



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOM CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

RICHARD JACOB

I don't think a week goes by without finding or being shown a fungus species that I don't know. This shouldn't be a surprise, as we know there are over 1,000 fungi species in Western Pennsylvania and greater than 10,000

nationally. Fungi fruit when the conditions are right, and it may be years between each fruiting. This means that you need to be in the right place at the right time to find many of these less frequently found species. Or rather that you can stumble across them on one of the club's walks, in the park, or in your garden without expecting it.

Because of this, WPMC's species list contains quite a few entries that have only been identified once or a few times. We are still adding to the club's life list and, given the dry conditions over the summer, it was quite surprising that we were identifying approximately one species new to the club per week. Obviously, the conditions were perfect for some of the less frequently identified species. We often have unidentified species at the end of a walk. This may be due to the difficulty in identifying particular species; *Russula* comes to mind. Or it could be that we don't have the required references on hand to help identify it. Or that the time needed to identify the species would be too long after a Saturday's walk.

This raises a question: What is a rare species? There are certainly a few species that are known to only live in a very small and defined ecological niche, such as *Echinodontium ballouii*, a polypore that grows on Atlantic White Cedar in bogs and was not observed after its discovery in 1909 until two mycologists went looking for it in 2007. Others may be in the soil all the time but only fruit rarely.

That leads me to one of our August finds: *Thuemenella cubispora*. *T. cubispora* has only been reported in the US four or five times, hence is considered rare. However, John Plischke III states that he has seen it twice in different locations, which means it can't be that rare but either fruits infrequently, is not identified, or is overlooked in the field. Rare or not, I still think we are fortunate to both find and identify it, and all these new species continue to sustain my interest in mycology.

For September, there are walks at Chatham University Eden Hall Campus, Sycamore Island Autumn Survey with boat trip, Cook Forest State Park pre-foray walk, and the Lincoff Foray itself in North Park. That takes us into October, with walks at Townsend Park, Deer Lakes Park, and Hartwood Acres.

Upcoming monthly meetings will include a cooking demonstration in September and Election night with Photo Contest results in October.

16TH ANNUAL LINCOFF FORAY

Saturday, September 24 • 8:00am to 7:00pm

The Rose Barn • Allegheny County's North Park

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM will be an all-day event with guest mycologists **Gary Lincoff**, author of the *Audubon Guide to Mushrooms of North America*, *The Complete Mushroom Hunter*, and *The Joy of Foraging*, and **Dr. Nicholas (Nik) Money**, author of *Mushroom*, *The Triumph of the Fungi*, and *Mr. Bloomfield's Orchard: The Mysterious World of Mushrooms, Molds and Mycologists*. WPMC President **Richard Jacob** is our third guest mycologist and will present an update of our DNA barcoding program.

Private Chef and forager **George Harris**, who was introduced to morel hunting by his uncles and has been using wild mushrooms at his restaurant since 1992, will perform this year's cooking demonstration. The day will also include guided walks, mushroom identification tables, sales table, authors' book signings, auction and, of course, the legendary Mushroom Feast. Everything is included in the price of admission. **See the registration form on page 9 or register online: <http://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray>**

We need cooks to volunteer to make a dish for the Mushroom Feast. It could be a mushroom dish, casserole, some soup or vegetable side dish, or a dessert. You don't need to make enough to feed 100; enough for 15 would be fine. Please contact Charlotte Tunney (jctunney@verizon.net) or Valerie Baker (vbbaker8@hotmail.com). **PLEASE NOTE:** All foraged mushrooms used in cooking for the Mushroom Feast must be certified by a club mycologist ahead of time. Please contact Charlotte Tunney.

We also need volunteers for set-up and clean-up. Please contact Mike Ott: meo001@comcast.net, 412-390-7729.

Now is your last chance to gather up mushroom-related items for the auction. Please contact Cecily Franklin (cs4wpmc@gmail.com) before the Foray about any items you'd like to donate.

