hike on a Harrison Hills trail to practice what we learned in the morning, with the walk leaders pointing out other interesting and unusual fungi.

Watch our website and future newsletters for more information.



Here I am, really “digging” the truffle hunt!

Who Wants Truffles?

By Rico, the Truffle Dog

HI, I'M RICO, the truffle dog. I'm a Lagotto Romagnolo, which is an Italian breed known for our great noses. We're specially bred to hunt for truffles. We think it's fun. People used to use pigs to hunt for truffles, but that didn't work because the pigs would just eat them. Not us! We have fun sniffing, we're rewarded if we find a truffle, and then we get to do it all over again!

My human's name is Bill Collins. He takes me to vineyards in Napa Valley to show people what I can do. Right now we're just sniffing out truffles flown in from Europe, because the California truffles aren't quite ready yet. It takes five to six years for the special filbert trees from American Truffle Company to make truffles. But once they do, oh boy! The human in charge of ATC is Robert Chang. He says that dogs with sharp noses like mine are essential to the success of raising truffles in California.

Editor's Note: Robert Chang, Managing Director and Chief Truffle Officer of the American Truffle Company, will be this year's Guest Mycologist for the Gary Lincoff Foray on September 16.

Reuse, Recycle, Regift!

HAVE AN EXTRA MUSHROOM BOOK? Or a mushroom t-shirt that you'll never wear? Stop feeling guilty and donate it to the Foray auction. We've already received dozens of “treasures,” including books, posters, magazines, and more. All proceeds benefit WPMC. Email Cecily Franklin at: cs4wpmc@gmail.com.

WPMC Has Opening for Sales Committee Chair

WPMC STILL HAS AN OPENING for the Sales Committee Chair. The Sales Chair will set up a table at monthly meetings, the annual Foray, mushroom classes, and other events as requested. Inventory is stored at Beechwood Farms, along with a list of all items and their prices. The Sales Chair will collect cash and checks at each event. A more detailed job description is available on request.

If you are interested in this position, or even if you'd like to help out at one meeting, please notify any WPMC Board member, or email cs4wpmc@gmail.com.

WPMC IN THE NEWS

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Features WPMC Walk on Sycamore Island



WPMC Mycologists Jim Tunney and La Monte Yarroll

The **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette** featured WPMC in its May 13 Magazine section with an article titled “Exploring Sycamore Island: Western PA Mushroom Club examines the Allegheny River island”. Outdoor Editor John Hayes interviewed WPMC Mycologist Jim Tunney in anticipation of our Sycamore Island walk with Allegheny Land Trust on May 21. To read the entire article, visit:

<http://www.post-gazette.com/life/lifestyle/2017/05/13/Sycamore-Island-Allegheny-River-Western-PA-Mushroom-Club/stories/201705130017>

Pittsburgh Magazine Names WPMC “Best of the ‘Burgh”

It’s official! **Pittsburgh Magazine** has named WPMC Best Place for Fun with Fungi in its 2017 “Best of the ‘Burgh” issue. Here’s what they had to say: The Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club’s slogan is “Fungi, fun and friends!” and it aims to provide its members with all three. The club was founded in 2000 to promote the enjoyment and study of wild mushrooms; it holds forays, walks, meetings and classes, and members attend out-of-state events. With more than 30 walks and forays scheduled this year in places such as Presque Isle State Park and Dead Man’s Hollow, the club has plenty to offer its more than 600 members.



Photo by WPMC member Joe Lee

FUNGI Magazine Article Recognizes WPMC’s Efforts in Citizen Science

The Spring 2017 issue of **FUNGI Magazine** includes an extensive article by Bill Sheehan, Ph.D., entitled “Mushroom Citizen Science in USA: From Species Lists to Mycofloras 2.0.” This article recognizes WPMC and several of our members.

