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President's Message

RICHARD JACOB

WPMC President

I HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE

MorelHunters.com sightings map, in anticipation of the first of this season's morels. The first morel sighting in our area at the end of March was not on the MorelHunters website but on our Facebook Group page, reported by Bob Sleigh, host of WPMC's Morel Mushroom Walk with Indiana County Friends of the Parks on April 30. Bob wrote "Second time to find morels in PA in March. If the weather holds, next weekend should be the time to start some serious hunting." Alas, the next week was cool, with snow on the ground and freezing temperatures at night. From March 11 onwards, the weather has warmed up, with the average of the day and night temperatures over 55°F. Sure enough, there were two morel sightings reported on the MorelHunters website. This means morel season is upon us, and WPMC has plenty of walks in morel areas to give you a good chance of learning how to find them.



In addition to the morel walks, we participated in Earth Day at Frick Park on April 24 and will be taking the Rachel Carson pontoon out to Sycamore Island for a Spring Walk with the Allegheny Land Trust on May 14. In early June, the club will take part in a BioBlitz at Phipps Conservatory. And at the end of June, we will take a walk in Forbes State Forest with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. In between those special events, there will be weekly walks in local parks. That's quite a full calendar!

Upcoming meetings include our annual cultivation night in May, with Oyster spawn kits and possibly other surprises. June's meeting features WPMC co-founding member John Plischke III talking about Mushroom Photography. John has won many awards for his photography, and I look forward to hearing some of his tips and seeing the pictures.

It is difficult to believe that we can go from a scarcity of mushrooms in mid-April to boletes and black trumpets by the next newsletter this summer. I can often find boletes, but they are difficult to identify. I would like to point you towards our Bolete filter website <http://boletes.wpamushroomclub.org/WP/>.

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16th Annual Lincoff Foray: Saturday, September 24, 2016

THE 16TH ANNUAL Gary Lincoff Foray will be held at The Rose Barn in Allegheny County's North Park.

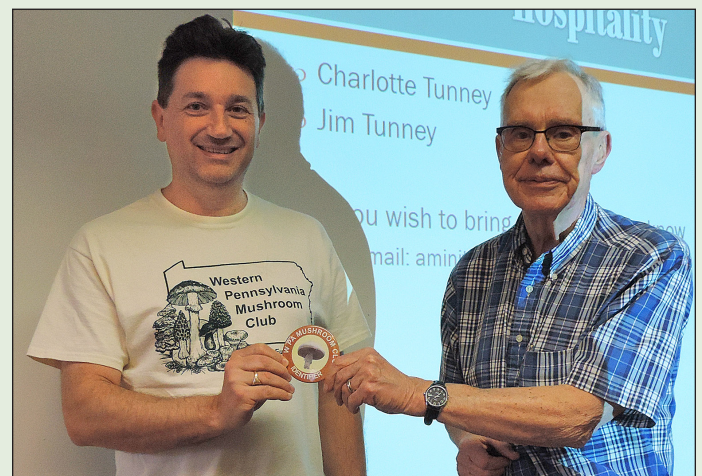
This year's program will be a single-day event featuring **Gary Lincoff**, author of the *Audubon Guide to Mushrooms of North America*, *The Complete Mushroom Hunter*, *The Joy of Foraging*, and many others. This year we are delighted to have as our Guest Mycologist **Dr. Nicholas Money**, author of *Mushrooms*, *The Triumph of the Fungi* and *Mr. Bloomfield's Orchard: The Mysterious World of Mushrooms, Molds and Mycologists*. Nik will present "The Birth, Life, and Extraordinary Death of a Mushroom Spore." In addition, WPMC President **Richard Jacob** will present an update of our DNA barcoding program.

The day will include guided walks, mushroom identification tables, a cooking demo with **Chef George Harris**, sales table, authors' book signing, auction and, of course, the legendary Mushroom Feast. All included in the price of admission!

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 Mushroom Feast must be certified by a club mycologist ahead of time.

A registration form is included in this newsletter or register on our website: <http://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray>.

Hope to see you there!



Richard Jacob receives his Identifier Button from Dick Dougall for his ability to identify more than 150 different mushroom species. photo by Adam Haritan

Pre-Foray Walk with Gary Lincoff

Location: Cook Forest State Park

Date: Friday, September 23

For those who would like to begin their Foray weekend early, Gary Lincoff is planning to lead a walk in Cook Forest State Park (outside Clarion PA, about 80 miles northeast of Pittsburgh) again this year. Those who are interested should plan on arriving at Cook Forest on Thursday and camping there overnight. Central meeting place will be Shelter 1 (which we used last year).

