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Last Chance To Register For THE GARY LINCOFF MID ATLANTIC MUSHROOM FORAY

NINE MYCOLOGISTS TO HELP YOU LEARN MUSHROOMS

Sign up a friend or two. What an outstanding gift it would be. It would be an experience of a lifetime. We're bringing our daughter and son-in-law to the foray.



WILD MUSHROOM CULTIVATION PROGRAM

Tina Ellor is a mycologist with Phillips Mushrooms. <http://www.phillipsmushroomfarms.com> They are the largest producer of specialty mushrooms in the world. She will present a program on specialty mushroom cultivation. We hear that she might come bearing some gifts.

SALES AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

Don't miss out on what was last year, the largest fall foray in the United States. Last year we sold out with 188 in attendance. They already signed up from TN to NY. **You can learn more mushrooms in one day than you can learn on your own in 5 years.** Don't forget the mushroom tasting. **Sign up now before the event is sold out.**

COME AND GET A FREE GIFT

When your family attends the Mid Atlantic Mushroom Foray they will receive a free gift. We don't want anyone to get lost, so you will be given a free Eureka compass. **WOW, don't miss out!**

MUSHROOM TASTING

The Gary Lincoff Mid Atlantic Mushroom Foray will have mushroom tasting (Mycophagy). As we all know the menu is subject to the kinds of mushrooms we find. Although the menu has not been finalized for this year, last year's menu included:

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| Black Trumpet Dip | Sulfur Shelf Snack |
| Chanterelle Dip | Trumpet Pasta |
| Boletus Separans Soup | Chicken Etoufee |
| Chanterelles & Couscous | Beef & Mushrooms |
| Oysters in Béarnaise Sauce | Candy Cap Cookies |
| Sheephead & Cheese | Chanterelle Pilaf |
| Pheasant's Back Jambalaya | Mushroom Log |
| Mushrooms, Spinach and Feta Cheese | |

Please donate mushrooms by calling John Plischke at 724-834-2358 or email at morelbp@aol.com

Would you call this mushroom tasting, or a mushroom feast?



MUSHROOM CHEF COMING

George Harris, professional chef extraordinaire will present a mushroom cooking class—limited to 25 people.

MID ATLANTIC MUSHROOM FORAY NEW TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 7:30-8:15 Registration
7:45-8:15 Morning Walk Sign Up
7:45-8:30 Sales Table Open
8:30-8:32 President's Welcome
8:32-8:34 Introduction of Mycologists
8:35-8:40 How to Collect Mushrooms
8:40-8:45 Organize Walks
8:45-8:55 Proceed to Cars
9:00-12:00 Collect Mushrooms
12:00-1:00 Lunch (on your own)
We suggest you pack a lunch and drink or go to one of the nearby restaurants.
12:25-1:00 Sales Table Open
1:00-2:00 Gary Lincoff Slide Show and Talk
2:00-2:05 Organize Walks
2:05-4:00 Collect Mushrooms
2:05-6:15 Mushroom Identification
Identification Team identifies the collection and puts them on display for you to learn
2:10-2:55 Cooking with Mushrooms by Chef George Harris (limited to 25 people)
2:55-3:40 Jon Ellifritz Slide Show & Talk
3:00-4:30 Mushrooms Under the Microscope
3:40-4:25 Tina Ellor Slide Show and Talk
4:00-7:00 Review the Collection
4:30-5:30 Tom Volk Slide Show & Talk
5:35-6:15 Mushroom Tasting - Mycophagy
5:30-6:15 Sales Table Open
6:30-7:00 Gary Lincoff Table Walk
7:00-7:30 Clean-Up (everybody helps)
7:30 Leave or come to the party at a nearby lounge and socialize (even if you have a 4 hour drive, you can be home by 11:30)

TOM VOLK SPECIAL GUEST MYCOLOGIST

World famous mycologist Dr. Tom Volk will be a special guest mycologist at the foray. Dr. Volk is an expert on morels, sulfur shelf, stump mushrooms, polypores and many others.