Under the heading “Northeast Bolete Consortium,” the article identifies “eight experienced collectors,” including WPMC members **Scott Pavelle** and **John Plischke III**. It specifically mentions Scott’s Bolete Filter, an online “encyclopedia” of North American boletes.

The section on NAMA’s Voucher Sequencing Program recognizes WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll**, who sampled new collections for DNA barcoding at the 2015 Black Mountain Foray.

Under Acknowledgements, WPMC President **Richard Jacob** receives a “special shout-out” for sharing detailed information about WPMC and its programs.

Following is the WPMC section, in its entirety:

“Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club (WPMC): An excellent model has been created by WPMC under the leadership of club president Richard Jacob. Their website excels in thorough explanation and documentation of each step in collection, description and DNA barcoding specimens. The web page Introduction to DNA Barcoding provides a valuable tutorial on the process, as well as links to record-keeping sheets. The club has created detailed binders that can be checked out by members wanting to engage in recording, vouchering and DNA barcoding. Currently, specimens are being sequenced at Duke University for the cost of labor and analyzed by Jacob; sequenced specimens are also stored at the Duke University Herbarium (DUKE). WPMC used the DNA barcoding work and a web-based bolete synoptic key in a project called the Northeast Bolete Consortium (see above). A key challenge to club-led mycoflora projects is illustrated by the fact that WPMC is keeping its extensive specimen documentation in a local database because critical web portals do not communicate with each other.”



<http://www.fungimag.com/>

Click on “Mushroom Citizen Science in USA: From Species Lists to Mycofloras 2.0” to read the full story.

Have These Mushrooms Found You Yet?

If you can name these five mushrooms, you're halfway to your first ID Button!

- ___ Chicken Mushroom ___ Giant Puffball
- ___ Oyster Mushrooms ___ Dryad's Saddle
- ___ Morel



Sarah Banach Becomes Latest WPMC Identifier

At the June meeting, Sarah Banach became WPMC's latest Identifier when she received her "150" ID pin from Dick Dougall. Other members who have recently earned ID buttons are:

- Scott Pavelle 100
- Justyna Ausareny 25
- Rebecca Beck..... 25
- Don Plazek 25
- Caroline Plazek 10

If you'd like to receive recognition for your mushroom identification skills, send your list of known mushrooms to Dick Dougall at mush2prof@verizon.net.

Sarah Banach, our latest Identifier, celebrates with her husband Eric Weber, and two of their sons at the June meeting.

Photo by Cecily Franklin



Photos by Cecily Franklin

ANSWERS ON PAGE 8.

NEVER EAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MUSHROOM!

New Report Available

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released its findings about death cap poisonings in California in its weekly Morbidity and Mortality Report. The article, entitled *Amanita phalloides* Mushroom Poisonings—Northern California, December 2016, documents the reactions in 14 people who consumed death caps within a few days of each other. All 14 victims became violently ill. Fortunately, none of them died. However, three of them needed liver transplants and one of those—an 18-month-old girl—also suffered permanent neurological impairment.

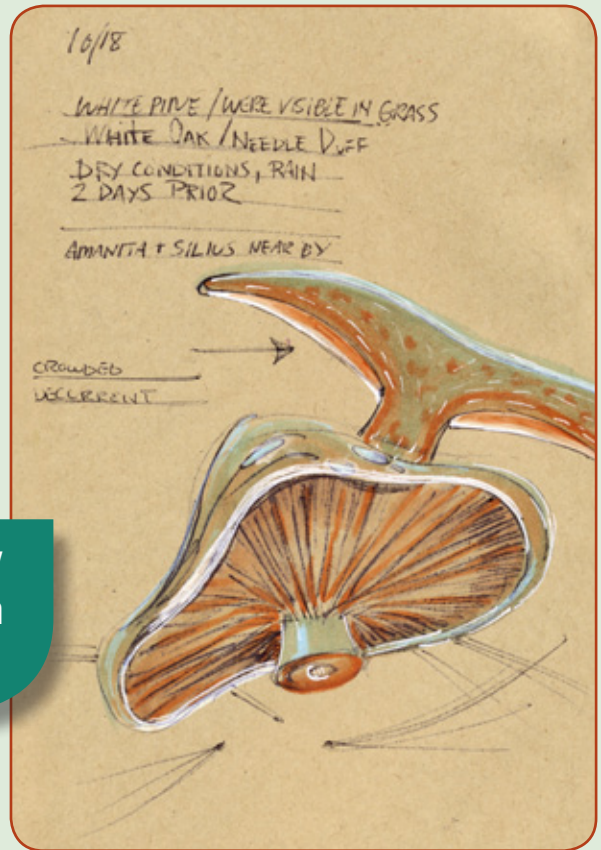
To read the complete report: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6621a1.htm?s_cid=mm6621a1_w#T1_down

