



Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Newsletter

Fungi, Fun & Friends!

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President's Message

Barbora Batokova

AS WE MOVE deeper into fall, it's hard to believe how quickly the season has passed. While the weather hasn't always been on our side this year—with notably dry conditions that limited some of our expected fungal finds—we've still made the most of it!

September and October were packed with activity, and it's been incredible to see so many of you join us for our mushroom walks and events. Your enthusiasm and participation have kept the spirit of the club thriving. Despite the challenging conditions, we still made great discoveries in the field, such as the two observations of the red-listed *Rhodotus palmatus*!

A special highlight, of course, was our annual Lincoff Foray held in a new location at the Economy Fire Department Banquet Hall. Our keynote speakers, **Sigrid Jakob** and **Hannah Huber**, led inspiring talks, and the foray resulted in over 770 observations—a

testament to our commitment to fungal conservation. It's always inspiring to come together and learn from each other, and I'm grateful to everyone who made it possible.

As the season winds down, I encourage you to reflect on the beauty we've found in this dry season—a reminder that mushrooms are resilient and surprising, even when conditions aren't ideal. As the colder months approach, don't hang up your mushroom baskets just yet! Winter species like oyster mushrooms (*Pleurotus sp.*) and velvet shanks (*Flammulina sp.*) will be out there, waiting to be discovered even in the chillier months.

I'm honored to serve another year as President and pleased to announce that our current officers have all graciously agreed to continue serving the club for another year, ensuring continuity in leadership as we move into 2025. Their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in the success of this season, and I'm grateful for their continued commitment. A special thank you goes to **Garrett Taylor**, who has completed his two terms as the NAMA Trustee, and **Cara Coulter** will take over the position.

Thank you for an amazing year. Stay curious, keep foraging, and see you in the spring!

Final WPMC Meeting of the Year

NOVEMBER 19, 7:00 PM • POTLUCK & ANNUAL WPMC AWARDS

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, at 7:00 p.m., WPMC will hold its annual Potluck and WPMC Awards at Frick Environmental Center in Squirrel Hill. For the Potluck, bring something for 6-8 people, along with serving utensils. The categories are appetizers, salads, hot dishes, cold plates, soup, casseroles, desserts, anything you want—be creative. It does not need to be mushroom

related but, if so, wild mushrooms must be identified and approved by a club Identifier or Mycologist before cooking, and any non-members will have to sign a waiver before trying them. Since electrical connections are limited, bring hot food hot, and bring cold food cold. WPMC will provide soft drinks, plates, eating utensils, napkins, and take-home boxes.



Annual WPMC Photo Contest Results

ONCE AGAIN, WPMC Photography Chair **Sara Klingensmith** judged the 2024 Photo Contest and presented the results at the October meeting. Nineteen WPMC members submitted a total of 75 photos.

See pages 5, 6, & 7 for the other winners.

Pictorial First Place:

MIKAYLA BURLINGAME
Pseudoboletus parasiticus



Northeast Rare Fungi: *Fistulina radicata*

By Richard Jacob

EVERY SEPTEMBER THE Mycological Association of Washington, DC (MAW) holds its annual Camp Sequanota weekend in Somerset County. At this year's Sequanota foray, I was leading a morning walk at a new location. I had researched different possible sites close to the foray using Google Maps and then scouted them out a month before the event.

Bens Creek comes down the mountain surrounded by Eastern Hemlock and joins North Fork flowing into the North Fork reservoir. I thought it looked very similar to the environment at Linn Run. The group of assembled mushroom enthusiasts drawn from across Pennsylvania and Washington, DC and its surrounds fanned out through the forest to see what treasures of the fungal kind we could find.

We were fortunate that the North Fork reservoir area had received a couple of inches of rain in the two weeks before the foray and there was an abundance of mushrooms, from tiny *Marasmius* growing on fallen sticks to Corals sprouting from the needle duff and the occasional bright orange of a *Cordyceps militaris* (don't forget to dig for the body). Plenty of gilled mushrooms, too. Further away from the creek the forest turned to mixed hardwood and some conifers. The range of tree species in the area resulted in a high diversity of fungal species.

