



Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Newsletter

Fungi, Fun & Friends!

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President's Message

Barbora Batokova

AS EARLY SUMMER kicked off, we've had a strong start to the mushroom season thanks to the warm spring, which was ranked as 13th warmest in the 130-year record. We've had some amazing sightings (and collections) of the magnificent *Boletus edulis* and related boletes. Unfortunately, the recent heat wave means mushroom growth will likely slow down until we receive some significant rainfall. Let's hope for some showers soon, so we can look forward to the emergence of chanterelles and more boletes.

We had an excellent presentation by chanterelle expert **Rachel Swenie, PhD**, who taught us about chanterelles in our region and how to identify them. I definitely learned a few new species: *Cantharellus corallinus* which is very similar to *Cantharellus cinabarinus*, and then *Cantharellus altipes*, which has ridges on the underside, unlike the widely encountered and collected *Cantharellus flavolateritius* (smooth chanterelle). Both of these species are likely unreported on iNaturalist, and I am looking forward to paying more attention to the chanterelles I find, consulting the "Key to Southern Appalachian Chanterelles" Rachel developed. To get a copy of the key, email Rachel at rswenie@fas.harvard.edu.

As I write this, we're getting ready for our annual Mushroom Education Day at Powdermill Nature Reserve, and you can look forward to a report in the next newsletter. In July we'll welcome **Dana Driscoll, PhD** to teach us about medicinal fungi and double extraction tinctures, while in August you can look forward to **Bill Yule**, who will speak about fungal/animal interactions.

Stay cool, stay safe, and happy hunting!

2024 Meeting Schedule

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, WPMC meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month from March through November at the Frick Environmental Center. Each meeting features updates on club activities, a speaker/presentation, mushroom identification table, and mushroom-related merchandise for sale. Meetings are free and open to the public. NOTE: Parking under the solar panels will be limited due to construction. Attendees may park around the entrance or on Beechwood Blvd. Pets are not permitted inside the Frick Environmental Center. Service dogs are welcome.

If you can't be there in person, check this website on the night of the meeting to watch live: <https://www.facebook.com/WPAMC>

The streams are also being archived on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/WesternPennsylvaniaMushroomClub>

JULY 16: Medicinal Mushrooms of Western PA & Making a Double Extraction Tincture by Dana Driscoll

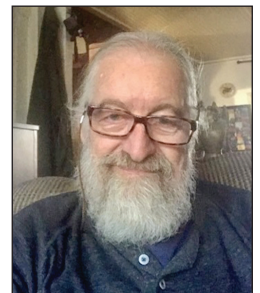
Pennsylvania is one of the best places to find medicinal mushrooms in North America, and we have a very diverse set of medicinal mushrooms. WPMC member **Dana Driscoll** will cover the local medicinal mushrooms and their healing properties, including the best ways of preparing and using their medicine. The presentation will place an emphasis on the most potent kind of medical mushroom preparation: the double-extracted tincture. Dana will demonstrate each step of the double extract tincture-making process.

Editor's Note: If you wear your 2023 Lincoff Foray T-Shirt to the meeting, you'll be wearing a "Dana Driscoll" design.



AUGUST 20: Bugs, Slugs, and Mushroom Thugs: Fungal/Animal Interactions by Bill Yule

Bill Yule explores the interconnections and coevolutionary trends among fungi and other organisms within forest ecosystems from a bio-centric, rather than a human-centric point of view. Fungi have coevolved with all the other members of forest ecosystems, and these interconnections represent the dynamic diversity that illuminates healthy, functioning forests.