Amanita phalloides. Photo taken by John Stuart in Italy





Mycologist Gary Lincoff, author of the *Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*. Gary, Past-president of the North American Mycological Association (NAMA), is the nation's best-known mushroom expert. He is a charismatic and entertaining speaker and makes learning about mushrooms fun and interesting. His end-of-the-day table-walk discussions are not to be missed.



Mushroom illustrations by artist and WPMC identifier Sarah Banach will be used this year for the Foray advertising. Sarah is creating a unique painting specifically for the poster that will be produced in July. Thank you Sarah for lending your extraordinary talent!

17th Annual Gary Lincoff Mushroom Foray Saturday, September 16, 2017 • 8am - 7pm Rose Barn, North Park

Also joining us will be **Robert Chang**, Managing Director and Chief Truffle Officer of the American Truffle Company. **Chef George Harris**, who specializes in cooking wild mushrooms and wild game, will do a cooking demonstration and Mushroom Club cooks will prepare a mushroom feast with dozens of unique mushroom dishes to delight your taste buds.

Gary Lincoff photo by Adam Haritan

It's Time to Focus on WPMC's 2017 Photo Contest

Deadline for Submissions:

- September 30, 2017
- Maximum of 5 entries per WPMC member
- Submit high resolution JPEG files up to 4 megabytes
- Email entries to RMiller.fungi@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:

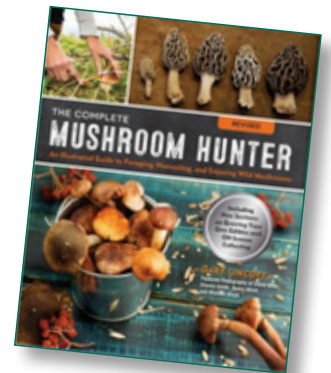
Pictorial: This division is for single photos that illustrate the beauty and variety of fungi in form and color.

Documentary: For single photographs especially suited as illustrations in a field guide or monograph, or for use in a lecture.

Judge's Option: For photos which do not fit into the pictorial or documentary divisions.

Gary Lincoff's Latest Book Now Available

ISBN-13: 9781631593017
Publisher: Quarry Books
Publication date: 06/15/2017
Edition description: Revised
Pages: 208



Gary Lincoff has just come out with his newly-revised version of *The Complete Mushroom Hunter: An Illustrated Guide to Foraging, Harvesting, and Enjoying Wild Mushrooms*. This new book contains the same photos and contents as the previous edition, but includes three new appendices:

- Mushroom Cultivation
- Incredible Edibles
- Winter Hunting

This book is now available at Amazon and other retailers.

WPMC Walks & Presentations

ALL WALKS ARE ON SATURDAYS, beginning at 10:00am, unless noted otherwise. Please read carefully for any registration requirements or fees. We're always adding new walks to the WPMC website at www.wpamushroomclub.org/events so check back often for updates, directions, and much more!

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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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



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.