He is a professor of mycology at the University of Wisconsin. Tom is a mycologist in great demand. He is a "must have" at the major NAMA and NEMF forays.

Now he is coming to our foray! He is a member of the commission to assign universally accepted names to mushrooms. Tom received the "William H. Weston award for excellence in teaching Mycology" from the Mycological Society of America.



Tom has a "must see" website; it has something for everyone. First, go to our website at wpamushroomclub.org, click on Links to Other Sites, then Tom Volk's Fungi.

ITEMS FOR SALE AT FORAY

The club will be selling Vol. 2 of the WPMC Cookbook that has 50 great mushroom recipes. We will have wax bags to help keep your mushrooms fresher and separated. We will have loupes for sale to be able to see the small features of mushrooms and the club tee shirt will be available.

Paul Goland, will be bringing spawn, tools, fresh and dried mushrooms, shiitake mushroom logs, soup mixes, books, posters, cards, t-shirts, bumper stickers, and other mushroom paraphernalia for sale.

How many years of picking mushrooms would it take you to learn this many mushrooms?



SPECIAL OFFER

The cost of this day long mushroom event is a real bargain. The price is only \$50 at the door for 12 hours of mushrooming, mushroom tasting and good friendship on Sept 18. **But, we have a special offer on the registration form just for club members**, if you send your completed, signed, and dated form and release by Aug 31, it is \$28 or by Sept 5, \$30, after that it is \$50. The price for the NEMF Foray is \$345. **WOW, what a bargain!**

WHILE YOU ARE AT IT

While you are at it, sign up for your 2005 club membership. A family membership is only \$20, individual membership \$15 and student \$10.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Dick Dougall

I recently returned from a club foray with a number of unidentified mushrooms in my basket. It was a small foray and didn't include any of our club mycologist or club identifiers. I had three mushrooms I wanted to identify so I made spore prints. This usually helps with identifications. All the spore prints turned out to be brown. One of the mushrooms was a pale white color, another was a golden color, and the third was darker brown with a very pronounced bump on the center of the cap. I thought this distinctive cap would help in identifying it. I'm embarrassed to say I really had no luck in pinning down the identification of these mushrooms.

This experience made me really appreciate the value of our club identifiers and club mycologists. Their knowledge of mushrooms is truly amazing! I would like to publicly thank them for their invaluable service in helping educate club members like you and me. This experience has motivated me to work harder to improve my ability skills identifying gilled mushrooms (the mushroom order Agaricales). It sometimes overwhelms me knowing that there are 14 families of gilled mushrooms in this order. Among these families, there are a multitude of genera with thousands of mushrooms at the species level.

Although it seems that there is an endless number of new mushrooms that turn up at each foray, this is not really true. If you check our website, you will find the club's species list which contains under 600 different mushrooms. This is still quite large, but it's pretty rare that a mushroom not on this list is found on one of our forays. The club has generated a good guide to mushrooms found in our area.

The club has several opportunities for members to increase their knowledge of mushrooms. At each club meeting, John Plischke has been discussing one or two mushrooms brought in to our sample table. Our Education Committee has been giving a short talk called "Fascinating Fungi Topics." These topics focus on a variety of information beginning mushroomers would find useful.

Many club members cannot easily attend our monthly meetings. Two other concentrated ways are available for club members to increase their knowledge. One of these is our Beginner's Workshop on September 11th at Beechwood. It's free! This is a day-long workshop where attendees can interact with our education committee of Jim Tunney, Moni Wesner, and La Monte Yarroll on a variety of topics. The following week, on September 18th, our club's huge mushroom mania (The Gary Lincoff Mid-Atlantic

Foray) will take place. This will be a day to be overwhelmed by a multitude of mushroom experiences from hunting, eating, identifying, and wonderful presentations. I hope you will be able to take part in one or both of these great events.