SEPT. 17: From Forest to Database: Documenting Fungal Diversity on iNat & DNA Recap from Lincoff Foray by Cara Coulter

OCT. 15: Photo Contest Results by Sara Klingensmith, Photography Chair Election of Officers

NOV. 19: Potluck & Annual WPMC Awards



Interview with Mark Spear and Rebecca Miller

By Dawn Wehman

LIKE OTHER EARLY WPMC members, **Mark Spear** and **Rebecca Miller** first learned about the club from a notice in the newspaper in 2000 and decided to attend Mushroom Mania at Beechwood Farms. They got lost and showed up late, but after being welcomed by **John Plischke III** and **Joyce Gross**, Mark and Rebecca were hooked.

Commercial spawn cultivators by trade, Mark and Rebecca met at the University of Maine and knew people in the mushroom industry at Penn State when they relocated to Kittanning, where they still do business and reside. At one of the WPMC meetings in 2001, they brought oyster mushroom grow kits and did the club's first meeting on cultivation for over 100 people. "Everyone was so excited! We loved the people! There were just so many interesting personalities and they all had one thing in common—mushrooms!" said Rebecca.

Admittedly not as good at field identification, Mark and Rebecca participated in the club by supplying the spawn for the annual cultivation meeting for years. "We were always interested in waste products and positive ways to reuse them," said Mark. Today they supply spawn to companies who turn it into biodegradable alternatives to plastic and other companies that grow the spawn into mycelium bacon and other meat-free ingredients. All from a lab just North of Pittsburgh!

Editor's Note: Mark Spear and Rebecca Miller earned the WPMC President's Award in 2018.



(left) Mark Spear and Rebecca Miller in 2003 (right) Rebecca at the 2021 cultivation meeting

WPMC Awards ID Buttons



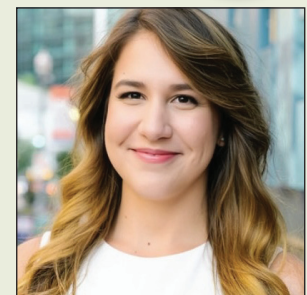
Owen Reeder



Liz Cornish



Sara McGinity



Marissa Kolarosky

THE FOLLOWING WPMC members were recently awarded ID Buttons for their ability to identify mushroom species: **Owen Reeder** (10), **Liz Cornish** (25), **Sara McGinity** (25), and **Marissa Kolarosky** (25). Congratulations to all!

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

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



City Nature Challenge Fungal Findings Recap

By Barbora Batokova

FUNGI MAKE UP ONE of life's kingdoms, and yet we've documented less than ten percent of the species. Just like plants and animals, fungi are under threat like never before from habitat loss, pollution, and climate change. It is likely that many fungal species will become extinct before we can catalog and map them. By documenting fungal diversity, we can better understand their ecological roles, utilize their benefits in various fields, and ensure their conservation for future generations.

This is where events like the City Nature Challenge (held from April 26-29) come in. It brings together nature enthusiasts, citizen scientists, and professional researchers to observe and document biodiversity in urban areas. During this year's challenge in the Pittsburgh region, participants made a total of 10,041 observations, covering 1,755 different species across kingdoms. The event drew 641 observers and 556 identifiers, showcasing a collaborative effort to uncover and document urban biodiversity. Among these observations, fungi held a significant presence with 668 observations, covering 174 species.

Top Species Highlight

Several fungal species stood out during the challenge. The top observed species were:

- *Allodus podophylli* (Mayapple Rust) with 30 observations
- *Cerioporus squamosus* (Dryad's Saddle) with 29 observations
- *Flavoparmelia caperata* (Common Greenshield Lichen) with 23 observations



Morel by Robert Bosiljevac



Orange mycena by Fluff Berger



Dryad's Saddle by Cherrie Cornmesser

- *Parmotrema hypotropum* (Powdered Ruffle Lichen) with 12 observations
- *Pluteus cervinus* (Deer Mushroom) with 11 observations

To my surprise, the mayapple rust takes the top spot, though this fungal parasite, which forms tiny bright orange pustules on the underside of leaves of mayapple, is quite common. The top five also include some of the most common and widespread macro-fungi in our area this time of year: the dryad's saddle, an edible polypore that grows on hardwoods (especially barkless elms) and the deer mushroom, a saprotrophic agaric that is edible, though not particularly delicious or sought-after! Finally, it's great to see two lichen species make the top five: the common greenshield lichen, a foliose lichen that grows on the bark of trees (and occasionally on rock) and the powdered ruffle lichen, which grows on hardwoods in open woods and roadsides in eastern US.