Mushroom Walks

July 8 Wingfield Pines (Upper St. Clair) BioBlitz #3

Join Allegheny Land Trust to catalog the different species found at Wingfield Pines. Meet in the parking lot. For more information, including trail map, directions & video, visit: <http://alleghenylandtrust.org/green-space/wingfield-pines/>

July 15 Dark Hollow Woods, Oakmont

Meet **Cecily Franklin** and WPMC Identifier **Blaine Sanner** at the Pennsylvania Ave. entrance to Dark Hollow Woods. Choose between the level Memorial Trail loop and the more adventurous Spring Trail down into the hollow. NOTE: There are no restrooms at Dark Hollow Woods.

July 22 North Park, Annual Chanterelle Walk

Meet WPMC Identifier **Jack Baker** at the Swimming Pool parking lot.

July 29 Deer Lakes Park, Dorothy Fornof Memorial Walk

Meet WPMC Identifier and Past-President **Dick Dougall** in the parking lot between the first two lakes.

August 5 Ryerson Station, Greene County

Meet WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** and PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) Environmental Education Specialist **Andy Lariviere** in the Maple Grove Day Use Area parking lot near Pavilion 2.

August 19 North Park - Garden in the Park

Garden in the Park is held at the corner of Babcock Blvd. and Wildwood Road. WPMC will have a booth displaying some mushrooms found in the area. This is always a very popular event where we explain the fungi displayed, talk about WPMC, and promote the Lincoff Foray. We invite WPMC members to come by with mushroom samples and, if possible, help at the display table (bring a chair to sit on). Hopefully we will lead a walk in the area that day as well.

August 20 Forbes State Forest, Introduction to Fungi Walk

Meet **Rachael Mahony** from the PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry and WPMC President **Richard Jacob** for this Introduction to Fungi walk. Join us for a two-mile hike through the forest, where we will discuss different types of mushrooms, from polypores to gilled mushrooms and everything in between, what they eat, where they live and how they reproduce. Exact meeting point and walk location will be finalized closer to the event. Check website for details.

August 26 Presque Isle State Park, Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Erie, PA

Meet **Mark Lethaby** from the Natural History Museum at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center and WPMC President **Richard Jacob** for a walk at Presque Isle State Park. As far as we know, this will be the first fungal foray of Presque Isle. There are a number of environments, ranging from beaches and shoreline; sandy plain and ponds; sand dunes and ridges; marshes and old ponds; heath and sub-climax forest; and the climax forest. Very different environments from Pittsburgh, so we should find a number of species of mushrooms new to the Club. Meeting point is the Tom Ridge Environmental Center. Since we plan to drive into the park, the walk may run over the normal two hours and we recommend bringing a lunch. It will take over two hours to drive from Pittsburgh, but the location is beautiful and worth a day trip.

Sept. 2 Pleasant Valley Park, Joint with Friends of Murrysville Parks

Meet **Pia van de Venne** and WPMC President **Richard Jacob** at the Pleasant Valley parking lot. The park consists of 262 acres of woodlands, open fields, hilltops and remote valleys.

Sept. 23 ALL DAY – Harrison Hills Park

Join us for morning classes and an afternoon walk at Harrison Hills Park in Allegheny County. (See page 2.)

Sept. 30 Wingfield Pines (Upper St. Clair) BioBlitz #4

See July 8 listing for more information.

October 7 South Park

Join WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** and South Park Naturalist **Gordon Fenn** at the South Park Nature Center for the annual Parks Department walk.

October 21 Fungus Among Us Walk with Allegheny Land Trust, Dead Man's Hollow (McKeesport)

Meet ALT and WPMC to explore Dead Man's Hollow. You will need to preregister for this walk; details forthcoming. WPMC members are free but you will need to bring your membership card; non-members are \$5. For more information, including trail map and directions, visit: <http://alleghenylandtrust.org/green-space/dead-mans-hollow/>

October 28 Chatham University Eden Hall Campus

This is a return visit to the Eden Hall. We found a wide range of species there last year and hope to find a number of different fall species on this walk.

