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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW JERSEY MYCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION



*Gyromitra brunnea*

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**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINES:**

Feb.10, April 10, June 10  
Aug. 10, Oct. 10, Dec. 10

## CALENDAR

- March 10** NJMA slide library collection of Amomitaceae. SCEEC  
See inside for details!
- March 23** Special Slime Mold Workshop. Rutgers Univ.  
See inside for details!
- April 28** Dr. Rodger Locandro: Wild Edible Plants. SCEEC
- May 28\*** Special Evening Lecture: Rodger Phillips. SCEEC.  
\* 7:30 pm. Tuesday evening. See inside for details!
- May 5** First Foray. Details in next newsletter.

Directions to SCEEC. Route 287 to the North Maple Ave. Basking Ridge exit. Follow N. Maple Ave. till it bends left and becomes S. Maple Ave. in town. Follow S. Maple Ave. past the horse stable until you come to Lord Stirling Rd. Make a left onto Lord Stirling Rd. and follow until you come to SCEEC on the left (about a mile).

Please note all meetings start at 2:00 pm. (except as otherwise noted).

## Presidents Message

I'm looking forward to what promises to be a very busy and exciting year--our own programs and forays, the Northeast foray in Maine, and the NAMA foray in the Adirondacks! I will do my best to see that NJMA continues to be one of the top mushroom clubs in the U.S.

The 1990 and 1991 officers and committee chairs met on January 20th to review the past year and to schedule events for 1991. Once again there will be many activities for new and old members as well as for both beginners and advanced mushroomers. The taxonomy and education committees are planning longer workshops this year to supplement the identification sessions held Monday evenings after selected Sunday forays. The first workshop will be in March on the slime molds. The subject of other workshops will depend on interests expressed by members of the association. Let us know what group of mushrooms you would like to consider in more detail than is possible to do at monthly meetings or after forays. Remember, our club has members who are recognized authorities on the genus *Russula*, the genus *Amanita*, and certain genera of the boletes! In addition to specialized workshops, would you like to have introductory or background classes for beginners? Some members are interested in growing mushrooms and this year appears to be a good time to establish a cultivation committee.

This is a good opportunity for me to thank Mike Rubin for his dedicated service as president of NJMA for the past two years. Fortunately for us, Mike is not going to fade into the background. He has agreed to be editor of NJMA News, one of the most

important responsibilities within our organization. He will be happy to consider news and other items from the members for inclusion in the news letter. Participate!

Ray Fatto is another enthusiastic and energetic member who is greatly appreciated. Ray spent hours and hours compiling the mushroom checklist published in the last newsletter. It can be used to determine if NJMA has recorded a particular mushroom in New Jersey, how common or rare is it, and the season it is found. If you are lucky enough to find a rare or unlisted genus and species, contact Ray as soon as possible. NJMA maintains an herbarium or permanent collection and we welcome new specimens for future reference and study. In addition, Ray has weeded out and organized the association's extensive slide collection, part of which will be used at the March meeting.

Our goal is to meet the needs of all members. As presidents in the past have pointed out, what we can actually achieve is dependent on the enthusiasm and hard work of the members. All of our various committees need help. Let us hear from you!

Gene Varney

### May 28th -7:30 pm. - SCEEC

Roger Phillips, author of numerous books on mushrooms and wild edible plants, will honor us with a lecture on the mushrooms of North America. This one hour lecture will include identification; history, mystery and medicine; and the future of mycology including the role of the amateur. Roger's

long awaited book on the mushrooms of North America will also be featured. Roger has accompanied NJMA on forays in the past and may have included specimens found on our forays. Come out and support Roger and his new book.

**March 23 - 10:00 - 3:00 pm. -  
Rutgers University  
Slime Mold Workshop -  
bring lunch!**

Observe all stages of growth, from living plasmodium to germinating spores. Keys for identification and other literature will be available. This is an excellent opportunity to investigate these unusual organisms under expert guidance. If you are interested please contact Gene Varney  
Reservations are required since the workshop can only accommodate 15-20 people.

**March 10th - Amanitaceae -  
SCEEC**

At this meeting we will be featuring slides from our slide library that deal with Amanitas. Rod Tulloss, world renown expert on the genus *Amanita*, will provide the commentary for this program. If you have any slides of amanitas you would like to share with us please bring them to the meeting.

**Mushroom Course - July 8-  
19 - North Carolina**

Dr. Ron Peterson will be conducting a two week mushroom course on the fleshy fungi of the southern appalachians, in the cool mountains of North Carolina. The course will include field trips, laboratory work with microscopes, lectures and other programs. Registration is limited to 10 people and the deadline is May 1st. If interested please

write to Dr. Richard Bruce, Highland Biological Station, P.O. Drawer 580, Highland, N.C. 28741.