Recognizing Top Observers

The top fungal observers who significantly contributed to the event were largely members and current or former officers of our club! Thank you for your time and effort!

- **Cherrie Cornmesser:** 71 observations, 40 species identified
- **Stephen Bucklin:** 66 observations, 40 species identified
- **Fluff Berger:** 45 observations, 33 species identified
- **Julie Travaglini:** 33 observations, 24 species identified
- **quarry-sanctuary:** 28 observations, 9 species identified

The City Nature Challenge exemplifies the power of community science, bringing together people from all walks of life to contribute to our understanding of urban biodiversity. The fungal observations this year made up 6.65% percent of all observations, and as WPMC members, we should take pride in the significant participation this year!



WPMC Scholarship Committee Awards Grant

By Sierra Weir

PRASANTH PRAKASH PRABHU is the latest recipient of the WPMC Scholarship Award to support his dissertation work at Clark University in Massachusetts. He will be using the funds to generate genome sequences of *Hohenbuehelia canadensis* and *Resupinatus alboniger* to investigate the nematode-trapping behaviors that are unique to each genus within *Pleurotaceae*. The genes and evolution associated with nematophagy in basidiomycetes are completely unknown, but recent studies are indicating that *Resupinatus* is a close relative to *Pleurotaceae* and therefore a great model for comparative phylogenomic analysis.

We look forward to hearing more about his research!



2024 Gary Lincoff Foray

REGISTRATION IS QUICKLY filling up for the 24th annual Gary Lincoff Foray on Saturday, September 21, at the Economy VFD Banquet Hall in Sewickley.

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

This is a NEW venue for WPMC:

Economy VFD Banquet Hall
3308 Conway Wallrose Rd
Sewickley, PA 15143

Activities will include:

- Guided morning walks at nearby parks
- Afternoon speakers
- Mushroom display tables
- Auction & Sales
- Cooking Demonstration
- Mushroom Feast
- Table Walk



Two Free Optional Pre-Foray Walks

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 7:30 P.M. – Fluorescent Foray at Cook Forest State Park. Meet WPMC Mycologist **Stephen Bucklin** at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Center at the entrance to the Forest Cathedral. There is no charge for this walk, but you will be responsible for your own transportation and lodging. We recommend staying in the area if you're attending the Fluorescent Foray and coordinating with friends to find a campsite. The Ridge Campground at Cook Forest is an affordable option.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 10:00 A.M. – Pre-Foray Walk at Cook Forest State Park. Meet WPMC experts and Park Ranger **Dale Luthringer** at Shelter 2. There is no charge for this walk, but you will be responsible for your own transportation and lunch.

New WPMC Member Will Present Cooking Demo



THIS YEAR'S COOKING demonstration will be presented by new WPMC member **Bryony (Bee) Hensel**. Bee joined WPMC at the May Cultivation Meeting and was assigned Membership No. 3,000! She recently moved to Pittsburgh and is currently one of the chefs at The Oaklander Hotel. Bee learned to cook in New Orleans under Chef Susan Spicer at Bayona in the French Quarter. She's been into mushrooms and foraging for about 15 years.