REMINDER:

**Remember to bring extra \$\$\$
for the Foray Raffle & Auction!
All sales benefit WPMC.**

2016 Meeting Schedule

MEETINGS ARE HELD at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from March through November at Beechwood Farms: Audubon Society of Western PA.

**September 20: Cooking Demonstration
Chef to be announced**

**October 18 Photo Contest Winners
& Election of Officers**

WPMC members will have the opportunity to vote on a new slate of officers for 2017. This year, the position of Corresponding Secretary will be replaced with a new officer, North American Mycological Association (NAMA) Trustee. According to WPMC's Bylaws, the responsibilities of the NAMA Trustee are as follows:

"The NAMA Trustee shall prepare a report of Club activities (September–August) for approval of the Board of Directors and submission to NAMA, attend NAMA Trustee meetings, and provide the Board a report of proceedings within one (1) month of meeting. Trustee shall be elected to a two (2) year term elected in even number years beginning in 2016. The NAMA Trustee shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. The NAMA Trustee must be a NAMA member in good standing during term of Trusteeship."

The NAMA Trustee will be reimbursed for travel expenses to and from the NAMA Foray but will not be reimbursed for either NAMA dues or for NAMA Foray registration or housing. The 2017 NAMA Foray will be held at Lakewoods Resort on Lake Namakagon, Wisconsin on September 7-10, 2017.

WPMC members will also vote on the traditional officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers will serve for a period of one year commencing January 1 and, with the exception of the Treasurer, cannot serve more than three consecutive years in the same position.

If you are interested in being considered for any of these positions, please notify WPMC President Richard Jacob by Oct. 1.

November 15 Pot Luck Dinner & Members' Photos

The final WPMC meeting of the year on November 15 will include our traditional Pot Luck and members' photos. This year we are offering our members the option of showing us their mushroom "talent" instead of photos. For example, you may perform a mushroom song, read a mushroom poem, or tell a few mushroom jokes. Just let us know in advance if you will need any special equipment. Email cs4wpmc@gmail.com.

For the Pot Luck, bring something for 6-8 people. It does not need to be mushroom related but, if so, please use only cultivated mushrooms. The categories are: Appetizers, Salads, Hot Dishes, Cold Plates, Casseroles, Desserts, anything you want—be creative. WPMC will provide soft drinks, plates, dinnerware, napkins, and take-home boxes.

If you would like to bring a set of photos for the Open Forum, please bring no more than 15 pictures for a short presentation on a flash (thumb) drive. JPG format is preferred. The photos don't need to be in PowerPoint; just the pictures will also work. 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, using the built-in software.

Pre-Foray Walk at Cook Forest State Park with Gary Lincoff, Friday, Sept. 23

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD like to begin their Foray weekend early, Gary Lincoff is leading a mushroom walk at 9:00am in Cook Forest State Park. Those interested should arrive at Shelter 1 (which we used last year) by 8:30am. This event is free to the public and no registration is necessary. Park Ranger Dale Luthinger will be the forest guide.

Those who would like to arrange overnight accommodations, either cabin or campground, should call 888.727.2757 (888 PA PARKS) or book online: <http://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/> (Rustic cabins: \$35-\$54 plus tax; sleep 4-8 people.) For those driving to Cook Forest from Pittsburgh: take PA 28 North to Brookville. Take PA 36 North at the intersection with PA 322. Cross the Clarion River and pass the Park ranger's office, bear right onto Forest Road. Shelter 1 is about one mile further, on the right. The drive is approximately 93 miles and takes 2 hours.

LAST CHANCE to Enter 2016 Photo Contest!

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

- Deadline: September 30, 2016
- Maximum of 5 entries per WPMC member
- Submit high resolution JPEG files up to 4 megabytes
- Email entries to RMiller.fungi@gmail.com

WPMC PHOTO CONTEST RULES:

You must be a member of the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club in good standing to enter.

ENTRY DIVISIONS:

PICTORIAL: This division is for single photos that illustrate the beauty and variety of fungi in form and color.

DOCUMENTARY: For single photographs especially suited as illustrations in a field guide or monograph, or for use in a lecture.