Those who would like to arrange overnight accommodations, either cabin or campground, should call 888-727-2757 or book online: <http://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>

Ranger Dale Luthinger advises those interested to book cabins soon, as they are already being reserved by other groups. Rustic cabins (price range \$32-\$54, sleeping 4-8 people) have a two-night minimum stay.

Bring along a few extra bucks for the FORAY RAFFLE. Two chances for one dollar! All sales benefit WPMC. See page 6 for one of this year's fabulous prizes.

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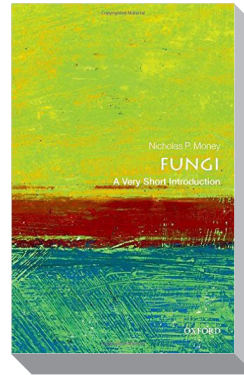
This website has been developed by Scott Pavelle, with help from Dick Dougall, John Plischke III and others. It is still a work in progress, but we hope that many of you will find it helpful.

Black trumpets are easy to identify but difficult to see. Black trumpets are one of my favorite edible mushrooms. The European species *Craterellus cornucopioides* is known by the more colorful name "trompette de la mort" in French, translated to "trumpet of the dead." It was originally thought that the black trumpet species *Craterellus fallax*, found here on the east coast of the US, was the same as the European species, but DNA studies from 2010 showed that they are actually a different species. I like the aroma of dried black trumpets, as it has something of a truffle perfume to it. They dry and keep their flavor very well, and I enjoy opening the jar of dried trumpets mid-winter for a smell of mushrooms from June. There are lots of recipes for trumpets, including a sour cream dip in WPMC's first cookbook, but I like adding a handful of dried trumpets to a bottle of white wine for a different way of tasting the mushrooms.

And talking about food, our guest chefs from last September's meeting, Kate Lasky & Tomasz Skowronski, have opened their much-anticipated restaurant Apteka. It is a vegetarian restaurant and features plenty of mushrooms in the different dishes. Tomasz told me he hopes to feature local mushroom species throughout the year. They serve Pierogis and other Polish inspired food, as well as a tasty selection of craft cocktails. Go visit them for lunch or dinner at 4606 Penn Ave.

A Very Short Book Review of a Very Short Book

Submitted by John Stuart



FUNGI: **A Very Short Introduction**

by Nicholas P. Money

THIS SMALL pocket-sized (4" x 7") book is the 455th in a series developed by Oxford University Press called *Very Short Introductions*.

Nicholas Money is well known for his work in mycology, but mushroom topics make up probably less than

20% of this book's 137-page content. There are 26 black and white illustrations. Specific mushroom identification is not included.

Dr. Money eruditely covers the whole gamut of the Fungal Kingdom in eight chapters: What is a fungus, Fungal diversity, Fungal genetics and life cycles, Fungal mutualisms, Fungi as parasites of plants, Fungi and decomposition, Fungi in animal health and disease, and Edible mushrooms and Fungal biotechnology.

For those mushroomers who want to expand their interest in the important roles that rusts, smuts, yeasts, mildews, lichens, and endophytes play, this book provides a good introduction.

It's Time to Focus on WPMC's 2016 Photo Contest

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

- September 30, 2016
- 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.

Register Now for WPMC's Fungi Education Day!

Want to learn more about mushrooms?

THEN REGISTER for Fungi Education Day on Saturday, August 6th. Morning and afternoon classes will be held at the Cooper-Siegel Library on Fox Chapel Road. Each session is \$10; the full day is \$20. A free mushroom walk at nearby Salamander Park will follow.

On-line registration, using PayPal or credit card, is now available on our website:

<http://wpamushroomclub.org/events/mushroom-education-class/>

Or make checks payable to WPMC and send to: WPMC, c/o Barbara DeRiso, 204 Woodcock Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15215.

HERE'S THE FULL PROGRAM:

10:15 am Registration for Morning-Only and All-Day participants

10:30 am–12:30 pm Introduction to Mushrooms

Lead Instructor: Fluff Berger, WPMC Identifier & Recording Secretary

Topics will include various types of mushrooms, general identification features, and their role in the ecosystem. Both edible and poisonous mushrooms will be discussed, along with advice on how to avoid trouble. Additional references will be recommended.

1:15 pm Registration for Afternoon-Only participants

1:30-3:30 pm Jelly, Club & Coral Fungi

Lead Instructor: John Stuart, WPMC Identifier & Past President

This class will cover a variety of interesting mushrooms. These include Jelly Fungi, such as the amber jelly roll (*Exidia recisa*); Club Fungi, such as *Cordyceps* and Dead Man's Fingers; and Coral Fungi, including *Clavaria* and *Ramaria* species. There's even a Jellied False Coral, which fits into two of these categories!