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP At No Charge

The Western PA Mushroom Club will present a daylong workshop aimed at teaching beginning mushroom enthusiasts basic information about these fascinating objects. Topics will include nomenclature, taxonomy (how mushrooms are related to one another), collecting, identifying, preserving, using keys, and mushroom classification.

The education committee (Jim Tunney, Moni Wesner, and LaMonte Yarroll) will present the workshop at Beechwood Farms Nature Center. The program will run from 9:30 AM--3 PM on Saturday, September 11, 2004. Participants should bring their own lunches.

There is no fee for this program. Interested members of WPMC are encouraged to attend. Early registration is encouraged, as the program is limited to 40 participants. Call Beechwood Farms at 412-963-6100 or register at their nature store.

WPMC WEBSITE & GROUPS

Elizabeth Barrow, webmaster extraordinaire, has created one of the best mushroom club websites in the country. We highly suggest you put it on your favorites list. www.wpamushroomclub.org

While there, check out Bob Lucas's Species List. Bob has taken the Species List into the 21st Century. You can check out the mushrooms found on a walk or our Life List. By clicking on the camera icon you can do a Goggle search of that mushroom and instantly recall the mushroom you saw and may have already forgotten. It is a tremendous educational tool. Visit our Yahoo groups on the Internet at: groups.yahoo.com/group/wpamushroomclub you can ask questions, exchange information, find the latest changes on walks and meetings, and find out what is fruiting.

NAMA PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Club member, **Susan Baker**, is the winner of the Judge's Option category of the North American Mycological Association Photo Contest. Congratulations to Susan! You, too, should enter. For more information, go to the NAMA website at: www.namyc.org You must be a NAMA member to enter.

Cauliflower Mushrooms

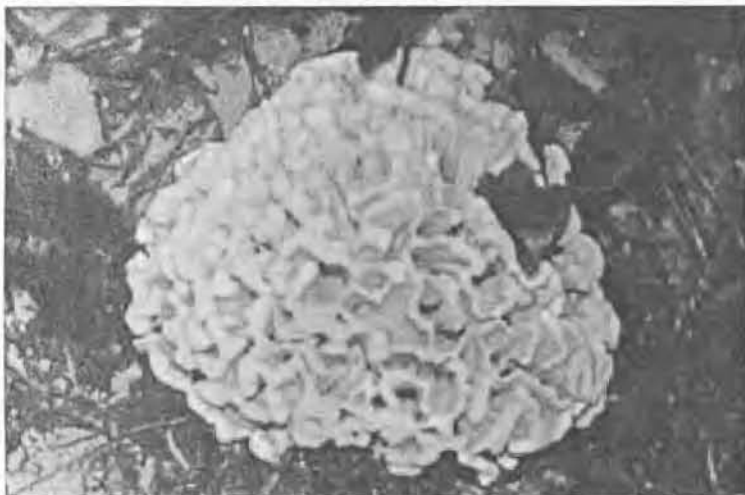
By
John
Plischke III

*THE SPARASSIS

DIVISION: Basidiomycota
CLASS: Basidiomycetes
ORDER: Aphyllophorales
FAMILY: Clavariaceae

Cauliflower Mushrooms are an excellent edible and typically 3 to 6 of them can be collected in a season. Their large size and distinctive shape make them an excellent one to learn.

**EASTERN CAULIFLOWER MUSHROOM



It grows on the bases of oak trees or out from their roots.

It gets to be about the size of a head of Cauliflower.

They grow about a month before the Hen of the Woods or Sheephead.

(*Sparassis herbstii*)

(*Sparassis crispa*) (*Sparassis spathulata*)

OTHER COMMON NAMES: Brain Fungus, Brain Mushroom, Cauliflower Fungus, Eastern Cauliflower Mushroom

FAMILY: Clavariaceae

DESCRIPTION: When it gets too old to eat, maggots sometimes infect it or it can develop a foul smell.

