



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOM CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

CECILY FRANKLIN

HOW MUCH DO YOU really like mushrooms? This year you'll have the opportunity to find out!

If you like your mushrooms just a few hours at a time, then come to our monthly meetings. We have interesting topics and speakers lined up for every month (March through November). And attend our weekend mushroom walks. We've already had walks in January and February, and we have many more planned as the weather warms up.

If you're ready for a full day of mushrooms, then attend WPMC's **Mushroom Education Day on May 4**. This year it will be held at REI's Settlers Ridge store in Robinson Township, followed by a mushroom walk at nearby Settlers Cabin Park. And save the date for WPMC's annual **Gary Lincoff Foray on Saturday, September 21**. If you're ready to branch out within Pennsylvania, then you'll also be interested in our Pre-Foray walk at **Cook Forest on September 20**.

For a multi-day mushroom event, consider the **North-east Mycological Federation (NEMF)** annual foray at Lock Haven University from August 1-4. This year WPMC is one of three hosting clubs, along with Eastern Penn Mushroomers and the New Jersey Mycological Association. The schedule is packed with lectures, workshops, mushroom walks and identification.



If that's still not enough for you, then see "Other Walks & Forays" listed on page 5. They include week-long **Mycology Field Seminars at Eagle Hill Institute** on the coast of Maine, covering a wide variety of topics, taught by top experts. Or take the ultimate mushroom vacation to Europe and hunt for truffles (see page 2).

This year there's something to appeal to everyone!

IN MEMORIAM: JOHN R. PLISCHKE



Photo by Hugh Smith

THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA Mushroom Club is saddened by the news that on December 31, 2018, a WPMC Founder and Honorary Member, John R. Plischke, passed away at the age of 76.

John served as WPMC President in 2001 and received WPMC's President's Award in 2004. John was also active in the Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF) and North American Mycological Association (NAMA). His wife Becky, son John Plischke III, and daughter-in-law Kim Plischke have all been active WPMC members from the very beginning.

A memorial contribution in John's memory has been made to the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania.

WPMC Schedules Mushroom Education Day for May 4, 2019

WPMC IS PLEASED TO team up with REI for this year's **Mushroom Education Day** at REI's Robinson Store in Settlers Ridge. Four essential topics will be presented by WPMC members in morning or afternoon classes (10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.).



WPMC Identifier **Fluff Berger** will start us off with a Mushroom Refresher Course. WPMC President **Cecily Franklin** will cover Mushroom Resources, including field guides, other books, websites, apps and keys. WPMC Past-President and Identifier **Richard Jacob** will help us distinguish between edible and poisonous mushrooms (and everything in between) with his talk called "Can I Eat That?" WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** will tell us all about Morels and how to find them. Classes will be followed by a free mushroom walk at nearby Settlers Cabin Park.

Each session (morning or afternoon) is \$10; the full day is \$20. Space is limited. To register → [CLICK HERE](#)

2019 Meeting Schedule

March 19 **Psychedelic Mushrooms: A New Age of Treatment?**
Past-President Richard Jacob, Ph.D.

PSYCHEDELIC MUSHROOMS are becoming less controversial by the year. Past President Richard Jacob will cover the mushrooms and chemicals involved, their usage, effects, current research and future directions. Dr. Jacob will focus on the medicinal aspects of psychedelic mushrooms, although some of the information will be of interest to recreational users.



April 16 **Dare 2B Tick Aware**
Pennsylvania Lyme Resource Network
Jeff Covelli

JEFF COVELLI WILL TELL US all about Lyme Disease, including prevention, treatment, and lots of statistics. As a pharmacist and father, Jeff will share his personal and professional experience with Lyme Disease. In addition to frequent public speaking, Jeff also serves on a Pennsylvania legislative committee, in order to raise awareness and funding for this debilitating disease.