*April 27th - Culinary Group*

*This session of the NJMA culinary group will feature classic french cuisine. If you love to eat or cook this is the meeting for you. Attendees participate by either bringing a dish to share with others or helping to clean up. The total cost is shared by all the attendees and averages around \$10/person. Where else could you eat gourmet French food for so little money? The menu is specially planned by Bob Hosh, Jim Richards ( ) If you would like to attend please call Jim or Bob to make arrangements and reservations. The last time we had french food as the theme reservations filled up quickly, so call early. There is only room for 40 people.*

**Mycophagy Session Was  
Magnifique!!**

The 68 attendees of our annual mycophagy session were treated to a wide assortment of gastronomic delights prepared by our very own gourmet chefs Jim Richards and Bob Hosh. They were ably assisted in the kitchen by Sue Kibby and Genia Hosh. Our skillful servers included Jan Vansant and Linda Meyer. The dishes included 1) Savory wild mushroom meat patties. 2) *Tricholoma portentosum* goulash with marjum. 3) Cremini mushrooms in tarragon and sherry sauce. 4) Mock chicken paprikosh with home made spaetzle. 5) *Coprinus commatus* with sun-dried tomatoes and pasta. 6) *Stropharia rugosoannulata* in madeira sauce with caraway. 7) Hot three mushroom salad with balsamic vinegar. 8) Morels in cream sauce. 9) Oyster mushrooms with

cream sauce and fresh dill. 10) Stir fry broccoli, black trumpets, and red bell peppers. 11) Mushroom frittata. 12) Shiitake stir fry with three types of peppers.

In addition to the mushroom dishes various exotic breads were also handed out to cleanse the palette. Many thanks to Lynette Laubach for passing out the breads. The bread included: Anadama and Potato breads by Bernice Fatto; Onion Rye, Swedish Limpa, Cheddar-oregano and Wheat herbal breads by Sue Kibby; Swiss zopfe and Three mushroom herbal breads by Jim Richards; and Potato, Honey wheat germ, and Irish soda breads by Jan Vansant. This report was made possible by the talented scribings of Barbara Peabody and Bernice Fatto who kept track of all the dishes and breads that were served. The meeting was made especially entertaining by Bob Peabody our master of ceremonies and auctioneer extrodinaire. Thanks to all who participated.

*[Bob and Jim are currently scaling down the recipes for servings of 4-6 people as opposed to 40-60. We hope to publish these recipes in a future newsletter. ed.]*

### Word Search reprinted from the Toadstool 16(1) Jan 1991

Find the words: decurrent, hyphae, boletus, coprinus, entoloma, lepiota, spores, annulus, mycorrhizal, adnate, pluteus, russula, xylaria, sinuate, agaricus, cantharellus, cortinarius, hericium, morchella, gills, veil, cortina, mycena, psathyrella, scleroderma, gomphus, rhizomorphs, amanita, clitocybe, craterellus, hygrophorus, mushroom, cap, volva, adnexed, pholiota, psilocybe, stropharia, cystidia, armillaria, collybia, dentinum, lactarius, fungi, stalk, mycelium, free, pleurotus, ramaria, tricholoma.

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NEMF '91  
  
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January 1991

Dear NEMF Friend and Mushroom Lover,

The University of Maine in Orono, our 1991 foray site, is big, comfortable, pretty, the area is beautiful, as some of us know well from a previous foray held there. We can't wait for a repeat: great mushroom finds, a delicious banquet complete with Maine lobsters. Professor Richard Homola will be our chief mycologist. Dates: 8/10-8/13, Sat. dinner through Tue. breakfast.

Accommodations are in single and double dormitory rooms, with shared bathrooms; linens and towels supplied. Reduced rates for children age 6-12; free for children under 6 provided you bring sleeping bags; refrigerators for baby food. (Max. per room: 2 adults, or 2 adults & 1 child, or 1 adult & 2 children, or 3 children.) Or stay in a nearby campground with hook-ups (Villa Vaughn, Orono, 207-945-6796). Or come for a day only (Sunday).

Options: You might want to explore Acadia National Park; we have arranged an all-day tour for Monday. You might also want to hike the Appalachian Trail, go canoeing, explore the current condition of the fire site on Mount Katahdin, or some other area of your choice (your car).

If you travel by plane or bus to and from Bangor and do not wish to rent a car, we will send a college van to transport you (\$15 pp one way fare) but we need to know the name of the carrier, flight number, date & time of arrival and/or departure.

Long-distance travelers who prefer to arrive a day early or leave a day late may stay overnight at the University, at \$17 per person in a double room or at \$21 in a single room--meals within walking distance or delivered.

Maine and mushroom forays are so exciting that you might want to extend your trip:

1. We have scheduled a pre-foray Bolete Workshop, with field trips, microscopy and Prof. Homola, at the Eagle Hill Wildlife Research Station in Steuben, northeast of Bar Harbor and Schoodic Point, right on the coast of Maine, on one of those "fingers". Sandy and I were there last year for Dr. Homola's workshop: it was great, and the food was \*\*\*\*\*! Maximum no. of people: 24; the station can accommodate 17; additional people can tent or stay in a motel or campground nearby and need their own car for commuting. Dates: 8/6-8/10, Tues. dinner - Sat. breakfast.
2. For a longer stay at Eagle Hill, you may want to participate in Dr. Homola's "Mycology: Techniques" Workshop, 7/28-8/3. See the accompanying flyer; to register, contact Eagle Hill Wildlife Research Station, Steuben, ME 04680; 207-546-2821.
3. We have also scheduled the NEMF back to front with the NAMA foray, to be held at Paul Smith's in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. NAMA dates: 8/15-8/18. "Travel days" from Tuesday noon through Thursday noon allow for leisurely driving through beautiful chanterelle and bolete country (unless you are an officer or trustee of NAMA in which case you rush from one foray to the next).

