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WIFI is available in the Main House

Meals

All meals are in the Dining Room on the ground floor of the Main House.

Meal times are: Breakfast 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM; Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM; Dinner 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

Wheelchair access to the Dining Room is by the ramp located at the west end of the building.

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**The 44th Annual Foray of the
Northeast Mycological Federation
September 14-17, 2023**

FORAY SCHEDULE

Friday, September 15, 2023

- 12:00 PM** Lunch is served
Registration desk closes
- 1:15 PM** Lunch service ends
- 1:30 PM** NEVERSINK RIVER UNIQUE AREA Bus departs
VERNOOY KILL FALLS TRAIL Bus departs
BASHAKILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA Bus departs
WILLIAM PADILLA-BROWN: *Cultivating Cordyceps Veselka*
RENÉE BAUMANN: *Mushroom Basket Making Workshop (3 hours)* Kvas Library
PATTY KAISHIAN: *Tree Thinking: Introduction to Phylogenetics* Kyiv
- 3:30 PM** AVERY STEMPEL: *Psychedelic Policy* Veselka
RENÉE BAUMANN: *Mushroom Basket Making Workshop* Kvas Library (continued)
- 4:00 PM** TABLE WALKTHROUGH Display Tent
- 5:00 PM** Dinner is served
- 6:30 PM** Dinner service ends
- 7:00 PM** Evening Programs in Veselka
JOE BRANDT: *Housekeeping Announcements*
RICK VAN DE POLL: *Homola Scholar announcement*
RENÉE LEBEUF, ALAN & ARLEEN BESSETTE: *choose remarkable mushrooms*
PATTY KAISHIAN: *Mycology Returns to the New York State Museum*
JOÃO ARAUJO: *The Biology Behind the Zombie-Ant Fungus*
- 9:00 PM** Soyuzivka Concierge window closes
- 9:30 PM** Evening Social: *Connecticut-Westchester Mycological Association Hosts Veselka Balcony*

Saturday, September 16, 2023

- 7:00 AM** Registration desk opens
- 7:30 AM** Breakfast is served
- 8:00 AM** Soyuzivka Concierge window opens
- 8:30 AM** Breakfast service ends
Registration Desk closes
- 9:30 AM** SLIDE MOUNTAIN Carpool Departs
VERNOOY STATE FOREST - LUNDY ROAD Bus departs
PAINTER HILL MULTIPLE USE AREA Bus departs
TROUT CREEK - CATSKILL FOREST PRESERVE Bus departs
GABRIELA D'ELIA: *FUNDIS: People Protecting Fungi* Veselka
WALT STURGEON: *Just for the Smell of It, Mushroom Common Scents* Kvas Library
PAUL SADOWSKI: *The Demystified Microscope* Kyiv
- 10:30 AM** RENÉE LEBEUF: *Adventures in the Boreal Forest* Veselka
DOROTHY SMULLEN: *Lichens: Connections to the Outdoors* Kvas Library
JOHN MICHELOTTI: *MycMaterials and the Many Uses of Mycelia* Kyiv
- 12:00 PM** Lunch is served
- 1:30 PM** WOLF BROOK MULTIPLE USE AREA Bus Departs
OAK RIDGE MULTIPLE USE AREA Bus Departs
RICK VAN DE POLL: *Rare Northeastern Fungi* Veselka
CHRIS BAKER: *The Rise of the Golden Oyster* Kvas Library
SIGRID JAKOB - *An introduction to DNA Sequencing for Community Scientists* Veselka
- 3:30 PM** WILLIAM PADILLA-BROWN - *Truffle Talk* Veselka
NEMF Trustees Meeting Kvas Library
ROBERTA TRENTIN: *Gathering Sounds: A multi-sensorial myco-experience Symbiosonification* Kyiv
- 4:00 PM** TABLE WALKTHROUGH Display Tent
- 5:00 PM** Dinner is served
- 6:30 PM** Dinner service ends
- 7:00 PM** Evening Programs in Veselka
JOE BRANDT: *Announcements, Housekeeping*
SIGRID JAKOB, JOÃO ARAUJO, WALT STURGEON: *choose remarkable mushrooms*
ALAN BESSETTE: *Gasteromycetes*
WESLEY PRICE: *NEMF 2024*
JOE BRANDT & JOHN MICHELOTTI: *Live Auction*
- 9:30 PM** Evening Social: *New York Mycological Society hosts Veselka Balcony*