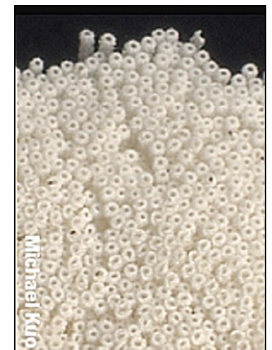
I collected over 60 specimens at Bens Creek North Fork. When we returned to Camp Sequanota, a couple of the foray mycologists came over to see what had been brought in. One of the finds quickly drew some interest. I did not recognize it, but I had brought in one of the Fungal Diversity Survey (FUNDIS) Northeast Rare Fungi Challenge species. These are species that are rare, underdocumented, or potentially threatened species reported to be in the Northeast.

Sitting at number 16 was *Pseudofistulina radicata*. It looks a little bit like *Fistulina hepatica*, the beefsteak fungus, and grows on dead hardwood with a key feature: the tubes that make up the underside are not fused together like a bolete but are individually discrete. When you use a magnifying lens or take a macro photo you can see the individual tubes. You can also distinguish *P. radicata* by the browner cap surface and rooting stipe. The specimen was quickly selected for DNA sequencing, so I was not able to take better pictures of it. However, the photos below by **Michael Kuo** beautifully illustrate the details.

When you're out in the woods, examine the area carefully before moving on. Often the more nondescript mushrooms are the unknown ones that hold a lot of interest for DNA sequencing. Every now and again you can find rare mushrooms, but some people find more rare mushrooms than others, so it's not just luck. The one area I need to work on is taking better pictures of my finds in the field as you never know what it will be.

Good luck to all the future foray attendees and may you bring back the rarest of specimens!

Fistulina radicata.
Photos by Michael Kuo



IUCN Red List: *Rhodotus palmatus*



Wrinkled Peach, *Rhodotus palmatus*. Photos by Julie Travaglini

NOT ONCE, but twice during October, WPMC members found a mushroom on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List: the Wrinkled Peach, *Rhodotus palmatus*. Its conservation status is "near threatened".

On October 5, **Marissa Kolarosky** found *R. palmatus* at Boyce Mayview Park in Upper St. Clair. She didn't know what it was until she posted it on iNaturalist. The very next day, WPMC Identifier **Julie Travaglini** found another one at Dead Man's Hollow.

R. palmatus appears on the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program (PNHP) list of Underdocumented Fungi of Pennsylvania. If you find one of these species, notify PNHP, post photos on iNat or Mushroom Observer, and reach out to a WPMC Identifier or Mycologist for identification assistance.

WPMC in the News

WQED PITTSBURGH HAS been following WPMC's activities since our cultivation meeting in May. In September, the station released a five-minute video entitled *Foraging Pittsburgh - Discovering Community and Flavor*. The video includes interviews with WPMC President **Barbora Batokova**, WPMC Vice President **Julie Travaglini**, WPMC Treasurer **Jared Delaney**, WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter**, WPMC Bolete Specialist **Scott Pavelle**, and PA Mushroom Company's **Espo Wilcox**. You can watch the full video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhPgr23a06c>



2025 Monthly Meeting Dates Set

MARK YOUR CALENDARS now for next year's monthly WPMC meetings. Note that two meetings will not take place on the usual third Tuesday of the month. The May cultivation meeting has been moved to May 13 to avoid a conflict with Election Day, and the September meeting has been moved to September 9 so that it will not be the same week as the Lincoff Foray. All meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at the Frick Environmental Center and will feature updates on club activities, a speaker/presentation, mushroom identification table, and mushroom-related merchandise for sale. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Here is the complete list of 2025 WPMC monthly meeting dates:

March 18	April 15	May 13*
June 17	July 15	August 19
September 9*	October 21	November 18

*Note: These meetings will be held on the SECOND Tuesday.