Flesh: Its flesh is white. It is soft but stable.

Mushroom: It looks like a head of cauliflower or a huge carnation flower top. It is roundish except at the base. It's white turning yellowish when past maturity. When looking down at one in nature, it is covered entirely with numerous flattened but wrinkled leaf-like branches that are wider on the outside edges. Each of the branches looks somewhat different in shape and amount that they are crinkled. The leaves start getting fused together about half way or more down to the base but it can be further down. It is from 3 to 12 inches wide and 3 to 10 inches high. It has a small root.

Spore Print: White.

Stalk: None.

RANGE: Eastern North America.

WHERE TO LOOK: On the soil at the bases of larger oak trees in open wooded areas and full woods. It is not common like the Hen of the Woods that you can just go out a check a patch or two of large oak trees and come back with one. We usually see them when we are road hunting. Only once did I ever find it in a lawn under oak. This mushroom can be found growing the same place year after year. It is best to cut the mushroom off a little above the base and not pull it. Leave a little bit of the base so the mycelium is not disturbed. This will

help it to come back again and again. It will also make the mushroom much easier to clean since the dirt on the base is left behind.

HOW OFTEN THEY'RE FOUND: Occasional but often at several spots a year.

HOW THEY'RE GROUPED: We usually find one to two, but as many as seven around a single tree have been found.

SOCIAL PLANTS: We usually find it with no social plants but I have found it with grass by it and growing through it and green briar on another occasion.

WHEN TO LOOK: They can be found July to October.

LOOK ALIKES: The edible and choice Western Cauliflower Mushroom (*Sparassis crispa*) is found primarily in the western U.S. but on occasion in the east. It has a large trunk-like root and also differs by growing under conifers. The edible and not as common Umbrella Polypore (*Polyporus umbellatus*), which has caps that grow on central stems. The edible and choice Hen of the Woods (*Grifola frondosa*), which is much darker in color in the brown or gray tones. The edible Black Staining Polypore (*Meripilus giganteus*) is much darker in color in the brown tones and stains black with bruising or age.

EDIBILITY: Edible and Choice.

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS: Cut the mushroom into inch sized pieces and cook in a pan with butter for 5 to 10 minutes. It can then be used in your dish or allowed to cool until warm then frozen in Ziploc bags. It is also good in casseroles, omelets, soups and stews or dipped in flour and fried. It freezes well.

BLACK LIGHT: Very faint patches of purple where cut.

SPARASSIS CHEESE SQUARES



Sparassis Cheese Squares are wonderful. It's one of my favorite dishes at The Gary Lincoff Mushroom Mania.

2004-2005



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOM CLUB

The purpose of the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club is to promote the enjoyment, study, and exchange of information about wild mushrooms. Everyone who has an interest in wild mushrooms is welcome to become a WPMC member. Members are entitled to:

- The WPMC newsletter
- Nine monthly WPMC meetings
- Free participation in WPMC Walks
- Fee discount for WPMC Forays
- Fee discount on WPMC sponsored merchandise

Name _____

(Please Print)

Address _____ County _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Interests: _____ Learning Mushrooms _____ Mushroom Walks _____ Club Committees
 _____ Eating Wild Mushroom _____ Toxicology _____ Cultivating Mushrooms
 _____ Dyeing With Mushrooms _____ Mushroom Art _____ Mushroom Photography

How many wild mushrooms do you think you know? _____

How many wild mushrooms do you think you know well? _____

Other _____

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Find something you would like to do. Check the appropriate boxes. We can have a lot of Fungi, Fun, and Friends but it takes your participation to make it happen. Please check 3 boxes below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout for walk locations-lead walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Compile meeting & walk sign in sheets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help organize forays | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach-speak to clubs & organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Print club materials, flyers, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Call or e-mail members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work on newsletter committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Give a program at Club monthly meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute articles, photos to newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Produce or acquire teaching materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with webpage & e-group moderator | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome and orient new members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Line up speakers for meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Work on hospitality committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host guest speakers and mycologists | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in special projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Record meetings, discussions, events | <input type="checkbox"/> Record mushrooms that are found |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sell club items, tee shirts, cookbooks | <input type="checkbox"/> Door prize committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicize meetings, forays, events | <input type="checkbox"/> Present or assist with a club workshop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with sign in at walks and meetings |