JUDGE'S OPTION: For photos which do not fit into the pictorial or documentary divisions.

NEW PROVISION FOR 2016 PHOTO CONTEST

Beginning this year, WPMC has added the following "Use and Copyright" provision to the rules for our annual photo contest. This will apply to all entries: WPMC may use your photographs on our website, newsletter and Mushroom Catalog. When we do, they will always be accompanied by your name as photographer (mentioned on the same page or caption of the image). WPMC will not allow the use of your photographs on other websites, although realistically we cannot prevent this. We will not sell or provide the images to others without your permission, and the images remain the property and under the copyright of you the photographer and are used under license by the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club.



Above and Beyond... Fluff Berger



WPMC Officer and Identifier Fluff Berger taught two mushroom classes at Cooper-Siegel Library on August 6.

Fluff also gave a presentation on mushrooms at the Sewickley Public Library in July.

FLUFF BERGER regularly contributes to WPMC through her roles as Board Member and Identifier. She also goes “above and beyond” by chairing our Education Committee. At WPMC’s mushroom classes in August, Fluff was not only the Lead Instructor for Mushroom Basics, but she also taught Club-Shaped Fungi as part of the advanced class.

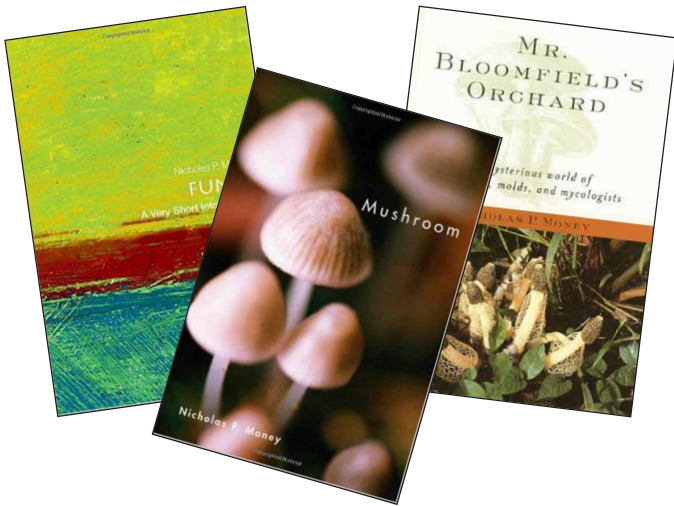
But wait, there’s more!

In July, Fluff gave a presentation on summer fungi found in the Sewickley area, in conjunction with the Sewickley Library’s “Above Ground Fruiting Body Mushroom Show.”

EDITOR’S NOTE:

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

We Have Nik Money’s Books!



AUTHOR NIK MONEY, our Guest Mycologist for the 16th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray, will be available to autograph his books on September 24. WPMC will have a supply of three titles available for sale at the Foray.

Nik’s newest book, which just came out in April, is *Fungi: A Very Short Introduction*. To read John Stuart’s review of this book, see the May/June issue of the WPMC newsletter.

Mushroom was first published in 2002. For a review by Cecily Franklin, see the March/April issue of the WPMC newsletter.

Mr. Bloomfield’s Orchard: The Mysterious World of Mushrooms, Molds and Mycologists came out in 2002.

We will also include a “Certified Pre-Owned” copy of the two older titles as part of the annual Lincoff Foray auction.

WPMC Scholarships & Grants

WPMC HAS A 2016 Scholarship & Grant program to promote wild mushrooming by providing monetary support for educational events, projects, research, or mycological studies by individuals or institutions. In 2015, WPMC awarded a total of \$1,500 in scholarships to three local college students to assist in their studies. Application forms are available on our website and must be sponsored by a WPMC member.

Contact John Stuart at jons2art@comcast.net or call 724-443-6878.

A FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY!

NOTE: Recipients are not required to be Club members.

WPMC Walks 2016

All walks are on Saturdays, beginning at 10am, unless noted otherwise. Please read carefully for any registration requirements or fees.

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

NOTE: We're always adding new walks to our website at wpamushroomclub.org/events so check back often for updates, directions, and much more!

