



Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Newsletter

■ Fungi, Fun & Friends! ■

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President's Message

STEPHEN BUCKLIN

THIS FALL HAS BEEN the finale to a banner year for mushrooms in Western Pennsylvania! Consistent rains have kept our region damp enough to see huge fruitings of *Gri-fola*, *Hericium*, *Armillaria*, *Laetiporus*, and many other "basket fillers," while

also increasing the abundance of more obscure but nonetheless breathtaking beauties.

We celebrated the end of summer and beginning of fall with our annual Gary Lincoff Memorial Foray, an extended weekend of fungi, fun, and friendship. You can read all about the events, from the pop up "fluorescence foray" to Science Sunday, here in this issue of the newsletter.

Perhaps this year's fungal profusion has done more than overflow baskets and inspire wonder in mycophiles old and new. More people in our region than ever before have followed their passion for mushrooms to our club. Membership numbers have continued to soar to record-setting heights. During Mushroom Day at Beechwood Farms, at least a dozen folks joined WPMC, while purchasing field guides and getting them autographed by two of the most prominent "local" mycologists – **John Plischke III** and **Walt Sturgeon**. Dozens more attended walks in Hillman State Park, Audubon Greenway, and Townsend Park in October, getting the chance to explore Pennsylvania's diverse forests with WPMC experts.

As we wrap up club activities for the year, I wanted to extend a huge thank you to each of you for supporting WPMC this year. Whether you just joined or are a longtime member, whether you volunteered at the Lincoff Foray, led a mushroom walk, or simply attended a meeting, the club couldn't do what we do without your support!

While many may believe mushroom season to be over as we head into the winter months, experienced mushroom hunters know that winter can be the best season for some species in our region. *Pleurotus* and *Hericium* are known to take advantage of stretches of warm weather, and jellies and Blewits abound even with snow on the ground. Though we won't have regular meetings through the winter, the fungi that grace our forests never stop their important work.

IN THIS ISSUE:

Photo Contest Winners!

THANKS TO PHOTOGRAPHY Chair **Sara Klingensmith** for judging this year's Photo Contest. Twelve winning photos were selected, though not ranked, from 116 photos, submitted by 30 members. Congratulations to all of the winners! (see pages 2 - 4)



Brianna Albert
Amanita muscaria

Final Meeting of the Year November 16: Potluck Dinner (at home) & Member Photos

ONCE AGAIN, we won't be having our annual Potluck Dinner in person, so enjoy your own meal at home. Then join us at 7:00 p.m. for the final meeting of the year, which will include annual awards and an Open Forum for WPMC members. All current members will receive an email invitation to this Zoom meeting.

Show us what you're having for dinner and share your recipes! Screen-sharing will be made available to members who may share up to 15 photos. Or you may upload them in advance to this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/GVHhk3aAGKjAHFjr9>. You will need to either add your name as part of the photo file or put your name in the photo comments. JPG format is preferred, but PowerPoint is also acceptable.

Topics may include mushrooms, vacations, hobbies, etc. Let's see what you're doing in your life (no politics, please). You may narrate your photos or just let them run through without descriptions.



PICTORIAL

Richard Jacob
Metatrachia vesparium



Josh Doty
Pholiota sp.



Stephen Bucklin
Microstoma floccosum



Barbora Batokova
Trametes versicolor



DOCUMENTARY

Cara Coulter
Gliophorus perplexus



Cecily Franklin
Amanita Amerirubescens Group

Dirk Cappo
Mycena crocea



Stephen Bucklin
Hygrocybe miniata



JUDGE'S OPTION

Carson Gross
Fun with *Xylaria*



Mike Henry
Balsamic Chicken &
Hen of the Woods



Dawn Wehman
Notophthalmus viridescens (newt)
on a *Russula virescens* at Cook
Forest

Mark Your 2022 Calendars!

WPMC announces the following dates for
2022 monthly meetings:

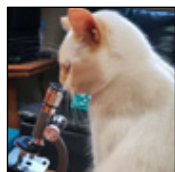
March 15	April 19
May 17	June 21
July 19	August 16
September 20	October 18
November 15	

NOTE: May is cultivation month, September hosts the foray, and the annual photo contest winners are announced in October. In November we share stories, photos and a year-end meal.

Out & About with WPMC



IN SEPTEMBER, WPMC Mycologist **John Plischke** was an invited mycologist to the 2021 Clark Rogerson Foray, an annual event of the Connecticut-Westchester Mycological Association (COMA).