3:30 pm Mushroom Walk at Salamander Park (free)



WPMC President Richard Jacob found this Jellied False Coral, *Tremellodendron pallidum*, at Salamander Park last July.

PARKING AT COOPER-SIEGEL LIBRARY:

Mushroom classes will be held in the Program Room on the lower level of Cooper-Siegel. The nearest parking is behind the Library. If there's no space available in back, park anywhere else in the Library parking lot or (because it's a weekend) park at the Fox Chapel Borough building next door.

New Study

RESEARCHERS HAVE

come up with a device, called the *Fungi Mutarium*, that turns plastic waste into a safe, edible product, thanks to two common species of mushrooms that digest the plastic ingredients, but don't accumulate anything toxic. The research behind the prototype is yet to be published or peer-reviewed.



<http://www.livinstudio.com/fungi-mutarium/>

Space is limited, so register today!



Earn a Pin for Identifying Mushrooms!

The John Plischke III Award for Mushroom Knowledge, also known as "The Button Program" began in 2009. Since then, many WPMC members have earned pins. Make your own list or use our online Species List Generator. Submit your list to Dick Dougall, WPMC Identifier, to receive your pin.

- **Up to 25: Common names are accepted**
- **50 & Up: Latin names are required**
- **150: Qualifies for WPMC Identifier**

WALKS & FORAYS



WPMC Walks 2016

All walks are on Saturdays, beginning at 10am, unless noted otherwise. Please read carefully for any registration requirements or fees. For directions, updates and other details, visit our website.

May 1 Sunday: 10:30am – 1:30pm

Ryerson Station State Park, Greene County. Meet Park Ranger **Alan Johnson** and **Brian Davis** for what may or may not be a morel hunt at Ryerson Station.

May 7 Washington Park, Washington County

Meet WPMC Mycologist **John Plischke III** in the gravel parking area at the Walking Trail Entrance to look for morels. Park Map: <http://www.washingtonpa.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Map-of-Washington-Park.pdf>

May 14 Sycamore Island Spring Walk, Verona

Join WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** and the Allegheny Land Trust for the Spring survey of Sycamore Island.

June 4 Camp Guyasuta

Meet **Barb DeRiso** at the camp in Sharpsburg.

June 5 Sunday: Phipps Conservatory BioBlitz

Schenley Park & Panther Hollow

June 18 Annual Dorothy Fornoff Walk

Meet **Dick Dougall** & **Jim Wilson** at Deer Lakes Park

June 25 Forbes State Forest

Meet **Rachael Mahony**, Environmental Education Specialist from the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, and WPMC President **Richard Jacob**. Forbes State Forest comprises 15 tracts totaling almost 59,000 acres in Fayette, Somerset, & Westmoreland counties. *Exact meeting location will be publicized closer to the date.*

July 9 Dark Hollow Woods, Oakmont

Meet WPMC Officer **Cecily Franklin** at the Pennsylvania Avenue 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 16 Annual Chanterelle Mania, North Park

Meet **Jack & Valerie Baker** at the North Park Swimming Pool parking lot.

July 30 North Park

Meet WPMC Identifier **John Stuart** at the North Park Swimming Pool parking lot.

August 6 3:30 pm / Salamander Park

Students and instructors meeting at the Cooper-Siegel Library will join us at nearby Salamander Park on Fox Chapel Road to look for mushrooms.

August 13 North Park

Meet WPMC Identifier **John Stuart** at the North Park Swimming Pool parking lot.

Sept. 17 Sycamore Island, Autumn Survey

Join the Allegheny Land Trust and **La Monte Yarroll**, WPMC Mycologist, for the Fall survey of Sycamore Island in Verona. We'll be collecting specimens for the monthly meeting & DNA.

October 1 Townsend Park

With Friends of Murrysville Parks. Meet **Pia van de Venne**, President of Friends of Murrysville Parks, and WPMC President **Richard Jacob**.

