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Coming Events

July 27-30: No foray, NEMF at Stratton Mountain, Vermont; NEMF is a federation of about 20 mushroom clubs in the Northeast and it hold one yearly foray in the region featuring specimen collection, identification, lectures, workshops, and mycophagy. Visit <http://www.nemf.org/index.html> for more information

August 6: People's State Forest, Barkhamstead; this is a joint foray with the Pioneer Valley Mycological Association (PVMA)

August 13: Devil's Den Preserve, Redding; this is a joint foray with the New York Mycological Society (NYMS)

August 20: Devil's Hopyard State Park, East Haddam; The annual **Ed Bosman Educational Day** will include educational talks and displays featuring assorted fungi and identifiers. This foray is open to the public.

August 27: Mushroomfest at Joe Maciejny's house. After foraying at the normal time, the collection viewing and identifying segues into a potluck starting at about 12:30. A \$5.00 per adult contribution will be collected to help defray expenses. Bring a shareable dish to participate. Please label all dishes with the contributor's name and a full listing of the ingredients in the dish. Review the Food Event Guidelines on page 6 of the 2017 Member Handbook.

September 3: Labor Day weekend, no foray

September 10: Bigelow Hollow State Park, Union; this is a joint foray with the Boston Mycological Club (BMC)

Subtle reminders:

Content wanted/needed for future newsletters!
Position of CVMS Newsletter Editor is **OPEN**. Please direct interest to Beth or Karen. Commitment: About 3 newsletters annually, mailing of printed copies and emailing of e-copies to paid CVMS members. Costs reimbursed.

Membership: Dues per calendar year are \$15 individual; \$20 family (two or more persons at one address and requiring only one copy of club mailings). Lifetime memberships are \$200 individual and \$250 family. Make checks payable to CVMS and send to: CVMS/Karen Monger, 32A Perkins Ave., Norwich, CT 06360. CVMS members may pay for NAMA membership yearly by visiting: <http://www.namyco.org/join.php> for application and payment information

The Sporadic Spore Print newsletter is published *about* three times per year: Winter/Spring, Summer, and Fall. It is distributed to all members of the club in good standing, and on an exchange basis to the newsletter editors of other mushroom clubs. Submissions to this newsletter can be sent to the editor; if you would like to get your newsletter copy online, in full color and with working links, send your email address to: speditor@cvmsfungi.org

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President's letter

Hello CVMSers,

Mushrooming is in full swing and what a difference from last year! Fortunately, the drought is over and Connecticut has been receiving enough rain to make this a productive mushroom season so far. Most forays have been fairly well attended and species counts have been good. Our first "TBD" foray was held on July 16th at Campbell Falls in Norfolk and the call-in system worked well. The area was very wet and the mushrooms were plentiful. We are calling our "TBD" foray experiment a success and are looking forward to continuing to use this method to follow the rain.

It's hard to believe, but NEMF is already upon us. For those who are registered, we look forward to seeing you at Stratton Mountain on July 27th. We also have the COMA Clark Rogerson Foray coming up on Labor Day weekend at Camp Hemlocks in Hebron, CT. Details are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

In other news, it is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of longtime CVMS member, Harley Stoleson. Harley and his wife Terry have contributed an enormous amount of time, energy and knowledge to the club and have mentored so many of us. Being the current *Russula* identifier for the club, I have enormous respect for Harley's past endeavor to catalog our specimens in this genus and for passing his knowledge to Frank, and subsequently to me. His legacy will live on. CVMS offers its condolences to Terry, as well as the other members of Harley's family.

I wish you all continued success this season and hope to see you at future forays.

Beth Karwowski
President, CVMS



Follow the rain with us! Visit <http://water.weather.gov/precip/> and narrow it down to the state level, or <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CT> to monitor any drought conditions for Connecticut

Regional Forays and Events

July 27-30, 41st NEMF Samuel Ristich Foray, Stratton Mountain Resort in Bondville, VT. Situated about half-way up Stratton Mountain, the venue is well equipped to host our foray, having comfortable rooms for well over 200 all with queen-size beds, bathrooms, TVs and in Black Bear Lodge and Long Trail Lodge, air-conditioning. Lift Line Lodge, while not air-conditioned, provides comfortable hotel rooms like those in Black Bear but at a lower price. The Base Lodge has several areas for lectures and workshops, halls for display and evening presentations. For more information visit <http://www.nemf.org/index.html>

September 1-4, 39th Clark Rogerson Foray, Hebron, CT. We will be returning to Camp Hemlocks and although the facility offers the advantage of having (almost) everything under one roof, space for *overnight* guests will be limited to 74 people, so it will be "first come, first serve". The Clark Rogerson Foray is the crown jewel of COMA's yearly activities, and if this is something that you would like to participate in, we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible. The facility has been completely refurbished, but the fees that the camp (under new management) charges have actually *decreased*, allowing us to pass on the savings, resulting in registration fees that are lower than they've been in several years. As in the past, you may register for the full 4 days, 3 days, 2 days, or for only individual days without overnights. *Please note that the deadline for registration is August 21st.* For registration and further information, please visit: <http://www.comafungi.org/special-events/clark-rogerson-foray/registration/>