ON OCTOBER 6, WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter** held an online microscopy class called "A Not Boring Intro into Fungal Microscopy with Cara Coulter." Fifteen members signed up to attend.



ON OCTOBER 9, the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania and WPMC hosted "Mushroom Day" at Beechwood Farms. WPMC Past President **Cecily Franklin** recruited new members, while WPMC Treasurer **Jared Delaney**, WPMC Lifetime Member **Barbara DeRiso**, and WPMC President **Stephen Bucklin** rang up merchandise sales. WPMC Mycologist **John Plischke** and Guest Mycologist **Walt Sturgeon** signed copies of their books.



ON OCTOBER 13, WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter** posted an article entitled "Fall Fungi Foraging" for the Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation.



ON OCTOBER 29 AND 30, WPMC Identifier **Fluff Berger** is scheduled to lead two events for the new Public Lands store in Cranberry Township, a Fall Mushroom Foraging class and a walk at nearby Knob Hill Community Park.



WPMC Fall Mushroom BINGO 2021

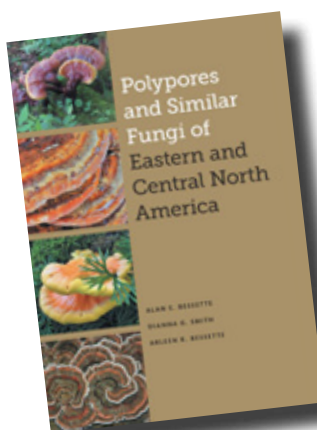
OCT. 20 THRU NOV. 20, 2021

IT'S TIME TO JOIN the WPMC Fall Mushroom BINGO 2021 project on iNaturalist! From October 20 through November 20, keep your eyes open for mushrooms on the Bingo card. Each time you spot one, submit it as an observation. As long as you have joined the project, it will automatically be added to the WPMC Fall Mushroom BINGO 2021 project. The first person to get five in a row either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, is the winner!

To join the project, click here: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/wPMC-fall-mushroom-bingo-2021>

To print the full Bingo sheet, click here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M506PrPrHqXeB9AnzV8aoBEax3L0dKHD8g-JiBYnXBI/edit>

New Mushroom Book:



Polypores and Similar Fungi of Eastern and Central North America

by **Alan E. Bessette, Dianna Smith, and Arleen R. Bessette**

THIS IS THE FIRST COLOR-illustrated guide to polypores and similar fungi specific to the eastern and central regions of the United States and Canada.

Welcoming and comprehensive, it accurately presents the currently available information about polypores, emphasizes identification based primarily on macroscopic field characters, and includes observational data drawn from the authors' extensive experience.

It includes new species and genera; addresses changing nomenclature; and provides details about polypores' biology, morphology, composition, role as parasites, interactions with various arthropods, and purported medicinal applications. The book also highlights how changes in geology, soil structure, and plant species due to factors such as continental drift and climate change have affected the evolution of polypores.

Featuring more than 240 species of polypores, extensive and easy-to-use dichotomous keys, and more than 300 color illustrations and multiple maps and line drawings, this new book is a must-have for amateur and professional mycologists, forest service personnel, mycophagists, and anyone interested in learning more about this remarkable group of fungi.

Price: \$65 / Hardcover: 392 pages

Available from the University of Texas Press: <https://utpress.utexas.edu/books/bessette-smith-polypores>

Planning Underway for 2022 Foray

Mark your calendars for next year's Lincoff Foray.

WPMC's annual event will take place on **Saturday, September 24**, at The Lodge in North Park. Our pre-Foray walk at Cook Forest will be held on Friday, September 23.

Our Guest Mycologists will be **Arleen and Alan Bessette**.



The Lodge in North Park



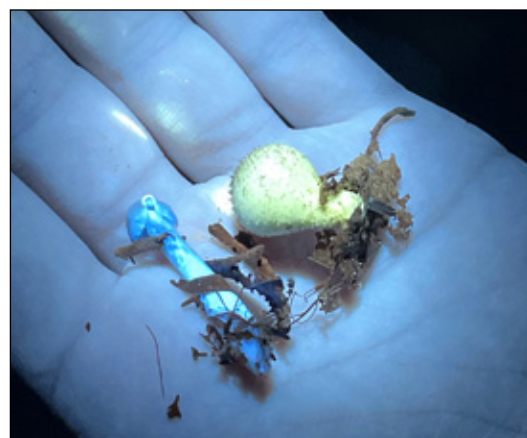
LINCOFF FORAY RECAP

Fluorescent Fun in the Forest

By Stephen Bucklin



photo by Cara Coulter.