Foray Cooks & Volunteers Needed

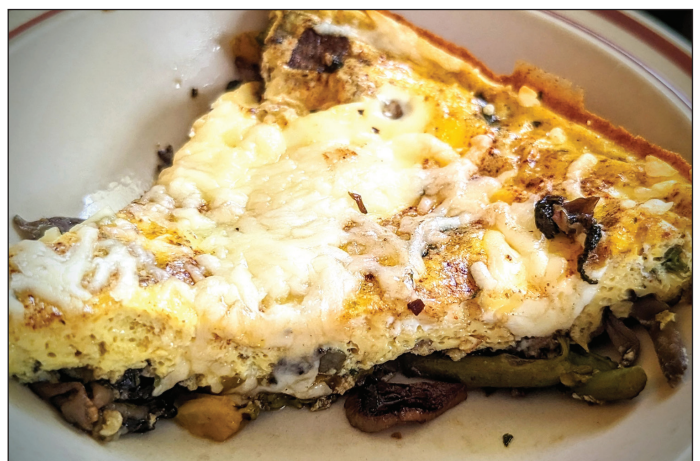
By Mike Henry

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

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

Anytime is the perfect time to think about what to bring, with so many delicious mushrooms all around us. We will also need volunteers to assist with setup, teardown and other tasks.

Please contact **Mike Henry** if you are interested in bringing a dish or volunteering for other kitchen duties at forayfood@wpamushroomclub.org.



Inky cap, asparagus and pepper frittata by Mike Henry



This Year's Auction Will Knock Your Socks Off!

LOTS OF DONATIONS are coming in for this year's auction/raffle. We'll have mushroom books, magazines, posters, and lots of home décor. Some of our members will be donating original artwork. There will even be four different pairs of mushroom socks! Raffle tickets will again be \$1 each, so bring along some extra cash or a credit card.

If you would like to donate a mushroom-related item to this year's auction, call **Kathy Gilotty** at 412-445-3121 or email Past President **Cecily Franklin** at cs4wpmc@gmail.com.



Look Great While You Support WPMC!

SHOW YOUR WPMC pride by purchasing customized club gear from spreadshop.com. The WPMC Merch Store offers many products with the WPMC logo, including shirts of various styles, hats, mugs, aprons, tote bags, and more.



Whether it's for men, women, or toddlers, you get to choose the size and color! Buy for yourself or as one-of-a-kind gifts.



All purchases benefit WPMC, so get started at this link:
<https://western-pa-mushroom-club.myspreadshop.com/>

Lincoff Foray Guest Mycologists

SIGRID JAKOB

Sigrid Jakob, President of the New York Mycological Society, will present "DNA Sequencing for Non-Scientists". DNA sequencing has become an integral part of modern mycology. It is not only helping with the classification of fungi but has revolutionized our understanding of the fungal tree of life. Sigrid's talk will take us through the many uses (and abuses) of DNA sequencing. It will explain how DNA sequencing works, explain the different methodologies (Sanger and Nanopore sequencing), what it takes to set up a lab, and how to integrate molecular methods with the documenting and collecting that mushroom clubs are already doing. It will also showcase the relevance of DNA sequencing to support the conservation of rare and threatened fungi. She'll finish by looking at some of the more interesting discoveries from her own and her club's collections that DNA sequencing has helped to uncover. This talk is targeted at everybody—no scientific background required!



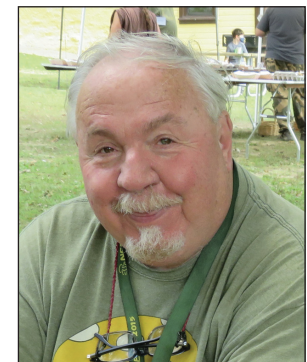
HANNAH HUBER

Hannah Huber, Conservation Mycologist for the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program, will discuss "Conserving our Fungal Heritage." In 1973, the Endangered Species Act was passed, just four years after fungi were recognized as a distinct Kingdom separate from plants, and apparently not enough time for the authors of the Act to think to include fungi. While two lichens achieved federal listing later, fungi have been mostly without protection. This talk will describe the status of fungal conservation, key initiatives, and the role of subnational natural heritage programs (like Pennsylvania's) in assessing and monitoring fungal species. This talk will also highlight the work that is unfolding in Pennsylvania with the unmatched energy of the state's mycology community to carefully document species that may be rare, at risk of decline, or introduced and spreading.