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2019 Foray Guest Speakers

WPMC HAS ALREADY LINED up two great speakers for this year's Lincoff Foray: **BILL RUSSELL** is the author of *Field Guide to Wild Mushrooms of Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic*, which he revised and expanded in 2017. Bill has been giving mushroom workshops, walks, and talks since 1960. A longtime resident of State College, Pennsylvania, Bill is Founder and past president of the Central Pennsylvania Mushroom Club. In 2013 the Club members voted to name their annual foray the Bill Russell Foray, in appreciation for his efforts to raise awareness of mushrooms and make their study accessible to amateur mushroom enthusiasts in Pennsylvania and beyond.



ADAM HARITAN is the Founder of LearnYourLand, a community and online database of Pennsylvania's naturalists and nature-related events. Adam leads various classes and workshops related to plant and mushroom identification, wild food harvesting, nutritional and medicinal components of wild foods, the benefits of nature connection, and more.



He is an official WPMC Identifier and has served on WPMC's Board since 2016. Adam has also published a *Fun Guide to Fungi*, and his YouTube channel features over 100 instructional nature videos.

SAVE THE DATES! *The 19th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray will be held on Saturday, September 21 at the Rose Barn in Allegheny County's North Park with a Pre-Foray walk at Cook Forest on Friday, September 20.*

Fall Mushroom Hunting in Italy (and Beyond)

By Barbara DeRiso

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT about mycological travel? I have been on these trips for ten years now, and they are not only educational, but great fun, and a good way to meet other American and European mushroom enthusiasts. In Italy, mushroom hunting is a deep-rooted tradition, and every small town seems to have its own mushroom club. Admittedly, these cultural ties are strongly linked to the kitchen. From an early age, kids go out into the local woods with a parent or grandparent and learn what is seasonally available and which mushrooms are edible—or not. They were “locavores” long before it had a name.

There are regional tours of Italy, which include daily mushroom hunting, guided by local mycologists and mushroom enthusiasts. Each morning, after several hours of meandering through some favorite hunting grounds, the group repairs to a local restaurant, where the day's findings are spread out on tables and identified, usually with a table-walk discussion by a local expert. This is typically followed by a two- to three-hour lunch and an afternoon of cultural activities (e.g., visiting a local museum, interesting town, winery, cheesemaker—tourist activities.) Maybe even a truffle hunt!

This autumn, Whatscookin' Italy tours will be leading two mushroom-hunting tours in northern Italy: the Emilia-Romagna (Bologna) and Piedmont (Turin) regions. The Piedmont tour will feature Britt Bunyard (editor of FUNGI magazine) as a guest mycologist. Also this year, there will be a mushroom tour to Croatia. Tours are generally ten days in length, with an optional three-day extension for more in-depth exploration of the area.

If you are interested, or want more information, contact me at barbaraderiso@gmail.com.



Photo by Kristine Murawski

WPMC Announces Annual Awards

AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, **WPMC Mycologists Kim & John Plischke III** received the 2018 Outstanding Service Award for their many contributions to the success of WPMC, including ordering and delivering supplies for the cultivation meeting, managing the annual Mushroom Feast, representing WPMC at the Northeast Mycological Federation, leading walks and speaking at WPMC events, and contributing to the WPMC newsletter and Facebook Group.

WPMC members **Rebecca Miller & Mark Spear** were not in attendance to receive the President's Award for 2018, in recognition of their many contributions to the success of WPMC, including organizing the May cultivation meeting, teaching on Mushroom Education Day, and judging the annual Photo Contest.

MUSHROOMS IN THE NEWS

Polypore Extract May Help Save Bees



Paul Stamets, founder and owner of Fungi Perfecti, was lead author of research into mycelium and bees.

Photo by John Lok/The Seattle Times

ACCORDING TO RESEARCH published last October, Paul Stamets of Fungi Perfecti, along with scientists from Washington State University and the USDA, tested extracts from the mycelium of polypores known to have antiviral properties on honey bees. Extracts from *Fomes* and *Ganoderma* reduced the levels of honey bee deformed wing virus and Lake Sinai virus within days, compared with control colonies. These findings indicate that honey bees may gain health benefits from fungi and their antimicrobial compounds.