Other Walks & Forays

July 16-17 Ohio Mushroom Society Summer Foray Southeast Ohio

July 22-23 West Virginia Mushroom Club Foray Dry Fork, WV, <http://wvmushroomclub.org/index.html>

July 28-31 Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF) Samuel Ristich Foray

Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA Faculty includes WPMC Mycologist John Plischke III. For more information and registration form: <http://www.nemf.org/index.html>

July 31-Aug 6 Mushroom ID for New Mycophiles by Greg Marley and Michaeline Mulvey

Eagle Hill Institute, Maine
<http://www.eaglehill.us/programs/nhs/nhs-calendar.shtml>

August 7-14 Slime Molds by Steven Stephenson

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<http://www.eaglehill.us/programs/nhs/nhs-calendar.shtml>

August 12-14 Central PA Mushroom Club

Bill Russell Foray

August 18-21 NAMA Wildacres Regional Foray

Wildacres Retreat, NC

August 21-27 Polypores and Other Wood-Inhabiting Fungi by Tom Volk

Eagle Hill Institute, Maine
<http://www.eaglehill.us/programs/nhs/nhs-calendar.shtml>

Sept 8-11 NAMA Shenandoah Foray

Front Royal, VA

Sept 22-25 Connecticut-Westchester Mycological Association (COMA) Clark Rogerson Foray

Berkshire Hills Eisenberg Camp, Copake, NY. <http://www.comafungi.org/special-events/clark-rogerson-foray/>

Sept 24 16th Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray

North Park (see page 1, 2 & 9 of this newsletter)

October 15-16 Ohio Mushroom Society Fall Foray

Hiram College, Hiram OH (J.W Barrow Field Station)

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Interested in leading a mushroom walk?

Know of a good mushrooming location?

Contact La Monte Yarroll or John Plischke III.

WPMC Scholarships & Grants

WPMC has a 2016 Scholarship/Grant program to promote wild mushrooming by providing monetary support for educational events, projects, research, or mycological studies by individuals or institutions. In 2015, WPMC awarded a total of \$1,500 in scholarships to three local college students to assist in their studies. Application forms are available on our website and may be submitted by any club member. Contact John Stuart at jons2art@comcast.net or 724-443-6878.

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 AND 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



Above and Beyond... La Monte Yarroll & Jim Wasik



La Monte Yarroll
Photo by Michael Yeh



Jim Wasik

This month's award goes to WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** and Past President **Jim Wasik**, who both found a way to turn their volunteer time for WPMC into corporate matching donations.

As an employee of Google, **La Monte Yarroll** keeps track of the hours he spends volunteering for WPMC and reports the information to Google's Matching Gifts Program. Using the on-line platform Benevity.com, Google deposited a donation of \$1,150 directly into WPMC's PayPal account in February.

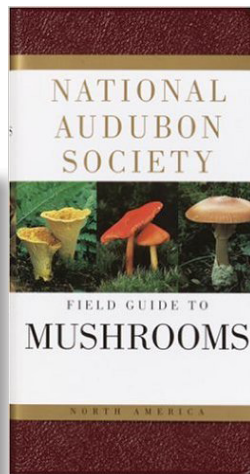
Since 2012, PPG Foundation's GIVE program (Grant Incentives for Volunteerism by PPG Employees & Retirees) has donated \$2,500 to WPMC, based on **Jim Wasik's** hours of volunteering and serving on the Board.

WPMC is grateful to both of these members and their employers for their generosity.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The next time you see a WPMC member go "above and beyond", please let us know. Email: cs4wpmc@gmail.com.

We Have Gary Lincoff's Books!



WPMC HAS a supply of Gary Lincoff's best-selling books. They include *The Complete Mushroom Hunter*, *The Joy of Foraging*, and the *National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*. These books may be purchased at any WPMC meeting or at WPMC's Amazon shop at wpmushroomclub.org. Gary Lincoff will be signing these books at the 16th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray on Saturday, September 24.

Lincoff Foray Donations are Coming In...

THIS YEAR'S Foray Raffle will include a large velvet mushroom, hand made and embellished with Swarovski crystals, generously donated by Kym Pelcher, owner of the 'splurge' shop on Freeport Road in Fox Chapel.



More photos by George Banyas
from the 2015 photo contest...



More photos by John Plischke III
from the 2015 photo contest...

Pink Oysters, Ophiocordyceps unilateralis on an ant, and Cinnabar-red chanterelles



Mycophile's Challenge

by Richard Jacob




ACROSS

1. Mycologist who eats like a bird
5. A seat for a fairy (2 words)
6. Golden vase
8. Halloween fright (Hyph.)
10. Copycat, Convert Raptor
14. Candy apple bolete (Latin)
19. Mushroom felt-like fabric
21. Fly attracter (Latin)
22. Living off others
23. Spring, for one
26. Dead brass band member (French)
30. Hard threads of honey
31. Spread for a hag's bread (2 words)
32. Pokers from black aces & black eights (3 words)
34. Woodland canvas (2 words)
35. Collaboratively living
38. Rummage about
39. Japanese cure all
40. Jumping ropes
42. Going purple in two faces (Latin)
46. Ruffled feathers at a base of a tree (4 words)
47. Moldy, pond growth