Dues enclosed: \$ _____ (\$20 Family, \$15 Individual, \$10 Full time student)

Return completed signed and dated form with check payable to WPA Mushroom Club to:

George Gross, 58 Seventh St. Ext, New Kensington, PA 15068

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Signing and dating the release is an absolute requirement for membership. If you don't, your membership application will be returned.

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**Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club
2004-2005 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 _____, 2004.

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 WPMC events for the calendar years 2004-2005.**

MEMBERS:

(Please sign name)

(Please sign name)

(Please sign name)

(Please print name)

(Please print name)

(Please print name)

(If Member is under age 21, Parent's signature)

**WESTERN CAULIFLOWER MUSHROOM



This is the less common species.	Unlike the Eastern Cauliflower mushroom this one has a long root at the base.	Unlike the Eastern Cauliflower mushroom this one grows under conifers
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(*Sparassis crispa*)

(*Clavaria crispa*) (*Sparassis radiata*)

OTHER COMMON NAMES: Cauliflower Mushroom, Rooting Cauliflower Mushroom

FAMILY: Clavariaceae

DESCRIPTION: Its base is thick.

Flesh: Its flesh is white.

Mushroom: It looks like a head of cauliflower or a ball of egg noodles. It is roundish except at the base. It's white turning yellowish when past maturity. When looking down at one in nature, it is covered entirely with numerous squiggly leaf-like branches. Each of the branches looks somewhat different in shape and amount that they are squiggled. The leaves start getting fused together about half way or more down to the base but it can be further down. It is from 3 to 12 inches wide and 3 to 10 inches high. It has a large root at the base.

Spore Print: White.

RANGE: U.S. and Canada but much more common in the west and uncommon in the east.

WHERE TO LOOK: On the soil at the bases of conifer trees such as pine. This mushroom can be found growing the same place year after year. It is best to cut the mushroom, not to pull it out. Leave a little bit of the base so the mycelium is not disturbed. This will help it to come back again and again. This will also make the mushroom much easier to clean since the dirt on the base is left behind. Our area the Allegheny's and West Virginia are better areas.

HOW OFTEN THEY'RE FOUND: In the West it is fairly common, but in the east is uncommon.

HOW THEY'RE GROUPED: usually single but a few can be found at the base of a tree on occasion.

SOCIAL PLANTS: typically none.

WHEN TO LOOK: In the east they can be found July to October.

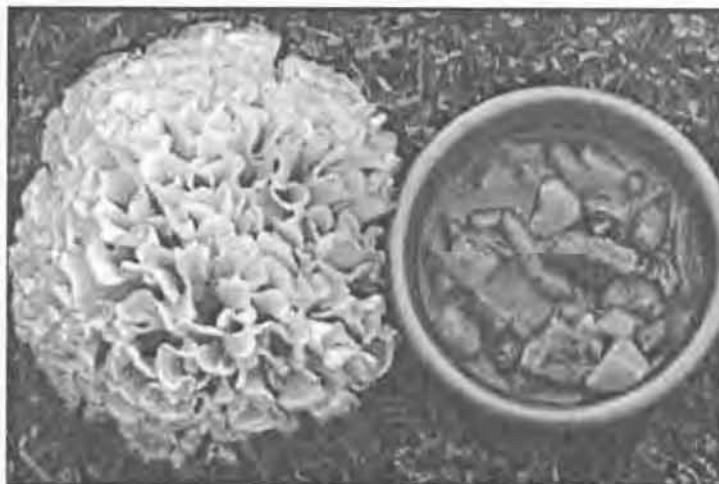
LOOK ALIKES: The edible and choice Eastern Cauliflower Mushroom (*Sparassis herbstii*) is found in the eastern United States does not have the root like base. Its leaves are more flat and less squiggly. Its habitat also differs by only growing on deciduous trees at the base or on roots. The edible and not as common Umbrella Polypore (*Polyporus umbellatus*), which has caps that grow on central stems. The edible and choice Hen of the Woods (*Grifola frondosa*), which is much darker in color in