The hope is that the results of this research will help dwindling honey bee colonies fight viruses that are known to play a role in colony collapse disorder. According to one of the authors, WSU professor Steve Sheppard, "We're excited to see where this research leads us. Time is running out for bee populations, and the safety and security of the world's food supply hinges on our ability to find means to improve pollinator health."

To read the entire study, *Extracts of Polypore Mushroom Mycelia Reduce Viruses in Honey Bees* → [CLICK HERE](#)

WPMC Membership Report

BY JIM WASIK

CONGRATULATIONS! IN 2018, WPMC set a record with 794 members, surpassing the previous record set in 2017. We appreciate your continued interest in mushrooming in Western Pennsylvania. We have a great program set for 2019 and appreciate the more than 350 members who have already paid their 2019 WPMC dues. Membership cards have been sent to those who have paid.

Membership or renewal with WPMC is easy. Download the application form at www.wpamushroomclub.org/join to join or renew. You can use a credit card without having a PayPal account; just click 'pay with credit or debit card.' Or use the form on page 9.



More Cases of Shiitake Dermatitis Reported



These whiplash marks appeared on a 25-year-old Brazilian male who had eaten raw shiitake mushrooms. Source: An Bras Dermatol 2015

SHIITAKE (*LENTINUS EDODES*) DERMATITIS is a rare skin eruption that resembles whiplash marks and occurs after consumption of raw or insufficiently cooked shiitake mushrooms. The condition was first reported in Japan in 1977. Since 2006, new cases have been reported every few years, from around the world.

Shiitake dermatitis is caused by a toxic reaction to lentinan, a polysaccharide component of shiitake mushrooms which decomposes upon heating. The symptoms are dark red, almost purple welts all over the body, which usually begin about 48 hours after eating raw or undercooked shiitake mushrooms and last for about 10 days. Treatment generally consists of antihistamines and topical steroids.

In 2018, *The Journal of Family Practice* published an article about a 30-year-old male in Spain who presented with multiple linear streaks on his trunk and extremities. The patient told doctors that, four days earlier, he had eaten large quantities of lightly cooked shiitake mushrooms. The patient was diagnosed with flagellate shiitake mushroom dermatitis and was advised to avoid eating undercooked shiitake mushrooms in the future. To read the full article → [CLICK HERE](#)

Attention Citizen Scientists!

ARE YOU A WPMC MEMBER with more than a passing interest in looking for, identifying, and monitoring fungi? Do you appreciate the multiple values of fungi, and are you capable of communicating this to students and the public? Are you interested or participating in fungi research and conservation? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you're invited to join the PA Biological Survey's Mycological and Protists (MAP) Technical Committee.

The goals of the MAP Technical Committee are to:

- Promote research into the status and diversity of fungi within Pennsylvania.
- Communicate the importance of fungi and promote their conservation.
- Increase the scientific and conservation value of ongoing forays and citizen scientists.
- Assist the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in developing a conservation and management plan for forest fungi.
- Maintain the official state checklist of PA fungi.

The PA Biological Survey is a volunteer organization, with no dues or obligations. The MAP Technical Committee does not have regular meetings, and most of its work is conducted via email. Every mushroom club in the state is being asked to provide at least one liaison to join the MAP Technical Committee.

If you're interested in learning more, please contact the Committee Chairman, Jerry Hassinger, at jd.hass@yahoo.com.

WPMC Walks & Presentations

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



WPMC Walks

March 30 Hartwood Acres

Meet WPMC **Identifier Adam Haritan** at the mansion parking lot.