WPMC Scholarship Committee

WPMC ADMINISTERS AN annual Scholarship/Grant program to promote wild mushrooming by providing monetary support for attending 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/>

Support WPMC with Your Holiday Shopping

SHOW YOUR WPMC pride by purchasing customized club gear from spreadshop.com. The WPMC Merch Store offers many products with the WPMC logo, including shirts of various styles, hats, mugs, aprons, tote bags, and more. Whether it's for men, women, or toddlers, you get to choose the size and color! Buy for yourself or as one-of-a-kind gifts.

All purchases benefit WPMC, so get started at this link:

<https://western-pa-mushroom-club.myspreadshop.com/>



October Meeting Recap

IN ADDITION TO THE Photo Contest, the October meeting included two votes. First, the WPMC members present unanimously approved the following slate of officers for 2025:

President	Barbora Batokova
Vice President	Julie Travaglini
Secretary	Sara Klingensmith
Treasurer	Jared Delaney
NAMA Trustee	Cara Coulter

Second, WPMC also held its first-ever mushroom Costume Contest, with five participants. The first-place winner was **Becka Jean Marsh**.



Costume Contest Participants (L to R): Sara McGinity (moth attacked by Acanthomyces); Dawn Wehman (dead man's fingers); Julie Travaglini (inky cap); Marissa Kolarosky (Amanita); Becka Jean Marsh (assortment).

Photo by Cecily Franklin

Help Fund WPMC Projects

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

WPMC Newsletter

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WPMC Awards ID Buttons and Names New Identifier



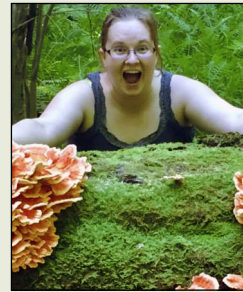
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Paula Breuer & Vic Pregel



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Devin Hilty



Jared White



Josh Mowris



WPMC'S BUTTON ID Button Program offers members a fun way to increase their knowledge of mushroom species. The following WPMC members were recently awarded ID Buttons for their ability to identify mushroom species: **Marylou Lenhart** (10); **Julie Case** (25); **Saige Runyan, Theresa Colecchia, and Paula Breuer & Vic Pregel** (50); **Dana Driscoll** (75); **Becca Jean Marsh** (100); **Mikayla Burlingame** (150); and **Rachel Gallagher** (200) not pictured.

In addition, **Devin Hilty** earned a 200 ID Button and has been named WPMC's newest club Identifier. Two other WPMC Identifiers have increased their mushroom knowledge: **Jared White** (250) and **Josh Mowris** (325).

Congratulations to all! For complete requirements, including how to submit your list of known mushrooms, go to:

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

WPMC Membership Report

By Dawn Wehman & Kris Kenealy

AS OF OCTOBER 24, we have 735 members from 428 households. Joining or renewing your membership is easy by just going to <https://wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/> and following the directions provided. Don't know if you renewed already? No worries! Just drop us an email at membership@wpamushroomclub.org and we can check for you. Once your renewal is complete, please do just one more step, check your "Welcome to The Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club – 2024" email and make sure we have all of your info correct.

Membership benefits include:

- Free mushroom kit at the annual Cultivation meeting in May.
- Discount for attending the WPMC's annual Gary Lincoff Foray.
- Annual Photo Contest for WPMC members.
- Access to the WPMC Facebook Group.
- Walks & Events year-round.
- Nine monthly meetings with speakers and mushroom identification.
- Five WPMC newsletters.



Congratulations to the Annual WPMC Photo Contest Winners

Pictorial Second Place:

BARBORA BATOKOVA – *Chlorociboria* sp.



Judge's Option Honorable Mention:

DEVIN HILTY – *UV Russula* sp.



Documentary First Place:

DEVIN HILTY – *Mitrula* sp.