WALT STURGEON

Walt Sturgeon, author of *Appalachian Mushrooms* and *Mushrooms of the Northeast*, will join us on Friday at Cook Forest and Saturday in Sewickley. Walt will help us to identify mushrooms and will discuss our finds on Saturday.



Get Your Cameras & Cellphones Ready

ONCE AGAIN, WPMC Identifier **Sara Klingensmith** will judge members' photos for our annual Photo Contest. Here are the Photo Contest rules for this year:

- Deadline for Submissions: September 30, 2024
- Maximum of 5 Entries per WPMC member
- Submit high resolution JPEG files
- Rename images before submitting, using name and subject, e.g., "Joe Smith morel.jpg"
- Email entries to Sara Klingensmith at pamushroomclubphotos@gmail.com.
- Indicate in your email the desired category for each photo.

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

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/photo-galleries/annual-wpmc-photo-contest/>



WPMC member Cindi takes a photo at Beaver Meadows in June. Photo by Cara Coulter

Out & About with WPMC



Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage

On May 11, WPMC President **Barbora Batokova** and PA Mushroom Company's **Espo Wilcox** led a mushroom walk at Cook Forest for the Clarion Conservation District.

On May 31 and June 1, WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor** led two mushroom walks at the annual Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage in Allegheny State Forest in Cattaraugus County, New York.

On June 2, WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** led a mushroom walk and Past President **Jim Wasik** hosted a table at the annual Phipps BioBlitz at Schenley Park. In addition, WPMC Lichen Specialist **Stephen Bucklin** led a lichen exploration walk for Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy. For a listing of all Fungi & Mushrooms found, go to:

<https://www.phipps conservatory.org/blog/detail/biopgh-blog-bioblitz-2024-results>

On June 15, WPMC Mycologist **John Plischke** led a mushroom walk and presented a slide show entitled "Edible Mushrooms & How to Prepare Them" at the Summer Solstice Campout 2024 in Stoneboro, PA.

On June 22, WPMC Mycologists **John and Kim Plischke** led a mushroom walk and gave a cultivation workshop at Blue Knob State Park in Bedford County for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.



WPMC in the News

WPMC PRESIDENT **Barbora Batokova** was interviewed by three periodicals regarding her new book.

The Philadelphia Inquirer MARCH 18, 2024:

Don't fear the wild mushroom: Pennsylvania woman wants to demystify mycology

<https://www.inquirer.com/food/mushroom-foraging-pennsylvania-barbora-batokova-20240318.html>

CityPaper APRIL 8, 2024:

New book offers mushroom hunting tips for Western PA locals

<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/arts-entertainment/barbora-batokova-educates-budding-foragers-with-her-new-book-hunting-mushrooms-how-to-safely-identify-forage-and-cook-wild-fungi-25721382>



Embracing Mushrooms with the Fungi Woman

<https://www.paeats.org/feature/fungi-woman/>

Observer-Reporter APRIL 2024:

WPMC Identifier **Jared White** led a mushroom walk at Mingo Creek County Park with a reporter from the *Observer-Reporter* newspaper. View the photo-essay here:

<https://katherinemansfield.substack.com/p/the-great-mushroom-forage>



Day and time for walks vary. Note any registration requirements or fees. Check the website at www.wpamushroomclub.org/events for updates, directions, and more. If you would like to lead a WPMC walk, or if you know a great walk location, please email WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** at joshmowris@yahoo.com.