April 13 Sycamore Island

9:00 a.m. to noon with Allegheny Land Trust (ALT)

Meet WPMC & ALT at the Verona Public Docks for the Spring survey of Sycamore Island. Because the island is only accessible by boat, the Allegheny Cleanways pontoon boat, the Rachel Carson, will provide shuttle service to and from the island from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost of the boat will be covered by a registration fee. Space is limited, and registration is required. To register: → [CLICK HERE](#)

April 27 Earth Day

Frick Park with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Meet WPMC **Mycologist Jim Tunney** or WPMC **Identifier Josh Doty** at the Frick Environmental Center for one of three afternoon mushrooms walks. Free.

April 27 Pine Ridge Park

12:00 p.m. with Indiana County Friends of the Parks
1055 Chestnut Ridge Road, Blairsville, PA 15717

WPMC **Identifier Bob Sleigh** will host "Morel Mushrooms: What, Where, When" at noon at Pine Lodge, Pine Ridge Park. Morels are one of the most sought after and elusive mushrooms. Slides will illustrate morels as well as poisonous look-alikes. Learn what morels are, where to find them, and when. Proper handling, storing and cooking will also be covered. The program is free, but registration is required at 724-463-8636. For directions to the lodge: → [CLICK HERE](#)

May 4 Settlers Cabin Park

3:30 p.m. (following Mushroom Education Day) Meet WPMC members at the Tomahawk Shelter for a free mushroom walk following Mushroom Education Day at nearby Settlers Ridge. (See page 1)

June 2 Phipps Conservatory BioBlitz

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. WPMC will host a table and lead two mushroom walks in Schenley Park during the day. Meet on the lawn outside the activity tents.

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July 20 Audubon Greenway (Sewickley)

9:00 a.m. – Presentation / 10:00 a.m. – Mushroom Walk

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

Aug. 17 or Sept. 14 (TBD) Dead Man's Hollow

9:00 a.m. – Presentation / 10:00 a.m. – Mushroom Walk

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

Sept. 20 Friday, Pre-Foray Walk at Cook Forest

Walk takes place the day before the Annual Gary Lincoff Foray.

WPMC Orders New Field Data Slips

WPMC RECENTLY RECEIVED a new supply of Field Data Slips from the North American Mycoflora Project (NAMF). The new ID slips are very similar to WPMC's previous version, with one major difference: The ID number now appears three times, so that it can stay with the specimen as it goes through various processes in preparation for further analysis. The new ID slips will be stored at Beechwood Farms for WPMC's Identifiers and Mycologists to use on their mushroom walks. Alternatively, they may be purchased directly from NAMF at this link: → [CLICK HERE](#)

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FIELD DATA SLIP	
Species <small>Comments/Microscopic Data on back []</small>	
NORTH AMERICAN MYCOFLORA PROJECT #00001	Field Photos: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Nearby Trees <input type="checkbox"/> Hardwood <input type="checkbox"/> Conifer <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Species: _____
Date: _____	Substrate: Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Dead <input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Conifer <input type="checkbox"/> Hardwood <input type="checkbox"/> Soil <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf Litter <input type="checkbox"/> Moss <input type="checkbox"/> Needle Duff <input type="checkbox"/> Grass <input type="checkbox"/> Dung <input type="checkbox"/> _____
State: _____	Habit <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Few <input type="checkbox"/> Many
County: _____	Odor
Foray ID: _____	Taste
Site Name: _____	Collected By: _____
MID/Nat/MM #: _____	ID Verified By: _____
#00001 <small>Voucher Label for Drying</small>	#00001 <small>Tissue Label</small>

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

Other Walks & Forays

May 11, 9:00 a.m. to Noon / Mushroom Log Cultivation

Meet WPMC **Mycologist John Plischke III** at the Rimersburg Rod and Gun Club, 442 Rod & Gun Club Road in Rimersburg. John will present “Grow Your Own Mushrooms” for the Woodland Owners of Clarion-Allegheny Valley. Registration is required. Call the Bureau of Forestry at 814-226-1901 or email Lee Swoger at lswoger@pa.gov. Space is limited, so don't delay!