SEPT 3

Chatham University Eden Hall Campus, Richland Township (Allegheny County) Meet WPMC Mycologist La Monte Yarroll.

SEPT 17

Sycamore Island Autumn Survey, Verona (Allegheny County) Join the Allegheny Land Trust and WPMC Mycologist La Monte Yarroll for the Fall survey of Sycamore Island. We'll be collecting specimens for the monthly meeting and DNA.

OCT 1

Townsend Park, Murrysville (Westmoreland County) Meet Pia van de Venne, President of Friends of Murrysville Parks, and WPMC President Richard Jacob in the upper parking lot.

OCT 15

Deer Lakes Park. Meet Jim Wilson.

OCT 22

Hartwood Acres. Meet Barbara DeRiso.

Other Mushroom Events

SEPT 8-11

NAMA Shenandoah Foray, Front Royal, VA: Registration is full!

SEPT 10-11

31st Annual Mushroom Festival, Kennett Square, PA (Mushroom Capital of the World) <http://mushroomfestival.org/>

SEPT 22-25

Connecticut-Westchester Mycological Association (COMA) Clark Rogerson Foray. Berkshire Hills Eisenberg Camp, Copake, NY. <http://www.comafungi.org/special-events/clark-rogerson-foray/>

SEPT 23

Pre-Foray Walk with Gary Lincoff. Cook Forest State Park

SEPT 24

16th Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray, North Park

OCTOBER 15-16

Ohio Mushroom Society Fall Foray, Hiram College, Hiram OH (J.W Barrow Field Station)



Interested in leading a mushroom walk?

Know of a good mushrooming location?

Contact La Monte Yarroll or John Plischke III.

Important Walk & Foray Information:

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

Walks & Forays Check List:

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

Earn a Pin for Identifying Mushrooms!

The John Plischke III Award for Mushroom Knowledge, also known as "The Button Program" began in 2009. Since then, more than 75 WPMC members have earned pins.

Up to 25: Common Names are OK

50 & Up: Latin Names are Required

150: Qualifies for WPMC Identifier

Make your own list or use our online Species List Generator. Submit your list to Dick Dougall, Past President and WPMC Identifier, to receive your pin.



WPMC Treasurer Barbara DeRiso received her "75" pin from Dick Dougall at the July meeting.

WPMC Goals

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

<https://www.facebook.com/WPAMC>

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BEECHWOOD FARMS
(Audubon Society of Western PA)
614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

NEVER EAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MUSHROOM



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WPMC Adds “Many-Headed Slime” to Life List

AT DARK HOLLOW WOODS on July 9, WPMC member Joe Lee photographed what appears to be a new species for WPMC’s Life List: *Physarum polycephalum*, literally the “many-headed slime.” In his *Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*, Gary Lincoff tells this true story about a related species: “A very common related species, *Physarum cinereum*, created a stir in Texas when people thought it was a blob from outer space. When the fire department hosed it down, it split apart, and the moisture provided it with the means to spread and grow substantially larger. People demanded that the governor call in the National Guard, but a scientist dispelled the fear by identifying the foreign substance as a common slime mold.”

Above left: The “Many-Headed Slime” (Physarum polycephalum) attacks oyster mushrooms (Pleurotus ostreatus) at Dark Hollow Woods in July. Above right: Close-up of Physarum polycephalum.

Photos by Joe Lee



WPMC members Richard and Cecily Franklin found this White Chicken mushroom, *Laetiporus cincinnatus*, while walking the dog.

Photo by Richard Franklin



Local Artist Donates Watercolor to Foray Auction

THIS YEAR'S LINCOFF FORAY will include an original watercolor of wild mushrooms by local artist Lucia Wong Yip. Lucia earned her BS and MS degrees in Biochemistry and is

now retired from over 30 years of active research in Neurobiology at the University of Pittsburgh. Her only formal training as an artist came during her youth in Hong Kong.

In addition to the original artwork donation, Lucia has also created watercolor paintings of twelve different wild mushroom species. We will have prints of each one available for sale at the Lincoff Foray.