WPMC Walks & Events

SUNDAY, JULY 7: 10:00 AM

Headwaters Park, 1927 Wager Road, Erie, PA 16509

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Stephen Bucklin** at the parking area near the Erie County Conservation District office. Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Sycamore Island Mushroom Hunt / Allegheny Land Trust Steel City Rowing Club, 101 Arch Street, Verona, PA 15147

Join ALT staff and WPMC identifiers for a mushroom hunting trip to Sycamore Island. The boat (provided by Allegheny Cleanways) will begin transferring participants from Steel City Rowing Club to the island at 9:00 am and will bring everyone back by 11:30 am for the identification table. NO WALK INS will be permitted. We will not be foraging for food on this hike. \$25 for ages 3 to adult (includes round-trip boat ride). Purchase tickets here:

<https://alleghenylandtrust.org/event/sycamore-island-mushroom-hunt/>

SATURDAY, JULY 27: 12 – 3 PM

Schenley Park with Phipps Conservatory

Meet at the Center for Sustainable Landscapes Classroom at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Join WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter** for a mushroom talk and ID walk at Schenley Park. After a short introductory lecture on fungi, participants will look for mushrooms on one of the Schenley Park trails and collect specimens for an ID table. We will then provide detailed information about the fungi that we collected, discussing things like identification features, and explaining safe foraging practices. We may even select some of the specimens for DNA (giving credit to the finder, of course.) This walk will continue rain or shine, so wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Tickets are \$20 for Phipps members and \$25 for non-members.

Register here: <https://my.conservatory.org/7403>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

South Park Garden in the Park with Penn State Master Gardeners

South Park Theater, Brownsville Road and Corrigan Drive

WPMC Identifier **Jared White** will host a WPMC table at South Park Garden in the Park, along with WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** and other WPMC members. Stop by and help us find mushrooms for the display table.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

North Country Trail, Parker, PA (Butler County)

Meet WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** at the trailhead of State Game Lands 95 for a mushroom walk during the Summer Continental Mycoblitiz. Free and open to the public. No registration required.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Oil Creek State Park (Venango County) 305 State Park Road, Oil City, PA 16301

Meet WPMC Identifiers **Dawn Wehman** and **Beth Ace** in the parking lot at Oil Creek State Park for a Sunday morning mushroom walk. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/jMix4Q3XRBDx31Xy5>

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Beginner's Mushroom ID Hike with Allegheny Land Trust Devil's Hollow, 193 Sevin Road, Sewickley, 15143

Join ALT staff and WPMC Identifier **Julie Travaglini** for a mushroom hike and ID table at Devil's Hollow. Hike runs rain or shine. NO WALK INS will be permitted. This is not a traditional guided hike. After a brief introduction, guests will be looking for mushrooms on their own before reconvening for an ID table and discussion at the end. As this hike is beginner friendly, we will be using the mushrooms' common names and looking at distinguishing features to begin identifying mushrooms.

Please wear shoes that are water friendly! Part of the trail at Devil's Hollow crosses a very small, shallow stream and depending on how much rain we've received, your shoes may get wet! We will not be foraging for food on this hike or discussing edibility. \$5 for ages 3 to adult; no charge for children ages 2 and under. Purchase tickets here:

<https://alleghenylandtrust.org/event/beginners-mushroom-id-hike-4/>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Fungi 101 Talk & Walk with Allegheny Land Trust

Fern Hollow Nature Center, 1901 Glen Mitchell Road, Sewickley

Join ALT staff and WPMC Identifier **Julie Travaglini** for a mushroom talk and ID walk at Fern Hollow Nature Center during the City Nature Challenge. After a short introductory lecture on fungi, participants will look for mushrooms around Fern Hollow and collect specimens for an ID table. Hike runs rain or shine. NO WALK INS will be permitted. As this hike is beginner friendly, we will be using the mushrooms' common names and looking at distinguishing features to begin identifying mushrooms. We will not be foraging for food on this hike or discussing edibility. Tickets are \$10 for ages 3 and up; tickets not required for children ages 2 and under. Register here:

<https://alleghenylandtrust.networkforgood.com/events/72717-fungi-101-talk-and-walk-fern-hollow-nature-center>

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WPMC Walks, continued

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: 7:30 PM

Fluorescent Foray at Cook Forest (Clarion County)

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Stephen Bucklin** at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Center at the entrance to the Forest Cathedral. There is no charge for this walk, but you will be responsible for your own transportation and lodging.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: 10 AM

Pre-Foray Walk at Cook Forest (Clarion County)

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 5-7:00 P.M.