And naturally, we have high hopes for a repeat of last year's copious rains to produce mushrooms aplenty. In order to ensure everyone's comfort and happiness, we are limiting attendance to 350 registrants. Please register immediately, to ensure for yourself a share in these exciting events. We are looking forward to seeing you at the NEMF of 1991.

Your registrars, Sandy Sheine and Ursula Hoffmann

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Fees: The full package includes room, linens, meals and all activities (only the Acadia trip is extra) from Saturday afternoon through Tuesday noon. Day registration includes all meals and activities for the same period of time (the Acadia trip is extra). Sunday Only registration includes all meals and activities on that day.

A late fee of \$30 per person applies to all registrations received after 7/9. For all cancellations received up to 7/16, we will refund all fees minus \$30 per person; unfortunately, no refunds are possible for cancellations received later. We will hold your checks and maintain a waiting list for Sun. Only Registrations in case there is space after 7/16; you'll be notified as to space; you'll get your check back if there isn't any.

**\*\*\*NEMF Foray Registration\*\*\***

Description (check or circle what applies)	Fee per person	No. of people	Subtotal
Double room	\$195	_____	_____*
Single room	\$210	_____	_____*
Child age 1-5 (bring sleeping bag)	\$ 0	_____	_____*
One child 6-12 on cot in your room	\$100	_____	_____*
2 or 3 children 6-12 in their own room	\$135	_____	_____*
Day registration (for campers etc.)	\$145	_____	_____*
Child age 6-12, day registration	\$ 75	_____	_____*
Sun. Only if available after 7/16	\$ 75	_____	_____*
Mon. trip to Acadia	\$ 25	_____	_____*
Extra night(s), double room, per night	\$ 17	_____	_____*
Extra night(s), single room, per night	\$ 21	_____	_____*
Late fee, per person, if rec'd after 7/9	\$ 30	_____	_____*

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\*

Total no. of people in your party \_\_\_\_\_\*

Dr./Mr./&/Mrs/Miss/Ms. name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\*

address \_\_\_\_\_\*

smoker: yes/no club: \_\_\_\_\_ tel. \_\_\_\_\_\*

special needs: \_\_\_\_\_\*

I want to room with \_\_\_\_\_\*

names & ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_\*

Banquet entree choice: lobster/chicken \_\_\_\_\_\*

Extra night(s): Friday/Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_\*

Bang-Oro ride--carrier,flt#,date,time: \_\_\_\_\_\*

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_\*

If you are registering someone else with a different address:

Dr./Mr./&/Mrs/Miss/Ms. name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\*

address \_\_\_\_\_\*

smoker: yes/no club: \_\_\_\_\_ tel. \_\_\_\_\_\*

special needs: \_\_\_\_\_\*

**\*\*\*Preforay Registration (fees include workshop and all meals)\*\*\***

Triple, fancy cabin with bath	\$275	_____	_____*
Double, simple cabin	\$260	_____	_____*
"Airie", for 3 or 4	\$240	_____	_____*
Commuter (motel, B/B, or tent)	\$195	_____	_____*

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\*

I/We hereby release the NEMF from any and all liability arising out of any injury, accident, or illness occurring as a result of any NEMF Foray activity.

Signature(s) & date(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_\*

All fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. Make checks for foray payable to NEMF separate checks for pre-foray payable to Eagle Hill Wildlife Research Station, and mail with this form, signed, to Ursula Hoffmann, \_\_\_\_\_

The Victor Gambino Annual PEEC Foray  
At The Pocono Environmental Education Center

June 21 - 23, 1991

This weekend is in honor of its founder Victor Gambino. Those who have not attended previous weekends will find this an excellent occasion to combine both mycological and social programs. It provides the opportunity to broaden your mycological knowledge, to meet new friends and foray on some of the most beautiful trails in the Northeast. There will be a wine and cheese party on Saturday night. The entire cost for the weekend, including food, accommodations and all activities is \$74.00 per person.

PEEC Directions

From I-80 in PA, Take Pennsylvania Exit #52, Route 209 north, to Marshalls Creek. At the stop sign in Marshalls Creek make a right turn; continue north on Route 209 for 14 miles. Two signs - one 1/2 mile before and the other directly across from the turn - indicate a left turn for the Pocono Environmental Education Center. Make a left turn and follow the road to the top of the hill. At the fork in the road bear right. The Center's parking lot will be visible on the right.

Arrival time is 5:00 PM Friday, June 21, 1991 for dinner. Bring your own towels, linens and blankets or sleeping bag.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MAY 31, 1991. PEEC REQUIRES THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING BY THIS DATE.

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Reservation Form for PEEC Weekend

Total cost per person for the weekend.....\$74.00

Make checks payable to: New Jersey Mycological Association

Mail to: Paul and Linda Meyer Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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