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SPARASSIS BEEF STEW



Sparassis Beef Stew is one of my favorite dishes. Besides the beef I also add carrots and potatoes and my favorite spices.

AWARD WINNING RECIPE

Our own Jim Strutz and Wendy Terwiller are becoming nationally famous chefs. A few months ago the national magazine Vegetarian Times announced a mushroom recipe contest for its readers.

Contestants could send in up to three original recipes to compete for three cash prizes and several honorable mention prizes. Since Jim & Wendy have recorded many of their best mushroom recipes, they each sent in three recipes. Their "Black Bean & Chanterelle Quesadilla with Mango-Pineapple Salsa" recipe ended up being one of the prize winners!!

It was one of the recipes sent in under Wendy's name, so her picture will be in the magazine. Extremely cool! Congratulations!

They were a little disappointed that it was reworded to use any store-bought mushroom. It's really the combination of black beans and chanterelles that works so well together.

You can find the recipe on WPMC's Yahoo Groups at:
groups.yahoo.com/group/wpamushroomclub

WALKS & FORAYS by John Plischke III

We request that no one hunts a walk or foray location for at least two weeks prior to a walk or foray. It is only through your cooperation that we can have successful walks and forays. You can find last minute additions or changes by going to our website at <http://www.wpamushroomclub.org> and click on the link to Yahoo Groups.

Aug 14 – 10:00-2:00 State Game Lands 95, Butler County. Meet **Jim Strutz and Wendy Terwilliger** for a mushroom walk in northern Butler County. We will walk along a section of the North Country Trail in State Game Lands 95. Habitat is predominantly mixed hardwoods (oak, hickory, maple, etc.) with stands of pine and some open meadows and grasslands. **From I-79**, exit at Slippery Rock, follow Route 108 east through the town of Slippery Rock, turn right onto Branchton Road and continue past Routes 8 and 308, shortly after crossing Route 308 turn right into the parking area directly across from the "North Country Trail" marker. **From Route 422**, follow Route 38 north to Parsonville, turn left onto Old Brick Road and continue until the road comes to a 'T', turn left onto Branchton Road, continue for about 2-1/2 miles and turn left into the parking area directly across from the "North Country Trail" marker.

Aug 14 – 1:30 and 7:30 Blackwater Falls State Park, Davis, West Virginia 1:30 walk and identification and 7:30 a slide show and program. Meet at the lodge. From the north, take U.S. Rt. 219 to Thomas, then Rt. 32 south to the park. www.blackwaterfalls.com **1.800.CALL.WVA** Call a week before the walk for any additional information.

Aug 15, 12:00 - 5:00 pm: Meet the **Mycological Association of Washington** for a **Mushroom Fair** at Brookside Gardens, Wheaton Regional Park, Wheaton, MD. Their guest mycologist will be **John Plischke III**. For more info, email Program Chair, Gordon Callahan, at programs@mawdc.org.

Aug 21 - 10:00-2:00 Moraine State Park, Butler County. Meet **Jim Tunney and Susan Baker**. From Butler take US 422 west 8.7 miles to PA 528 N and turn right, then an immediately left just before a lawn & garden store, with a John Deere sign, for about .8 mile to the parking lot at the end of the road. **OR** take I-79 N to 422 E for about 4 1/2 miles and turn left onto PA 528 N, then follow the directions above. We will drive to a secret location and hunt in groups.