Beginner's Mushroom ID Hike with Allegheny Land Trust

Wingfield Pines Conservation Area, Mayview Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Join ALT staff and WPMC Identifier **Julie Travaglini** for a mushroom hike and ID table at Wingfield Pines. Hike runs rain or shine. NO WALK INS will be permitted. This is not a traditional guided hike. After a brief introduction, guests will be looking for mushrooms on their own before reconvening for an ID table and discussion at the end. As this hike is beginner friendly, we will be using the mushrooms' common names and looking at distinguishing features to begin identifying mushrooms. We will not be foraging for food on this hike or discussing edibility. Tickets are \$5 for ages 3 and up; tickets not required for children ages 2 and under. Register here:

<https://alleghenylandtrust.networkforgood.com/events/72718-beginner-s-mushroom-id-hike>

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 4-6:30 P.M.

Slightly Spooky Mushroom Walk with Allegheny Land Trust Dead Man's Hollow (near Boston Ballfield) 1906 Donner St, McKeesport

Join ALT staff and WPMC Identifier **Julie Travaglini** for a mushroom hike at Dead Man's Hollow. This slightly spooky hike will include the haunted history of Dead Man's Hollow as we walk 0.9 mile along the Great Allegheny Passage to enter the ruins of the Hollow to look for fungi. COSTUMES WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED (just make sure you can hike comfortably in your costume)! Hike runs rain or shine. NO WALK-INS will be permitted. We will not be foraging for food on this hike or discussing edibility. Tickets are \$5 for ages 3 and up. Purchase tickets here:

<https://alleghenylandtrust.networkforgood.com/events/72721-slightly-spooky-mushroom-walk>

WPMC 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.

**NEVER EAT AN UNIDENTIFIED
MUSHROOM!**

Other Walks, Forays & Events

JULY 26 – 28

Ohio Mushroom Society Summer Foray Lake Hope State Park

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

JULY 28 – AUGUST 3

Eagle Hill Institute (Eastern Maine)

Identification Skills for the New Mushroomer: Foraging for Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms — **Greg Marley** and **Michaeline Mulvey**

<https://eaglehill.us/programs/sems-weeklong/flyers-weeklong-pdfs/2024-MarleyMulvey.pdf>

AUGUST 2 – 4

10th Annual Mycofest Mushroom & Arts Festival Centre Hall, PA

<https://www.mycofest.net/>

AUGUST 9 – 18

Summer Continental MycoBlitz

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/summer-continental-mycoblitz-2024>

AUGUST 15 – 18

West Virginia Mushroom Club Annual Foray Blackwater Falls State Park

<https://www.wvmushroomclub.net/2019-foray-registration>

AUGUST 24

Elk County Flora Funga Festival Twin Lakes Recreation Area, Wilcox, PA

<https://visitpago.com/events/elk-county-flora-funga-festival/>

AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 2

Mycological Association of Washington, DC Sequanota Foray, Boswell, PA

<https://mawdc.org/Forays>

SEPTEMBER 5 – 8

11th Annual Northwoods Foray Lake Namakagon, WI

<https://www.wisconsinmycologicalsociety.org/>

SEPTEMBER 12 – 15

Ohio Mushroom Festival Hammondsville, OH

<https://www.ohiomushroomfestival.com/events/ohio-mushroom-festival-2024>

SEPTEMBER 21

24th Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray Economy VFD Banquet Hall 3308 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley

See pages 4 & 5 for more information.