Other Walks & Forays

July 15-16 Ohio Mushroom Society, Lake Hope State Park

<https://ohiomushroomsociety.wordpress.com/events/>

July 21-22 WV Mushroom Club, Dry Fork, WV

<https://www.wvmushroomclub.net/annual-foray>

July 27-30 Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF)

2017 Samuel Ristich Foray, Stratton Mountain Resort, Bondville VT
<http://www.nemf.org/index.html>

August 4-6 Eastern Penn, Mt. Alto, PA

<http://www.epennmushroomers.org/the-keystone-cap.html>

August 10-13 Arizona Mushroom Society

2017 NAMA Regional Foray, Sunrise Park Resort
<https://www.arizonamushroomsociety.org/2017-NAMA-Regional-Foray>

August 11-13 Central Pennsylvania Mushroom Club

2017 Bill Russell Foray, Lock Haven University
<http://www.centralpamushroomclub.com/foray.html>

Sept. 1-4 Connecticut-Westchester Mycological Association (COMA)

Clark Rogerson Foray, Camp Hemlocks, Hebron, CT
<http://www.comafungi.org/special-events/clark-rogerson-foray/>

Sept. 7-10 North American Mycological Association (NAMA)

2017 Northwoods Foray, Lakewood Resort & Lodge, Cable WI
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/285807945121717/>

Sept. 16 16th Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray

North Park

Sept. 22-24 Ohio Mushroom Society

Camp Asbury in Hiram
<https://ohiomushroomsociety.wordpress.com/events/>

Interested in leading a mushroom walk?

Know of a good mushrooming location?

Contact La Monte Yarroll or John Plischke III.

Meetings are held at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of each month from March thru November at Beechwood Farms: Audubon Society of Western PA, 614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE FREE AND INCLUDE A MUSHROOM DISPLAY TABLE STAFFED BY EXPERT IDENTIFIERS.

Membership Report

Thank you to all WPMC Members who have joined or renewed for 2017. We recently surpassed 600 members on the Club's way to breaking the record of 650 members in 2016. Please encourage your friends and families to join WPMC and enjoy the great outdoors, foraging for nature's bounty.

Although dues may be PAST DUE, there is still time to continue your WPMC membership. Please renew on-line at <http://wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/>

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.

WPMC's Non-Profit Status Makes Donations Tax-Deductible

Looking for a way to support WPMC beyond paying your annual dues? Make a donation anytime; it's tax-deductible 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 club Treasurer, Barbara DeRiso.

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 our newsletters may only be used in other non-profit publications with expressed permission and with appropriate acknowledgements.

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mushroom identification answers: 1 Dryad's Saddle
2 Oyster Mushrooms 3 Morel
4 Chicken Mushroom 5 Giant Puffball

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17TH ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF MUSHROOM FORAY SEPT. 16, 2017 • ROSE BARN • NORTH PARK

Featuring:

Mycologist Gary Lincoff, author of the *Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*. Gary, Past-president of the North American Mycological Association (NAMA), is the nation's best-known mushroom expert. He is a charismatic and entertaining speaker and makes learning about mushrooms fun and interesting. His end-of-the-day table-walk discussions are not to be missed. Also joining us will be **Robert Chang**, Managing Director and Chief Truffle Officer of the American Truffle Company. **Chef George Harris**, who specializes in cooking wild mushrooms and wild game, will do a cooking demonstration and Mushroom Club cooks will prepare a mushroom feast with dozens of unique mushroom dishes to delight your taste buds.

Rose Barn in Allegheny County North Park, Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101
Saturday, September 16 – Foray includes light lunch & mushroom feast.

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

_____ \$35 WPMC member _____ \$55 Non-members (includes admission & 2017-18 WPMC Membership)
_____ \$15 Students (with ID) & children 11 to 18. Children 10 & under free.

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: <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: Barbara DeRiso, Foray Chair: 412-252-2594 / 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

2017

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 www.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)

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: _____
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4 _____ 4 _____