Documentary Honorable Mention:

MIKAYLA BURLINGAME
– *Hygrocybe cantharellus*





Documentary Honorable Mention:
DEVIN HILTY – *Hyperparasite*



Pictorial Third Place:
JOSH DOTY – *Hemitrichia calyculata*



Judge's Option Second Place:
CECILY FRANKLIN – *Boletes*



Documentary Third Place:
BARBORA BATOKOVA – *Boletus subluridellus*



Pictorial Honorable Mention:
JOHNATHAN KOHLHEPP
– “Follow the Yellow Brick Road”



Pictorial Honorable Mention:
STEVE YOUNG – Poor Man's Licorice,
Bulgaria inquinans





Mushroom Selfie First Place:
JARED WHITE



Judge's Option Third Place:
LYNN GILL – “Didn't Plant These”



Mushroom Selfie Second Place:
SARA MCGINITY



Documentary Second Place:
JOSH DOTY – *Exsudoporus frostii* stem

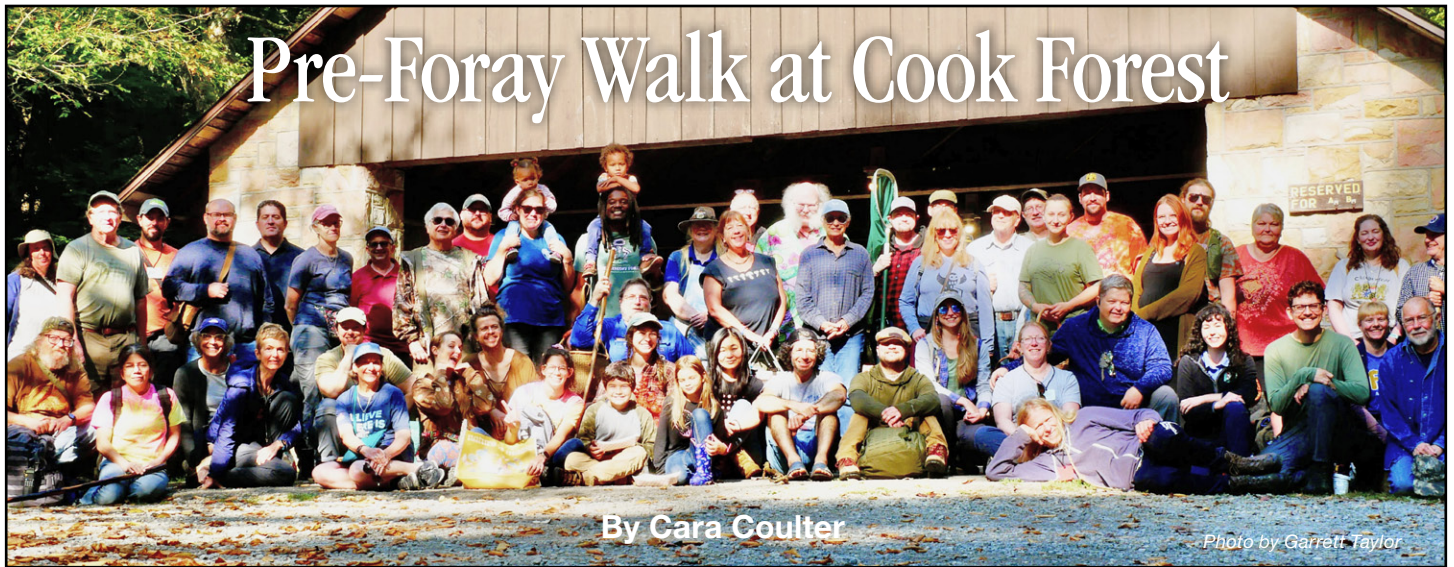


Mushroom Selfie Third Place:
MIKE HENRY – “Alas Poor Yorick!”



Judge's Option First Place:
MIKE HENRY – “Berkley Quintuplets”





IT WAS ANOTHER great year for the Cook Forest Pre-Foray Walk. We decided to again perform DNA analysis on many of the foray specimens, but this time we took a more laid-back approach and focused on our attendees, which worked out great.

We had about the same attendance as last year, which was 50-70 people, including our guest speakers, respected and passionate mycologist and president of the New York Mycological Society **Sigrid Jakob**, and the bright, enthusiastic PA Conservation Mycologist **Hannah Huber**. Also in attendance were MAW Program Chair **Tom McCoy** and author of *Appalachian Mushrooms*, **Walt Sturgeon**. We also had our own club Mycologists **John Plischke**, **Garrett Taylor**, **Kim Plischke**, **La Monte Yarroll**, **Stephen Bucklin**, and **Cara Coulter**, along with many of our club Identifiers.