SOMETIMES LIFE UNFOLDS before you in the most beautiful and unexpected ways. As I began to prepare for WPMC's largest event of the year, the Lincoff Memorial Foray, I had a thought: What if I traveled to Cook Forest the night before Friday's pre-foray walk and camped nearby? I let the thought drift to my planner and made loose plans to do so. A few weeks later, as I was preparing for events this fall at the Frick Environmental Center where I work, I got approval to purchase an ultraviolet flashlight to support an activity station for night hikes I was planning.

Ultraviolet light—electromagnetic radiation that falls somewhere on the spectrum between X-rays and visible light—is the main component of blacklights used at “glow bowling” and laser tag, as well as many other applications. I experienced the reaction of different rocks and minerals to UV light at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History years ago, and more recently I had seen photos by Alan Rockefeller of various mushrooms reacting in interesting ways to this unique spectrum of light. My hope was that I could find some species of fungi in our forests that also glowed.

After receiving the flashlight, I took it with me during some time off from work in the Monongahela National Forest and was blown away by how many things I discovered to be glowing in the woods. Once back in Pittsburgh, I put all the pieces together and wondered: What if I invited members of the mushroom club to join me Thursday night in Cook Forest for a Fluorescence Foray? Would anyone be interested? Would anyone show up?

As it turns out, yes, they would! Even though I announced the event at the last minute, we ended up with a group of 14 folks who joined me in using blacklights to find our way through the duff and darkness in search of interesting fungi, lichens, and invertebrates which happen to contain chemicals that react to ultraviolet light in peculiar ways. Our crew included WPMC Mycologists **Cara Coulter** and **Garrett Taylor**, who came rigged with a custom-made blacklight belt, and WPMC identifiers **Richard Jacob** and **Sara Klingensmith**.

We started our walk from the Rhododendron Trail/Old Logging Road trailhead at sunset and immediately located both non-reactive fungi (*Suillus americanus*) and reactive fungi (a *Russula* species) adjacent to the parking area. From there it seemed nearly every 20 yards yielded one or two interesting finds that glowed in

striking colors. *Entoloma*, *Gymnopilus*, and *Russula* species, glowing in ghostly blue, fiery orange, and neon yellow-green respectively, seemed to dominate our findings. Several otherwise “boring” gray crustose lichens on branches gave off brilliant orange colors like the *Gymnopilus*. One of the common “fairy cup” lichens (*Cladonia* sp.) also reacted with an electric blue color to contrast their pale gray-greenness under visible spectrum light. While the mushrooms certainly were our focus, we paused to appreciate many different insects and other arthropods which contained reactive compounds, including a gorgeous crowned slug moth, an orb weaver spider, millipedes, and a humongous cave cricket!

The walk was made even more enjoyable by the presence of **Dale Luthringer**, Environmental Education Specialist for Cook Forest State Park. In fact, I'm not sure our group would have found as much amazing stuff if he were not at the helm, leading us to locations he knew to be particularly damp and supportive of fungal life. Thanks so much to Cook Forest for allowing this walk to happen, and to the people who trusted the vague directions and GPS coordinates I posted to Facebook two days prior and made plans to be there. As we enter the darker part of the year, I am sure opportunities will abound for evening walks illuminated by the glow of fluorescent fungi. Keep an eye out for upcoming events!

If you are interested in purchasing your own UV flashlight, I would highly recommend doing some research. We had several different models of flashlights among our group, and many of them emitted a fair amount of visible light in the purple range, which washed out the colors and made it hard to see what was fluorescent. The best lights are those that emit UV light at around 365 nm, as this is the wavelength that yields the strongest response from most fluorescent compounds. Additionally, you want to ensure your light has a glass filter that prevents visible spectrum light from shining, while allowing the UV spectrum light to pass through. Some flashlights can be purchased with this filter already installed. Expect to spend \$80-120 or more for a light that gives off mostly pure ultraviolet light, giving you the best experience of this fascinating natural phenomenon.

To read the species list and see some fabulous photos from this walk, go to: <https://wpamushroomclub.org/species-list-from-uv-night-walk-on-09-16-2021/>

LINCOFF FORAY RECAP

More than 50 people showed up for this year's Pre-Foray walk at Cook Forest.