SEPTEMBER 27 – 30

Connecticut Westchester Mycological Association (COMA), Annual Clark Rogerson Foray, Copake, NY

<https://www.comafungi.org/>

SEPTEMBER 28, 10 AM – 3:30 PM

Ohio Mushroom Society Fall Foray
Long Science Center

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

SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 2

Eagle Hill Institute (Eastern Maine)
Fall Mushrooms in a Changing Climate
with David Porter and Michaeline Mulvey

<https://eaglehill.us/programs/sems-weeklong/flyers-weeklong-pdfs/2024-MulveyPorter.pdf>

OCTOBER 11 – 14

Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF) Foray
Hyannis, MA

<https://www.nemf.org/2024-foray>

OCTOBER 18 – 27

Fall Continental MycoBlitz

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/fall-continental-mycoblitz-2024>

OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 3

North American Mycological Association (NAMA)
Annual Foray, Randle, Washington

<https://namyco.org/annual-foray/>

NOVEMBER 6 – 9

NAAEE 2024 Conference: Building Bridges
Pittsburgh, PA

<https://conference.naaee.org/conference>

Walks & Forays Check List:

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

WPMC Membership Report

By Dawn Wehman & Kris Kenealy

AS OF JUNE 18, we have 600 members from 348 households. Joining or renewing your membership is super easy by just going to <https://wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/> and following the directions provided. Don't know if you renewed already? No worries! Just drop us an email at membership@wpamushroomclub.org and we can check for you.

Once your renewal is complete, please do just one more step, check your "Welcome to The Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club – 2024" email and make sure we have all of your info correct.

Membership benefits include:

- Free mushroom kit at the annual Cultivation meeting in May.
- Discount for attending the WPMC's annual Gary Lincoff Foray.
- Annual Photo Contest for WPMC members.
- Access to the WPMC Facebook Group.
- Walks & Events year-round.
- Nine monthly meetings with speakers and mushroom identification.
- Five WPMC newsletters that can be either mailed to you if you select to get a hard copy (and pay the extra \$10 annually) or save a few trees and just get your newsletter via email!

WPMC Scholarship Committee

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

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

Donations Help Fund WPMC Projects

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

WPMC Newsletter

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Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club

24th ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF MUSHROOM FORAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 • ECONOMY VFD BANQUET HALL
PLUS: Free Mushroom Walk Friday, September 20 • Cook Forest
Guests Mycologists: SIGRID JAKOB, President of New York Mycological Society
HANNAH HUBER, Conservation Mycologist for Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program

**SATURDAY, September 21 (all day): Foray includes Mushroom Feast.
Bring your own lunch. Light refreshments will be served.
Economy VFD Banquet Hall • 3308 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley, PA 15143**

— REGISTRATION REQUIRED —

FRIDAY, September 20 (10:00 A.M.): Meet at Shelter 2, Cook Forest State Park, Clarion County. FREE

— TRANSPORTATION AND LUNCH NOT INCLUDED —

NOTE: ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 ALL REGISTRATION FEES WILL INCREASE BY \$10.

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

_____ \$50 WPMC member / \$60 on or after 9/1/24 (with current paid 2024 membership)	sub total: _____
_____ \$70 Non-members / \$80 on or after 9/1/24 (includes 2024-25 Membership)	sub total: _____
_____ \$30 Students (with ID) & kids 11 to 18 / (members or non-members) kids 10 & under free. / \$40 on or after 9/1/24	sub total: _____
FORAY T-SHIRT: \$20 each _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL	sub total: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

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

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

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

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

FOR MORE INFO: Lincoff-Foray@wpamushroomclub.org

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

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

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

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FOR ADDITIONAL NAMES / SIGNATURES, PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA PAGE



PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES. WWW.WPAMUSHROOMCLUB.ORG — 11



WPMC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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

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

NEW MEMBERSHIP: RENEWAL:

Name (s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

E-mail (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Release and Indemnification Agreement

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Member hereby agrees to the following:

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

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

MEMBERS:

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

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3 _____ 3 _____

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