DOWN

2. Hairs around a vessel (2 words)
3. Green oak inlay (Latin)
4. Leading light gone to ground
7. Harbinger of death (2 words)
9. Source of rocket fuel (Latin)
11. Netted, as a stem
12. Big cat hairball (2 words)
13. Italian king of mushrooms
15. Porcine underground attracter
16. Small container
17. Cuplike structure around the base of the stalk
18. Underground delight
20. Milky Mushroom (Latin)
23. Source of dye (Latin)
24. A leaky shelf
25. Eponymous annual foray
27. Wedding day face covering
28. A children's literary magic mushroom muncher
29. Part of a wine glass
33. Nuclear explosion sighting (2 words)
36. End of a Thanksgiving dish (2 words)
37. A drive-by mushroom, orange and white
41. A light sun shield
43. Autumn poisoner (2 words)
44. Springtime quest
45. Lucifer's resting space (2 words)



16TH ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF MUSHROOM FORAY SEPT. 24, 2016 • 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. This year we are delighted that **Author Nik Money** will join us as our guest mycologist and speaker. **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 24 – 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 & 2016-17 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: www.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)

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

FOR ADDITIONAL NAMES / SIGNATURES, PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA PAGE



WPMC MEMBERSHIP FORM

2016

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

WPMC Meetings

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

WPMC Newsletter

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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Membership

Jim Wasik, Membership Chair

I want to thank all of the 417 members from 226 households who have joined or renewed their memberships with WPMC. The average of almost two members per household shows that WPMC is a very family-oriented organization promoting mycology.

Just a reminder, if you move, change your e-mail address or phone number, please let me know. It is the only way for WPMC to continue to send newsletters or contact you.

For those members who have not renewed, please check your e-mail or address label for FINAL NOTICE. This will be your final newsletter unless you renew your membership by May 31, 2016.

Thanks again for your continued interest in mushrooming in Western Pennsylvania.

membership@wpamushroomclub.org or mail to:

**WPMC Membership c/o Jim Wasik
70 Woodland Farms Rd • Pittsburgh PA 15238-2020**

Check our website for a complete list of the year's events.

WPMC Yahoo Groups:

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

**NORTH AMERICAN MYCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (NAMA):
www.namyco.org**

Do you have mushrooming photos to share? Send photos along with a caption to: cs4wpmc@gmail.com

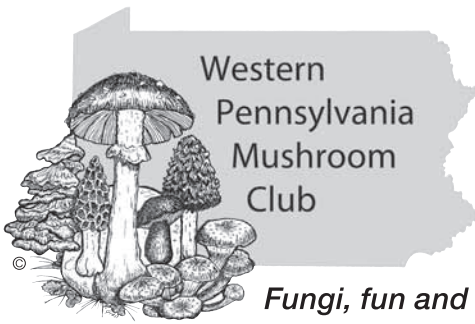
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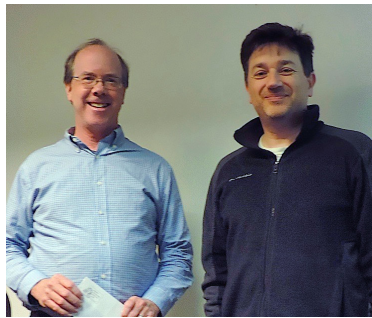
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WPMC Goals

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



At the March meeting, President Richard Jacob presented speaker, John Stephen, (left) with a donation to The Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy.



Olga Tzogas brought lots of goodies from Smugtown Mushrooms to the April meeting.

2016 Meeting Schedule

May 17 Cultivation Meeting with Jim Tunney, Rebecca Miller, & Mark Spear

WPMC Mycologist Jim Tunney and friends will show WPMC members how to grow their own Oyster Mushrooms. Bring your WPMC membership card and a clean plastic shopping bag. *You must be a current WPMC member to receive a mushroom kit.*

June 21 Mushroom Photography with John Plischke III

WPMC Mycologist John Plischke III is Chairman of the Photography Committee for the North American Mycological Association (NAMA), where he directs the annual photo contest. Winner of numerous awards for mushroom photography, John will be giving his presentation on photography from NAMA's Annual Foray in 2015. For more photos by John, see page 7.

July 19 Foraging for Wild Plants & Mushrooms with Adam Haritan

August 16 Mushrooms & The Law with Ryan Hamilton

Sept 20 Cooking Demonstration

Oct 18 Photo Contest Winners & Election of Officers

Nov 15 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.