Photo by Dawn Wehman



Cook Forest Pre-Foray Walk

By Cara Coulter

IT WAS AN AMAZING time at the Cook Forest Pre-Foray walk this year. The weather conditions made it perfect for a successful walk. It was exciting to be able to have our foray back to some semblance of normalcy, and the mood clearly reflected that.

We started the day off with 50 or so people, but that quickly grew to almost a hundred as the day wore on. Among them were a few renowned and respected mycologists: **John Plischke**, **Garrett Taylor**, **Walt Sturgeon**, **Leon Shernoff**, **Jacob Kalichman**, and MAW Program Chair **Tom McCoy**.

Our members were also treated to some rare and fascinating fungi on this trip. We found more than 100 species this year, of which 17 are new to the club's list! This finally helped us reach over 500 species found in the area since our club started the foray.

One of our members found a rare and fuzzy *Pouzarella* popping from the ground. Hiding along the sides of the streambank we found the tiny graceful white horns of *Clavicornia taxophila* (Yew Club), and the minuscule antler-like forms of *Clavulina castaneopes*. The Yew Club was an exciting enough find that a few of our mycologists risked falling into the creek to catch a glance and snap a few photos. Some other notable finds were a branch with the shimmering silvery pores and soft ochre cap of an *Inocutis rheades*, and a little twig with the small bright yellow forms of *Femsjonia peziziformis*.

Of course, we found some of the same things we find every year, but those finds are no less exciting! Quite a few edibles were on the table. The *Pseudohydnum gelatinosum* (Cat's Tongue Jelly Fungus) we find every year was back, and the ones we found this year were made into some delicious watermelon candies. Some of our lucky foray members got to experience those delicious candies the next day at the Rose Barn. A few members even walked away with some tasty *Craterellus tubaeformis* (Yellowfoot), and the *Boletes* were big and plentiful.

It was sad leaving the beautiful Hemlock-filled area, but our club was so lucky to have such a great walk this year. We can't wait to see you all again, and maybe even some more new faces next year! To see the entire species list from Cook Forest, click here:

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/species-list-from-cook-forest-state-park-on-09-17-2021/>

Saturday in the Park

By Fluff Berger

OUR ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF Mushroom Foray brought lots of sun and clouds; a beautiful, though hot day. The foraging walks were well attended and fruitful despite dry conditions. **Michael Kuo's** walk was also attended by **Gretchen McKay**, Food Editor for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. See "WPMC in the News" on page 9 for more information and a link to Gretchen's article.

This year we discovered more than 200 different species of fungi from the combined walks in Cook Forest and the North Park area. It was great to see our own Identifiers and Mycologists in person again, as well as some visiting regional myco-leaders like **Walt Sturgeon** and **Jacob Kalichman**.

Mike Henry's first year as Mushroom Feast coordinator was a success, and we look forward to more mushroom feasts with Mike. Many gifted cooks and foodies contributed "fungu-lous" dishes, from soups to desserts, keeping everyone fed throughout the day. See page 9 for the full list.

Michael Kuo's talk was humorous yet scholarly, as he shared some of the crazy emails he receives, as well as opining on taxonomy and the foibles of DNA research that discards original specimens, rather than keeping them for further study.

Leon Shernoff gave us a mushroom's eye view of nature with beautiful photos, as well as great perspective on why plants and fungi do what they do.

Kim Plischke demonstrated a simple and delicious Enoki Shallot Sauté that anyone can prepare in minutes.

The annual Auction items were intriguing and fun, with many happy winners. See page 8 for more information.

As sunset approached, both Michael and Leon gave added value to our attendees by doing a table talk outdoors, with some of the fascinating fungal finds of the day.

It takes a plethora of volunteers whose passion for fungi and for the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club makes our Foray a success each year, and we have the best! Grateful thanks to everyone who dedicated their time and effort. Next year, we look forward to spreading out into a much-needed larger space—The Lodge at North Park. Hope to see you there.



LINCOFF FORAY RECAP / PHOTOS



Alle



Leon Shernoff



Michael Kuo



Kim Plischke Demo



Walt Sturgeon

Photos by Cecily Franklin

Science Sunday

THIS YEAR'S LINCOFF FORAY included Science Sunday, where four WPMC members gave presentations. WPMC President **Stephen Bucklin** led off with an "Introduction to Mushroom Identification." WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter** discussed "Mushroom Photography for ID & Clarity." WPMC Bolete Specialist **Scott Pavelle** gave a talk on "Ten Common Boletes in Our Area," and WPMC Past President **Richard Jacob** presented an "Introduction to Microscopy: Spores, Squash Mounts & Stains."