July 19-20 / West Virginia Mushroom Club Foray

Blackwater Falls State Park; Davis, WV → [CLICK HERE](#)

July 27 / Blue Knob State Park

Mushroom Log Cultivation

August 1-4 / Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF)

Samuel Ristich Foray, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA
→ [CLICK HERE](#)

August 8-11 / North American Mycological Association (NAMA)

Annual Foray, Paul Smiths, New York

August 17-18 / Ohio Mushroom Society Foray

Penitentiary Glen

Sept. 2 / Connecticut Westchester Mycological Association (COMA)

Labor Day Foray

September 13-15 / Mycological Society of Toronto

Cain Foray

September 12-15 / Northwoods Foray

Cable, Wisconsin → [CLICK HERE](#)

September 13-15 / Asheville Mushroom Club

Oconee Foray

September 21 / 19th Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray

North Park

September 26-29 / North American Mycological Association (NAMA)

Wildacres Regional Foray, North Carolina → [CLICK HERE](#)

September 27-29 / Mycological Association of Washington, DC (MAW)

Annual Foray, Camp Sequanota, Boswell, PA (Somerset County)

Eagle Hill Institute Announces Mycology Field Seminars

EAGLE HILL INSTITUTE, located on the coast of Maine, has announced a full schedule of Mycology Field Seminars from late May through September. Most of the seminars are a week long; the final event is a weekend workshop on Fall Maine Mushrooms. For more information, visit: → [CLICK HERE](#)

Important Walk & Foray Information

- Try to dig up three of the same species at different stages of development.
- Don't pick old mushrooms; leave them to drop spores.
- You are responsible for not getting lost. If you have a tendency to wander off, stick like glue to the others. We won't wait for you, and we won't come to look for you.
- Don't take the identification of the person standing next to you; they might not know as much as you do. Only Club Mycologists and Identifiers should be used for advice.
- The Walk Leader will tell you when to be back at the walk starting place, where the mushrooms will be put on paper plates and the Walk Identifier or Club Mycologist will put names on only the mushrooms they know well.
- Take notes and pictures to help you remember the mushrooms. You should go home and check books yourself.
- Whether you decide to eat a mushroom is ultimately your responsibility alone.
- **Help Keep Our Parks Clean!** When mushrooming, it's easy to bring a plastic grocery bag to collect cans, bottles or other trash you find. Trash cans are generally found nearby. If not, take it home for disposal.

Walks & Forays Check List:

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



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

Donations Already Coming in for Lincoff Foray Auction/Raffle

ARE YOU IN THE PROCESS of spring cleaning, downsizing, de-cluttering, or otherwise trying to organize your life? If so, now is the perfect opportunity for you to donate those excess or unwanted mushroom items to WPMC's annual auction/raffle. Just give them to Cecily Franklin or Judy Mackenroth at any monthly meeting or email cs4wpmc@gmail.com to make other arrangements. All proceeds benefit WPMC.



Cooper-Siegel Library has donated "The Ultimate Mushroom Book" to WPMC for this year's auction/raffle.



The commemorative poster from the 40th edition of FUNGI Magazine will be available for bidding at this year's Lincoff Foray.

Save the Dates!

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

As in previous years, WPMC will also hold a free Pre-Foray walk at Cook Forest on Friday, September 20.

It's not too early to gather up mushroom-related items you'd like to donate for the auction and/or to volunteer to make a dish for the Mushroom Feast. PLEASE NOTE: All foraged mushrooms used in cooking for the Feast must be certified by a club mycologist ahead of time.

Future issues of this newsletter will include a Foray registration form, and online registration will be available later this Spring.

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.

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, Barbara DeRiso.