Thankfully the weather was comfortable, but it was a painfully dry year at our Cook Forest Foray. This certainly didn't make it any less enjoyable. Even still, we managed to find over 180 species of fungi. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic our attendees were and, of course, they brought back some wonderful finds. Some of the highlights are:

- A rare treat with a unique looking species called *Wynnea americana* (Moose Ears) was found this year by **Karen Beall**.
- We found *Chromosera cyanophylla*, a gorgeous fungus with bright pink gills.
- A very small unknown species of *Typhula*, a thin threadlike fungus, was found.
- *Cudoniella sp-PA01* was found again this year. This species was found last year and, with sequencing, we found it to be a species that was novel to all DNA repositories. This means that it is either a completely new species or one that has never been sequenced before.
- Some very interesting and unknown species of entomopathogenic fungi were found by some of our members.
- Also found was a cluster of interesting unknown tiny brown ascomycetes. Can't wait to see what the DNA results show on this specimen.

So many were enthusiastic about submitting their specimens for DNA. I'm really looking forward to the results! I'm sure there will be a few first sequences and can't wait to see what our members found!

Fluorescent Foray 2024

By Stephen Bucklin

ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, as the sun was setting, a group of 31 mycophiles gathered at the parking lot near the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Center in Cook Forest State Park to embark on our 4th annual pre-pre-foray fluorescent walk. This was our first time hosting the evening walk in the Forest Cathedral area, a part of the park with impressive stands of old growth white pine and hemlock trees. After a short introduction to the area by Environmental Education Specialist **Dale Luthringer** and an overview of fluorescence and the equipment we were using, we hit the trails.

Dry conditions meant our fungal finds were perhaps fewer and farther between, but a short distance down the trail into the Forest Cathedral there was a beautiful fruiting of *Climacocystis borealis* on a large hemlock tree. While this polypore didn't have a strong glow, something else on the tree (perhaps an algae or slime mold?) gave off a beautiful orange glow.

As we continued among the towering hemlock and pine trees along Ancient Forest Trail, we continued to find fungi. The most impressive fluorescent species included 2-3 different *Russula* mushrooms and *Lactifluus deceptivus*. On a fallen tree we found a brightly glowing lichen, *Ochrolechia arborea*, which is a relatively plain gray crust under normal light. Although fungi were our main targets, we found many more glowing millipedes than we did mushrooms. Many of the millipedes we discovered were deceased, and a handful were in the characteristic pose millipedes take when they've been infected by *Arthropaga myriapodina*.

Eventually we worked our way down the hill to Tom's Run. In this area we found some bright blue *Cladonia squamosa* lichens on fallen logs. We then crossed the new bridge and walked back to where we started. All in all, we found a decent number of mushrooms considering the drought conditions, and it was a beautiful night to be out in the forest.

Deceptive Milky,
Lactifluus deceptivus.
Photo by Stephen Bucklin





24TH ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF FORAY RECAP

By Jared Delaney

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, about 120 mushroom enthusiasts including registrants, volunteers, and speakers, attended the 24th annual Gary Lincoff Foray. The all-day event was a success with engaging speakers, delicious food, and a great turnout despite overall dry conditions and a new location.

For the first time in years, the event was held outside of North Park at the Economy Borough Fire Hall. The weather for the day was clear but warm, and everyone was grateful for the air conditioning in the fire hall. The location also offered the opportunity for eight new walks in the nearby area within about a 10-minute drive. As usual, club Identifiers and Mycologists led walks, helping club regulars and newcomers alike through the new walk areas. Despite the overall dry summer leading up to the Foray, many mushrooms were still found and brought back to the landing tables to be identified.