Annual Raffle Raises Funds for WPMC

This year's Auction Committee included Past President **Cecily Franklin** and WPMC Identifiers **Judy Mackenroth** and **Julie Travaglini**. Thanks to the generosity of 16 donors, we had 38 fabulous prizes and raised hundreds of dollars for the benefit of WPMC. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, and congratulations to all the winners!

LINCOFF FORAY RECAP / FOOD & MORE

Dozens of Delicious Dishes

By Mike Henry



Mike Henry organized this year's Mushroom Feast.

Photo by Heather Henry

A BIG SHOUT-OUT to all the WPMC members who brought food for this year's Mushroom Feast.

Here's a list of all the cooks and their many dishes:

Barbora Batokova: Cremini-Black Trumpet Risotto

Fluff Berger: Sausage, Spinach & Wild Rice Soup; Zucchini Pizza; Muffins

Xiaoyan Cai: Shiitake Noodles

Cara Coulter: Mushroom Cupcakes, Brownies

Nick Daly: Thai Green Curry Chicken & Mushrooms

Jared Delaney: Cookie tray

Barbara DeRiso: Stuffed mushrooms, Roast chicken, Porcini mushroom Dip, Black Trumpet Dip

Heather Edmondson: King Oyster Mushroom Scallops

Boogie Haase: Porkchop & Mushroom Stew

Mike Henry: Buffalo Chicken of the Woods Pizza; Chicken Noodle with Black Staining Polypore broth; Oyster & Spinach Risotto; Pasta with Bacon; Shiitake Frittata

Lex Jackson: Mushroom Stroganoff

Richard Jacob: Pork in Green Salsa with Mexican Rice

Linda Moll: Macaroon brownies

Scott Pavelle: Mushroom charcuterie platter

Becky Plischke: Black Trumpet Dip, Asian Oriental Salad

Kim Plischke: Chicken mushroom casserole, Sauteed Enoki mushrooms, Shiitake salad

Alyssa Silver: Vegan Pasta Salad

Florian Termin: Oven-baked Pesto Tofu

Julie Travaglini: Macaroni & Cheese

Jim Wasik: Chanterelle soup



Photo by Cecily Franklin



WPMC Member Designs Foray T-shirt



THIS IS THE FIRST year that WPMC offered Foray participants the chance to buy Lincoff Foray T-shirts, designed by WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter**. They were so popular that we had to order more!

WPMC in the News

GRETCHEN MCKAY, Food Editor for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, joined WPMC in North Park for the 21st Annual Gary Lincoff Foray and wrote an article titled, "What fungi! Foraging and cooking with wild mushrooms." In addition to photos from the foray, Gretchen also included recipes from two new mushroom cookbooks. To read the entire article, go to:

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/food/2021/09/29/Mushroom-Club-western-pennsylvania-North-Park-mushroom-tart-coconut-curry-buffalo-chicken-dip-recipe/stories/202109150159>



Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Food Editor Gretchen McKay found these chicken mushrooms at the Lincoff Foray.

Photo by Cecily Franklin



In Memoriam: Fred Schrock (1936-2021)

GOULD F. "FRED" SCHROCK and his wife Peggy were founding members of WPMC back in 2000 and continued their membership ever since. Fred earned a B.S. in Education, a Master of Education in Biology, and a PhD. At Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Fred taught courses in Botany, Mycology and Medical Mycology. Fred served WPMC as both club Mycologist and Identifier until the onset of dementia ended that aspect of his life and love of mushrooms. Fred passed away on July 5 of this year.

WPMC Re-Elects Officers for 2022

At the October monthly meeting, WPMC members re-elected the following Board members for 2022:

President: Stephen Bucklin Vice President: Cara Coulter
Secretary: Julie Travaglini Treasurer: Jared Delaney

Current NAMA Trustee **Garrett Taylor** will complete his first two-year term in 2022.