Aug 28- 11:00 am Brady's Run Park, Beaver County. Meet **John Plischke and John Plischke III** for a program and walk. Head on the Parkway West out of Pittsburgh toward the Airport/Route 60. Pass the Airport on Route 60 and continue on to the Chippewa exit. It is the last exit before 60 becomes a toll road. When you exit at Chippewa, make a Right at the light onto Route 51, south. Continue on Route 51 (about 2 miles) until you come to the red light in front of the entrance to Brady's Run Park. Make a right into the park. About 1 mile down the road (near the lake and beach) you will see a turn up the hill to your right and a sign that says "Ed Calland Arboretum". Turn here and follow the road all the way to the top, you will see a parking area and the pavilion.

Sept 4 - 10:00-2:00 Fall Run Park, Allegheny County. Meet **Dick Dougall**. From Rt. 28, go north on Rt. 8 for .7 miles to Saxonburg Blvd (do not turn here). Continue north on Rt. 8 to the 2nd red light and turn right on Fall Run Road. Cross Pine Creek and make an immediate left into the parking lot.

Sept 3 – Promised Land State Park, Pike County. Meet **John Plischke and John Plischke III**. Take I 80 to I 81 to Scranton, Pa. Then I 84 east to Promised Land State Park. This is one of the biggest PA State Parks. We will have a walk in afternoon at 2:30, meet at the park office and we will drive to a new area of the park. There will be a program in the evening at 8:00 at the park auditorium. Although we have never hunted this park before, this is where the New Jersey Club holds one of its major forays.

Sept 4 – Beltzville State Park, Carbon County. Meet **John Plischke and John Plischke III** at 3:00 for a slide show and walk. Beltzville is five miles east of Lehighton, just off of US 209. From the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike, take Exit 74 and follow the signs to the park.

Sept 5-- Nescopeck State Park Meet **John Plischke and John Plischke III** at the Environmental Education Building at 1:00 for a slide show followed by a mushroom walk at 2:00. Traveling east on I-80: Take Exit 262 (Hazleton, Mountaintop - PA 309.) Follow PA 309 south about 0.75 mile. Turn left onto Honey Hole Road. The park begins along Honey Hole Road a short distance east of the I-80 underpass. Travel about 6 miles along Honey Hole Road to enter the Lake Frances Day Use Area. It will be on your right side just opposite Lake Frances Road.

Sept 11- 1:00-4:00 Roaring Run, Apollo, Armstrong County. Meet **Don Stone and Susan Baker** at the Roaring Run Bike Trail Parking. From the east end off the Rt 66 bridge at Rt. 56. Go South (up stream) on the Kiskiminetas River Road. At 1:15 we will drive to Upper Rattling Run and return at 3:15 to tell tall mushroom tales. After? The Mosey Inn?

Sept 9-12, 2004 NEMF Foray at Geneva Point Conference Center in Center Harbor on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. There will be lectures and workshops all day Friday and Saturday, as well as many forays to choose from. There is no membership requirement. On the web, see www.nemf.org for upcoming info and registration form for the foray. Our own **John Plischke III, Sam Ristich, and Gary Lincoff** will be mycologists at the foray. Other

faculty members will include: Doug Bassett, Ernst Both, Marie Heerkens, Sue Hopkins, Roz Lowen, Dorothy Smullen, Hanna Tschekunow, Bill Yule, etc.

Sept 18 – Gary Lincoff Mid Atlantic Mushroom Foray Don't miss it, register today!