To see Lucia's work, visit: <https://luciwongy.wordpress.com/watercolor-paintings-of-wild-mushrooms/>



Print of Amanita muscaria watercolor by Lucia Wong Yip

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE 2015 PHOTO CONTEST:

by Mary Plakidas



Shelling Bean, Kale and Mushroom Gratin

Total Time: 1¼ hours / Serves: 4

- Herb sachet (see below)
- 4 cups shelled kidney beans
- Olive oil
- ¼ cup dried porcini mushrooms
- 2 cups quartered cremini mushrooms
- Garlic
- 1 cup finely diced fennel
- 1 cup finely diced onions
- 2 sticks butter
- ½ teaspoon chili flakes
- 1 bunch Lacinato kale leaves, sliced
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups toasted bread crumbs
- Parsley, rosemary
- Salt and pepper

Make herb sachet: Wrap 2 cloves garlic, 1 bay leaf, 1 sprig rosemary, 1 sprig sage, 1 sprig thyme and one piece of Parmesan rind (optional) in cheesecloth and secure with kitchen twine.

Bring 10 cups water, along with 4 cups shelled kidney beans and herb sachet, to a boil in a lidded, wide, deep pot over medium-high heat. Skim any foam from surface, then reduce heat to low so liquid is barely simmering. Add 2 tablespoons olive oil to pot and cook beans, covered, until tender, about 40 minutes. Season with salt. Off heat, let beans rest, covered, 10 minutes. Then uncover and let cool to room temperature. Strain beans and reserve liquid. Discard sachet.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, soak ¼ cup dried porcini mushrooms in water and just enough reserved bean liquid to cover until soft, about 15 minutes. Remove mushrooms and reserve soaking liquid. Finely chop mushrooms.

Cook vegetables: In a medium pot over medium heat, sweat 3 tablespoons finely chopped garlic, 1 cup finely diced fennel and 1 cup finely diced onions in ½ cup olive oil and 1 stick butter until softened, about 6 minutes. Add ½ teaspoon chili flakes and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add 1 bunch Lacinato kale leaves, sliced into medium ribbons, season with salt and cook until greens soften, 6 minutes. Transfer to a bowl.

Turn on broiler. Wipe pot clean and set it back over medium-high heat. Sear 2 cups quartered cremini mushrooms in 1 stick butter until browned in spots, about 4 minutes. Stir in chopped porcini mushrooms and reduce heat to medium-low. Add kale-fennel mixture and about 1 cup reserved cooking liquid to pot and gently cook, adding more liquid as needed, until kale is very tender and moist but not soupy, about 15 minutes. Add 1 cup heavy cream and bring back to a simmer. Stir reserved beans into pot and season with salt and pepper. Transfer everything to a gratin dish.

Top with 2 cups toasted bread crumbs, ¼ cup finely chopped parsley, 1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary and 1 tablespoon minced garlic. Drizzle 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil over top of gratin. Transfer to broiler and cook until golden brown on top and warmed through, 5 minutes.



Wall Street Journal Includes Recommendation for Making Friends

By Cecily Franklin

IT ALL STARTED WITH a reader's question in the *Wall Street Journal's* "Ask Encore" column on July 5:

"I have a question that other readers may relate to. I retired in 2010. I am 72 and single. The problem: I'm having difficulty finding new friends. My connections from work, the military and school are gone. I have some hobbies and keep busy with volunteer commitments. I wonder: Do your readers have any solutions?"

So the columnist, Glenn Ruffenach, solicited suggestions from readers. More than 200 emails later, the results were summarized in print on August 8, and a sampling of emails appeared online. These suggestions include one submitted by me, as follows:

"This may sound like an off-the-wall suggestion, but it is a completely sincere 'plug' for joining your local mushroom club. Mushrooms appeal to a wide variety of interests: walking in the woods, scientific study, photography, cooking, or just attending presentations and classes. I highly recommend it. For a list of mushroom clubs, go to: <http://www.namyc.org/clubs.php>."