September 1-3, White Mountain Fungal Foray, Albany, NH. The fourth annual White Mountain Fungal Foray will take place on the 455 wooded acre World Fellowship campus, which also features the mile-long Whitton Pond, a fantastically prolific area for unusual fungi! All are welcome whether a beginner or an advanced mushroomer. Bring along your family and friends. There are lots of fun activities for everyone including swimming, canoeing, rowing, fishing, swimming and hiking. While housing is comfortably rustic, meals are outstanding, wholesome, delicious, fresh and mainly vegetarian and include produce grown on site in the World Fellowship's gardens. For mushroomers, there will be several guided walks and illuminating presentations, mushroom identification sessions and lessons offered on photographing and on cooking mushrooms geared to both novices and experienced mycophiles. Presenters include foray organizer and prolific author Lawrence Millman, corticioid and polypore expert Tom Bigelow, editor of the North American Mycological Association's bimonthly Mycophile publication and fungi generalist Dianna Smith, photographer and editor of the Boston Mycological Club's Bulletin newsletter Zaac Chavez, and Chef Luke Smithson. Costs per person range from just \$158 to \$274. If staying elsewhere, the cost is \$150 and includes lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday and all educational and walk events. If you wish to participate in the Friday 2:00 PM Early Bird Foray (highly recommended!), the additional cost is just \$20. To make reservations contact <http://worldfellowship.org/event/the-4th-annual-white-mountain-fungal-foray/>

September 16, Gary Lincoff Mushroom Foray, North Park, PA. 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. Also joining us will be Robert Chang, Managing Director and Chief Truffle Officer of the American Truffle Company. 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.

<http://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/>

CVMS Lending Library

Did you know that as a club, CVMS has a lending library available to members? Bill Yule is our club educator and librarian. CVMS understands that identification books can be difficult to choose and costly, and we can provide a way for members to “test drive” one before purchase for your own library. CVMS will also accept books, magazines, and educational DVDs from those who would like to donate them. Included is the list of available books and magazines.

Library Borrowing Guidelines and Procedure

1. New members with less than 1 year membership must provide identification (driver’s license or similar) before they can borrow books. All other borrowers should be willing to leave a phone number, email address, or home address so Bill Yule may keep track of the materials.
2. Loans will be limited to one book at a time unless special arrangements are made.
3. It is the responsibility of the borrower to return the book back to Bill Yule when due (a lending period is generally four weeks, there are no late fines). Books can be returned at weekly forays, and if Bill Yule is not there, the book may be left with one of the club officers or regulars (Beth, Terry, Walt, Karen, Connie).
4. If it is not possible to return borrowed material in a timely manner at a weekly foray, the borrower is responsible for the cost of shipping the books back to Bill Yule.
5. Contact Bill Yule one week before you would like to borrow materials and he will bring it to the next foray. To borrow materials during the off season, please email Bill Yule to arrange a way to receive the materials.

Books, titles and author’s last name

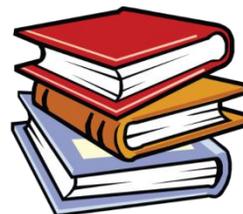
Joe's Book of Mushroom Cookery. Czarnecki
Complete Book of Mushrooms. Rinaldi
The Mushroom Hunters Fieldguide. Smith
Mushrooms of Northeastern North America. Barron
Mushrooms of North America. Phillips
Simon & Schuster's Guide to Mushrooms. Lincoff
Peterson Field Guide to Mushrooms. Knight
Mushrooms and other Fungi. Kibby
Mushrooms Wild and Edible. Marteka
How to Identify Mushrooms to Genus: Macroscopic.
Largent
Morphology of Plants and Fungi. Alexopolous
In the Company of Mushrooms. Schaechter
Growing Gourmet and Medicinal Mushrooms. Stamets
Edible Wild mushrooms of North America. Bessette
Waxcap Mushroom of Eastern North America. Bessette
Milk Mushrooms of North America. Bessette
Common Poisonous Plants and Mushrooms of North
America. Turner
Wild About Mushrooms. Freedman

Continued

Rocky Mt. Mushroom Cookbook
Mushrooms and Toadstools. Lange
Mushrooms Demytified. Arora
The Fifth Kingdom. Kendrick
Mycelium Running. Stamets
Mushroom Hunter. Lincoff
Boleti of North Carolina. Coker
Mushrooms for Health. Marley
Mushrooms of North America. Miller
The Kingdom Fungi. Stephenson
All That the Rain Promises. Arora
Exotic Mushrooms. Rommagnesi
The Mushroom Hunters. Cook
The Mushroom Feast. Grigson
Smithsonian Handbook of Mushrooms.
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Magazines

Fungi Magazine-multiple years
Mushroom the Journal of Wild Mushrooming
1983-present
McIlvanea 1993-present



Of interest to wild mushroom foragers in Connecticut:



General Assembly **Substitute Bill No. 129**

January Session, 2017 * SB00129ENV 030217 *

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF MUSHROOMS AT STATE PARKS AND ON OTHER STATE PROPERTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 23-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

(a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 for the maintenance of order, safety and sanitation upon the lands under the commissioner's control and for the protection of trees and other property and the preservation of the natural beauty thereof and fix penalties not exceeding a fine of ninety dollars for violation of such regulations. The commissioner may prohibit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on such lands provided, for any such lands where the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages was not prohibited by the commissioner as of October 1, 1999, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to prohibit such activity. Such regulations shall be posted in conspicuous places upon such lands. Any person who violates any such regulation shall have committed an infraction and may pay the fine by mail or plead not guilty under the provisions of section 51-164n. The provisions of section 51-164m shall not apply to this section. Any person convicted of a violation of such regulations or who forfeits a bond taken upon any such complaint may be prohibited from entering any state park by the commissioner for not more than one year from the date of such conviction.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and any regulation adopted pursuant to said subsection, the commissioner shall authorize any person to take mushrooms from any lands under the control of the commissioner provided such taking is for personal use only. The state shall have no liability to any person or the heirs or assigns of any such person who engages in the taking of mushrooms from any lands under the control of the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2017	23-4
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