Sept 24-26 – Outdoor Odyssey, Somerset County, near Donegal, PA. Meet the **Mycological Association of Washington** for the weekend for the old Camp Sequanota foray. The cost has not been determined yet, but it will probably be \$120 for the weekend or \$30 for Saturday only. Details will be at www.mawdc.org Contact Membership Chair, Sharon Cooperman at memberships@mawdc.org

Oct 1-3 Meet the **Ohio Mushroom Society** at its Fall Foray at Look About Lodge, 37374 Miles Road, South Chagrin Reservation, Cleveland MetroParks, Bentleyville, OH 44022. ACCOMMODATIONS: –(closest and reasonably priced) Red Roof Inn, 24801 Rockside Rd, Bedford Heights, OH 44146 (440) 439-2500 located at Exit 26A off I-271 North about 5 miles from Look About Lodge. **Tammy Spillis** will be the speaker on the topic of Quest for Fire. Check their website for more details. www.ohiomushroom.org or contact Pete and Pauline Munk 440-236-9222 to register by Sept. 30th. (evenings are best.) or email at pjmunk3@yahoo.com

For all walks and forays, bring water and lunch. Dress for the weather. Bring basket, wax bags, whistle, compass, chair, hand lens, and books for identification. Come 15-30 min early and socialize. Check web site or Yahoo Groups for changes. Bring your membership card and a friend or two.

WPMC Meetings/Programs by Dick Dougall

Members are encouraged to bring mushrooms from home and place them on paper plates on the table in the back of the room so that club mycologists and identifiers can put names on them so you and all club members can learn new mushrooms.

Meetings/Programs begin at 7:00 pm at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve.

August 17: How to Enjoy Mushrooms Even Without Eating Them by **LaMonte Yarroll**, Club Mycologist and member of the Educational Committee. Have you ever wondered about people who look for mushrooms without planning to eat them? Did you know that 60% of mushrooms remain unnamed? Do you know the critical roles mushrooms play in ecology? Come catch the excitement of scientific hunting! LaMonte promises plenty of pictures and stories about amateur collectors who've made significant scientific contributions. At the beginning of the meeting **Moni Wesner** will conduct a 10 minute beginner's workshop. The Fascinating Fungi Topic will be **Scientific Names**.

September 21: Poisons, Toxins, and Stuff Every Shroomophile Should Know by **Frank Lotrich, M.D., Ph.D.** Frank currently works at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in the area of "psychopharmacogenomics." That is, he does research examining how genes influence the effect of medications on the brain. He's been a club member for about three years or so. There are many ways for mushrooms to be toxic. People always ask, "What'll this do to me?" and "How bad is it, really?" and "Is there are treatment for it?" Wouldn't you like to know the answers? Come to the talk and find out! At the beginning of the meeting **Jim Tunney** will conduct a 10 minute beginner's workshop. The Fascinating Fungi Topic will be **Drying Mushrooms**.

October 19: Election of Officers & Open Forum. Officers for next year will be elected. Club members will be encouraged to share mushrooms stories, experiences and slides. Would you believe we might even have a talent show! At the beginning of the meeting **LaMonte Yarroll** will conduct a 10 minute beginner's workshop. The Fascinating Fungi Topic will be **Basic Groups of Mushrooms**.

Nov. 16: Medicinal Mushrooms by **Mike Shiota**. Mike will discuss medicinal mushrooms. He is head of Maitake Products, Inc, a company which is devoted to the development and sale of medicinal mushroom products. At the beginning of the meeting **Moni Wesner** will conduct a 10 minute beginner's workshop. The Fascinating Fungi Topic will be **Deadly Mushrooms**.

DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS to Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve: (<http://www.aswp.org/beechwood.html>)

12 minutes from PA Turnpike Exit 5, Allegheny Valley (New Kensington/Pittsburgh) after tollbooth go south 1.2 miles on Freeport Road towards Pittsburgh. At the fourth stoplight (Eat'n'Park Restaurant on the right) turn right onto Guys Run Road. Go 4.1 miles to the second stop sign. Notice, part way on your journey Guys Run Road becomes Fox Chapel Road without any notification. Fox Chapel Road dead ends into Dorseyville Road. Turn left on Dorseyville and go .7 of a mile to Beechwood, on the right.

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