As tables started to fill with mushrooms after the morning walks, Knock About Coffee served caffeinated refreshments at their food truck stationed outside. **Mike Henry** and his kitchen crew provided a wide range of mushroom-based soups, and **Espo Wilcox** cooked his mushroom noodle stir fry on his wok outside. Nearby, the cultivation table was busy making mushroom grow kits inoculated with Lion's Mane spawn for all in attendance. Inside, the sales table was filled with a generous assortment of mushroom books and new club T-shirts, while auction tables bore an array of mushroom-related paraphernalia.

After lunch, **Sigrid Jakob**, President of the New York Mycological Society, explained "DNA Sequencing for Non-Scientists", an important topic as WPMC looks to continue and expand the effort with the DNA sequencing of collected mushroom species in the area. Afterward, **Hannah Huber**, Conversation Mycologist for the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program, spoke on "Conserving our Fungal Heritage" and the work being done in Pennsylvania to assess and monitor fungal species.

After the speaker sessions, Espo returned to his wok outside for the cooking demonstration, showcasing the mushroom noodle stir fry he shared earlier in the day. Then **Dawn Wehman** led the first ever Mushroom Jeopardy, which provided a fun way to engage the group with a competition on mushroom identification.

Not to disappoint, the Mushroom Feast was the star of the show. Countless dishes and desserts were prepared and donated, many with foraged mushrooms. To put it mildly, "you had to be there" to understand the full breadth of the culinary talent of this club and hard work of the kitchen crew. Appropriately, Walt Sturgeon, an experienced mycologist and friend of the club, led the table walk to end the day.

Countless people volunteered or helped in some way to make this event the success it was. The Foray Committee thanks everyone who attended or participated and looks forward to seeing you again in 2025!



Guest Mycologists Walt Sturgeon, Hannah Huber and Sigrid Jakob Photos by Cecily Franklin

"I had a wonderful time thanks to your kindness and generosity. The event was extremely well-organized, and I felt immediately welcomed both by old friends and new. People went out of their way to introduce themselves and chat. It really is a very special club, and you have some incredible members. And the food was sensational!"

— Sigrid Jakob

2025 Lincoff Foray Will Return to North Park

THANKS TO THE efforts of WPMC Treasurer **Jared Delaney** and Foray Feast Chair **Mike Henry**, the 2025 Lincoff Foray will be back at The Lodge in North Park. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for **Saturday, September 20, 2025**.

Auction Results

THANKS TO THE generosity of WPMC members, the club raised hundreds of dollars in this year's Lincoff Foray auction. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and purchased tickets. If you would like to help organize or run next year's auction, email Past President **Cecily Franklin** for a job description.



Food, Glorious Food



Foray Feast Chair Mike Henry (above) and chef Espo Wilcox (right)

Photos by Barbora Batokova

FOR THE FOURTH year in a row, Foray Feast **Mike Henry**, along with many volunteers, organized an amazing spread which included home-made soups for lunch and an endless assortment for dinner. Thanks to all of the following WPMC members for their contributions to this year's Foray Feast:

SOUPS

- Mike Henry:** Pozole Soup with Puffballs
- Kim Plischke:** Chanterelle Corn Chowder
- Barbora Batokova:** Czech Mushroom Dill Soup
- Robert Bosiljevac:** Vegetable Soup
- Fluff Berger:** Turkey Vegetable Soup
- Sara Klingensmith:** Pumpkin Soup
- Martha Wasik:** Carrot Ginger Soup

ENTREES

- Mike Henry:** COTW Fajitas, Buffalo COTW Pizza
- Mike Henry/Kim Plischke:** Mushroom Hash Browns
- Kim Plischke:** Cordyceps Stir Fry

- Richard Jacob:** Smoked Brisket, Smacked Cucumber Salad, Roast Hen of the Woods on Squash Puree with Sage Oil
- Julie Case:** Chicken Fried COTW sliders
- Katie & Sean Manion:** Veggie Lasagna, Fungie Lasagna
- Lara Boogie & Lex Jackson:** Greens & Mushrooms
- Barbara DeRiso:** Tomato Mushroom Risotto
- Xiaoyan Cai:** Shiitake Noodles
- Dana Driscoll:** Vegetable Quiche
- Espo Wilcox:** Mushroom & Noodle Stir Fry
- Jared Delaney:** 200 pieces of Fried Chicken, 60 Sandwich Sliders