2019 Meeting Schedule (continued)

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| May 21 | Annual Cultivation Meeting
Rebecca Miller & Friends |
| June 18 | DNA Update
Past-President Richard Jacob, Ph.D. |
| July 16 | Toxicology Report
Past-President John Stuart |
| August 20 | Chickens & Hens
Mike Lloyd, WPMC Legal Counsel |
| September 17 | Lichens by Bryan Dolney
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy |
| October 15 | Photo Contest Winners
& Election of Officers |
| November 19 | Pot Luck Dinner & Member Photos |

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from March through November at:

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

All monthly meetings are free and include a Mushroom Display Table, staffed by expert Identifiers.

WPMC Newsletter

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NEVER EAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MUSHROOM

Help Wanted! Inquire Within.

WPMC is an all-volunteer organization, so we count on our members to do everything, from leading walks and teaching classes to selling books or updating the website. We need it all! Check out this list of volunteer opportunities to see if there's a match between your interests and our needs. If so, please notify any WPMC Board member or email cs4wpmc@gmail.com.

If You're Interested in:	Then You Might Enjoy:	Contact:
Computers	Helping to keep our website up-to-date.	Richard Jacob
	Posting walk info (species list & photos) to the website.	Richard Jacob
	Emailing newsletters & announcements to members.	Jim Wasik
Cooking	Bringing refreshments to a monthly meeting.	Kate Pavelle
	Preparing a dish for the annual Lincoff Foray.	Barbara DeRiso
	Submitting a recipe for the WPMC website.	Richard Jacob
Cultivation	Helping with the annual cultivation meeting in May.	Rebecca Miller
Electronics	Assisting with Audio-Visual requirements at meetings.	Cecily Franklin
Identification	Becoming a WPMC Identifier.	Dick Dougall
Photography	Expanding & Organizing our on-line mushroom catalog.	Richard Jacob
Promotion	Representing WPMC at outside events.	Valerie Baker
Science	Assisting with DNA analysis.	Richard Jacob
	Performing microscopic or chemical analysis.	La Monte Yarroll
Data Management	Assisting with membership records.	Jim Wasik
Instruction	Teaching or helping to organize a mushroom class.	Fluff Berger
	Helping beginners at meetings and walks.	Dick Dougall
Walking in the Woods	Leading a walk at your favorite park.	La Monte Yarroll
Writing	Submitting an article or book review for the newsletter.	Cecily Franklin

2019 Annual WPMC Photo Contest

Deadline for Submissions: September 30, 2019

Maximum of 5 Entries per WPMC member

Submit high resolution JPEG files up to 4 MB

Email entries to Josh Doty at wpmcphotocontest@gmail.com

Entry Divisions

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

DOCUMENTARY: For single photographs especially suited as illustrations in a field guide or monograph, or for use in a lecture. Emphasis is placed on portrayal of key morphological characteristics such that the usefulness of the image as an identification aid is maximized. Subjects may be shot in the field, laboratory or studio and the photographer has complete freedom to process, manipulate, or orient the specimen in any desired manner to achieve the goal. Close-ups of single features and photomicrographs are acceptable. Judging criteria will be the same as in the Pictorial category but they will be of secondary importance to the overall mycological utility of the photo. Accurate identification of the subject will be a consideration.

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

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



Photo montage by Josh Doty

THIS YEAR WPMC HAS a new judge for the annual Photo Contest. WPMC Identifier **Josh Doty** has agreed to judge members' photos, which are already coming in! Check out Josh's great mushroom photos at: <https://fotoforaging.com/fungi/>

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

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



WPMC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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

Members are entitled to:

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

Name (s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

E-mail (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) _____

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

Please print in plain block lettering. Take special care with email addresses: numeral "1", uppercase "i" and lowercase "L" look the same.

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

WPMC, c/o Jim Wasik, 70 Woodland Farms Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 e-mail contact: membership@wpamushroomclub.org
or visit 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)

\$15 Individual \$20 Family \$10 Full-time Student \$5 Newsletter Hardcopy Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Release and Indemnification Agreement

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Member hereby agrees to the following:

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

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

MEMBERS:

Signature (if Participant is under age 21, signature of Parent or guardian). Please print name:

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