Mr. Ruffenach informed me that mine was the "one and only mushroom recommendation. That said... sounds like a great mix: fitness, food and friendship. I hope our retiree takes this advice to heart."

To read the entire list of suggestions, visit:

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/readers-emails-on-how-retirees-can-make-new-friends-1470621661>



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FEATURING:

Mycologist Gary Lincoff, author of the *Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*. Gary, Past-president of the North American Mycological Association (NAMA), is the nation's best-known mushroom expert. He is a charismatic and entertaining speaker and makes learning about mushrooms fun and interesting. His end-of-the-day table-walk discussions are not to be missed. This year we are delighted that **Author Nik Money** will join us as our guest mycologist and speaker. **Chef George Harris**, who specializes in cooking wild mushrooms and wild game, will do a cooking demonstration and Mushroom Club cooks will prepare a mushroom feast with dozens of unique mushroom dishes to delight your taste buds.

Rose Barn in Allegheny County North Park, Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101
Saturday, September 24 – Foray includes light lunch & mushroom feast.

Indicate the number of persons for each item selected. All fees per person. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

_____ \$35 WPMC member _____ \$55 Non-members (includes admission & 2016-17 WPMC Membership)
_____ \$15 Students (with ID) & children 11 to 18. Children 10 & under free.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

E-mail (**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**) _____

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE: www.wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/

REGISTER & PAY BY CHECK (payable to Western PA Mushroom Club):

WPMC C/O Barbara DeRiso • 204 Woodcock Dr. • Pittsburgh PA 15215

FOR MORE INFO: Barbara DeRiso, Foray Chair: 412-252-2594 / Lincoff-Foray@wpamushroomclub.org

Registration & Release: signed & dated release form is an absolute requirement for attendance.

Knowing the risks, I (we) agree to assume the risks, and agree to release, hold harmless, and to indemnify the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club, and any of its officers or members, from any and all legal responsibility for injuries or accidents incurred by myself or my family during, or as a result of, any mushroom identification, field trip, excursion, meeting or dining sponsored by the club.

Signature (if participant is under age 18, signature of parent or guardian)

Please print name CLEARLY: (INCLUDE NAMES OF CHILDREN UNDER TEN)

1 _____ 1 _____

2 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 3 _____

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FOR ADDITIONAL NAMES / SIGNATURES, PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA PAGE



WPMC MEMBERSHIP FORM

2016

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

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

Members are entitled to:

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

Name (s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

E-mail (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) _____

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

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

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

WPMC, c/o Jim Wasik, 70 Woodland Farms Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 e-mail contact: membership@wpamushroomclub.org
or visit www.wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/ to pay using a credit card.

Please indicate your newsletter/event announcement preference: Electronic via e-mail Hardcopy via US mail (\$5 additional)

Annual dues: \$15 Individual \$20 Family \$10 Full-time Student Amount enclosed: \$ _____

NOTE: Please add \$5.00 surcharge for hard-copy newsletters to dues amount.

Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Release and Indemnification Agreement

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Member hereby agrees to the following:

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

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

MEMBERS:

Signature (if Participant is under age 21, signature of Parent or guardian)	Please print name:
1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____

WPMC Meetings

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WPMC Newsletter

The newsletter of the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club is published five times a year: March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, and November/December. Articles, photos, news items and other submissions should be sent to the Editor at least 6-8 weeks prior to targeted distribution. The Editor cannot guarantee that submissions will be included in the next newsletter. The Editor reserves the right to make spelling or grammatical corrections and may suggest content changes to the author. Material published in our newsletters may only be used in other non-profit publications with expressed permission and with appropriate acknowledgements.

NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION:

Cecily Franklin, Editor • Martha Wasik Graphic Arts Inc.

Send submissions to: cs4wpmc@gmail.com

Membership

Jim Wasik, Membership Chair

I want to thank all of the 543 members from 289 households who have joined or renewed their memberships with WPMC.

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

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

membership@wpamushroomclub.org or mail to:

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



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

WPMC Yahoo Groups:

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

NORTH AMERICAN MYCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (NAMA):
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