SIDES

- Mike Henry:** Saffron rice
- Kim Plischke:** Hen Salsa
- Marylou Lenhart:** Sourdough Bread
- Fluff Berger:** Broccoli Salad
- Rachel Gallagher:** Paw Paw Bread
- Judy Mackenroth:** Veggie Tray, Hispanic treats
- Vince & Teresa Wojtyna:** Caprese Salad
- Kathy Gilotty:** Pasta Salad
- Dawn Wehman:** Turkey/Ham Sliders
- Matt Stahlman:** Sticky Sesame Shiitake, Chanterelle Garlic Bread
- Jared Delaney:** Mac & Cheese

DESSERTS

- Mike Henry:** Caramel Brownies
- Becka Jean Marsh:** Mexican Wedding Cookies
- Kate & Scott Pavelle:** Heritage Cookies
- Barbara DeRiso:** Chocolate Wafer Candies, Coffee Cake, Peach Cake
- Cara Coulter:** Cookies/Treats

WPMC Walks & Events

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

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Thanksgiving Mushroom Walk at Hartwood Acres

Need to get out of the house after Thanksgiving? Want to go on a hunt, but not for bargains? Then meet WPMC Mycologist **Richard Jacob** at the Mansion parking lot for a Thanksgiving mushroom walk. Join us in search of the last mushrooms of the season. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

NOTE: If you would like to lead a WPMC walk, or if you know a great walk location, please email WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** at joshmowris@yahoo.com.

Other Walks, Forays & Events

OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 3

North American Mycological Association (NAMA)

Annual Foray

Randle, Washington

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

NOVEMBER 6-9

NAAEE 2024 Conference: Building Bridges, Pittsburgh, PA

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

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



Out & About With WPMC



ON SEPTEMBER 14, Sara Klingensmith and Mike Henry hosted a WPMC table and gave a presentation at Forage Fest, a fall market at Velum Fermentation on the South Side.



State Rep. Mandy Steele's Outdoor Recreation & Conservation Expo in Cheswick.

ON SEPTEMBER 15, WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter**, Past President **Cecily Franklin**, and **Kathy Gilotty Croft** hosted a WPMC table at PA



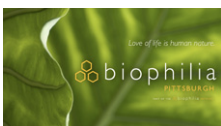
ON SEPTEMBER 15, WPMC Mycologist **Stephen Bucklin** was the keynote speaker at the 13th Annual Fall Migration Festival held at Stormy Oaks Nature Conservancy in Valencia (Butler County).



ON SEPTEMBER 23, WPMC Mycologist **Richard Jacob** gave a presentation on Mushroom Foraging at the Cooper-Siegel Library in Sharpsburg.



ON SEPTEMBER 28, WPMC Identifiers **Jared White** and **Josh Doty** led their annual "Nature Treasure Hunt" at Boyce Mayview Park for the Upper St. Clair Library.



ON OCTOBER 3, WPMC President **Barbora Batokova** and Past President **Stephen Bucklin** gave a presentation at Biophilia, a monthly speaker series at Phipps Conservatory.



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER: WPMC Mycologist **John Plischke** identified mushrooms and selected specimens for DNA sequencing at both the Ohio Mushroom Festival in September and the Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF) Annual Foray in Cape Cod in October. John also gave a workshop on Growing Oyster Mushrooms at Home at COMA's annual Clark Rogerson Foray in late September.



ON SEPTEMBER 28, WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter** and Flannel Roots Farm presented "Mushroom Forage, Foray and Fun!" at North Park for Phipps Conservatory.

On October 10, Cara hosted a WPMC table at Phipps Conservatory's "Green Thumb Get Together".

On October 19, Cara led a UV walk for Phipps Conservatory called "Mushrooms After Dark".

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WPMC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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

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

NEW MEMBERSHIP: RENEWAL:

Name (s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

E-mail (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Release and Indemnification Agreement

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Member hereby agrees to the following:

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

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

MEMBERS:

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

1 _____ 1 _____

2 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ 4 _____