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. 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/wpam-scholarship-grant-application/>

TCDTR Expands on CARES for Charitable Deductions

HUH? What do TCDTR and CARES have to do with mushrooms? The Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief (TCDTR) Act of 2020 extends through the end of 2021 some temporary tax changes originally enacted by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Ordinarily, individuals who elect to take the standard deduction cannot claim a deduction for their charitable contributions. The law now permits these individuals to claim a limited deduction on their 2021 federal income tax returns for cash contributions made to certain qualifying charitable organizations, including WPMC. These individuals, including married individuals filing separate returns, can claim a deduction of up to \$300 for cash contributions made to qualifying charities during 2021. The maximum deduction is increased to \$600 for married individuals filing joint returns.

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**.

Choose WPMC on AmazonSmile

WPMC HAS REGISTERED with AmazonSmile, so that Amazon purchases can benefit WPMC. Whenever you shop at Amazon, just designate the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club as your charity, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to WPMC. "Same products, same prices, same service." It's easy to get started with this link:

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_chpf_redirect?ein=25-1858797&ie=UTF8&ref_=smi_ext_ch_25-1858797_cl



New Sales Chair Needed!

WPMC IS IN NEED of a new Sales Chair, to take responsibility for selling books and other club merchandise at in-person events. If you like people or money (or both) and would like to be part of this important fund-raising effort, email WPMC President **Stephen Bucklin** at president@wpamushroomclub.org.

WPMC Membership Report

by **Kris Murawski**

THANK YOU TO ALL of our members in 2021. It is your support that keeps our club alive and thriving. This year is our largest membership year ever, and our membership continues to grow. As of October 19, we have 1,359 members, representing 760 households.

Becoming a member of WPMC has some wonderful benefits, including access to dozens of expert identifiers to help you learn more about fungi, bi-monthly newsletter to help you keep up on events and news, monthly meetings, emails, Mushroom Education Day, WPMC Lincoff Foray discount, mushroom walks, access to the WPMC Facebook group--a fantastic place to learn and share, annual Photo Contest, and a free "Grow-Your-Own" mushroom kit provided at our annual Cultivation Meeting.

To join or renew, download the membership application or pay online here: <https://wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/>

WPMC Newsletter

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Send submissions to: cs4wpmc@gmail.com

Day and time for walks vary. Please read carefully for any registration requirements or fees. Check the website at www.wpamushroomclub.org/ events for updates, directions, and much more!



WPMC Walks

If you would like to lead a WPMC walk, or if you know a great walk location, please email WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter** at vice-president@wpamushroomclub.org.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 10:00 A.M.

HALLOWEEN WALK AT TODD NATURE RESERVE

347 KEPPEL ROAD, SARVER, BUTLER COUNTY

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter** at the main parking lot of Todd Nature Reserve for a free Halloween mushroom walk. Costumes are encouraged, but foraging is prohibited. WPMC's Fall Mushroom Bingo will be in full swing!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 10:00 A.M.

Black Friday Walk at Hartwood Acres

Meet WPMC Identifiers at the Middle Road Parking Lot at Hartwood Acres. Note that is the opposite side of the park from our normal meeting point, due to a closed parking lot and construction.

Other Walks, Forays & Events

NORTHEAST MYCOLOGICAL FEDERATION (NEMF)

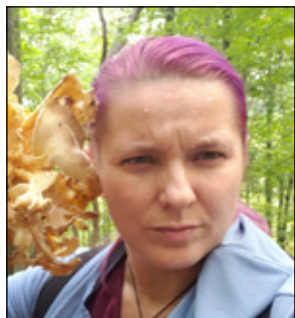
2021 SAMUEL RISTICH VIRTUAL FORAY

December 3-4, 2021

<http://www.nemf.org/2021/04/10/nemf-2021/>

NEVER EAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MUSHROOM!

1 New Mycologist, 2 New Identifiers, 3 New ID Buttons



Cara Coulter



Sara Klingensmith



Carson Gross



Lauren Nagoda



Shannon Baldrige



Josh Mowris

WPMC'S NEWEST MYCOLOGIST is Vice President **Cara Coulter**. Cara's iNaturalist account documents more than 500 different species. WPMC's other Mycologists unanimously agreed to make Cara a club Mycologist.

WPMC is also pleased to announce that our newest Identifiers are **Sara Kingensmith** and **Carson Gross**. Both members submitted their lists of at least 150 known mushrooms to ID Button Program Chair **Julie Travaglini** for approval. Then the Board of Directors voted to make them club Identifiers.

WPMC also Awarded a "75" ID Button to **Lauren Nagoda**, a "100" ID Button to **Shannon Baldrige**, and a "100" ID Button to **Josh Mowris**. Congratulations to all!



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/>



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