Sunday, September 17, 2023

- 7:30 AM** Breakfast is served
- 7:00 AM** Registration desk open for ID Wallet return
- 8:00 AM** Soyuzivka Concierge window open for room key return & check-out
- 8:15 AM.** Breakfast service ends
- 8:15 AM** Breakfast service ends
- 9:00 AM** TABLE WALKTHROUGH Display Tent
- 11:00 AM** CHECK OUT Soyuzivka Concierge Window
FORAY ENDS
CLEAN-UP Main House Lobby, Veselka, Display Tent

GENERAL INFORMATION

Your ID Neck Wallet is the ticket to all meals, lectures, workshops and other functions of the Foray. Please keep it on your person and visible during the foray schedule. Please see the registrar should you lose it.

Room Keys

You will receive your room key(s) from the Soyuzivka Concierge. The receipt of your key must be noted at the Registration desk upon receipt. Lost keys are subject to a replacement charge. Please turn in your key to the registrar when you leave at Foray's end.

Chamber Service

You will find your room stocked with fresh linens, bath towels, soap and shampoo. The chamber staff is normally composed of Ukrainian students who work during their summer breaks. They are now back in school so the chamber staff is much reduced. Consequently, daily chamber service is available only by request from the Soyuzivka Concierge. Please consider the staffing circumstances when making your request. A token of your appreciation for the chamber worker will be much appreciated.

Parking

All vehicles should be parked in the designated spaces at each lodge. The parking spaces next to the Main House should be used only temporarily.

Smoking is not permitted within any building on campus. Smoking is allowed outside, 20 feet from any entrance.

Alcohol Consumption

People of the legal age of 21 may consume alcohol purchased from and served by the staff during dinner and evening socials. Alcohol may be consumed in the Dining Room and Veselka Balcony. Alcohol may not be consumed in any other common area.

COVID CONSIDERATIONS

Masking is recommended but not required for this event; this will be the individual's decision.

We need to protect each other! We recommend that you bring test kits in case illness develops during your stay. If you have to leave due to illness you will receive a substantial refund. Please do not let finances be a factor in considering cancellation.

Accommodation Issues

Should problems arise with your accommodations kindly call the office 845-626-5641.

Schedule

It is important to be on time for the beginning of lectures and workshops as well as for bus departures.

Walks and Workshop Registration

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Lobby of the Main House at the Registration desk. Workshops allow only limited participation, so be sure to register early.

Walk Departure and Return

Buses will be parked for boarding on the circular driveway outside the front entrance of the Main House. Return buses will drop forayers at the tent.

Whistle While You Walk

While in the woods, it is preferable to stay in small groups and to be sure to return to the bus on time for the return trip. Should you find yourself out of sight of your companions give a single blast on your whistle to re-establish contact. A single blast in response should get you back to the group. Two blasts will indicate you are lost. Use three blasts only if you are in distress! So, if you hear such whistle signals answer with a single blast to provide a bearing for the separated forager. If you do get lost in the forest, the bus will leave without you but the walk leader will stay behind to wait for you, and a car will be sent to pick you up. You will be charged at a rate of \$10 per mile, roundtrip. Please try to avoid this situation!

We recommend maps.me. Once you are in NY State, it will prompt you to download the state map. Then no matter where you go it will show a simplified map with roads, trails, rivers and their names. The arrow points very clearly towards which direction you're going; you can also drop a pin where you left your car.



Ticks, Poison Ivy, Snakes and Bears

Please take the necessary precautions to avoid contact with these creatures. Tuck pants into socks, shirts into pants and use bug repellent if you are prone to attracting ticks. Be sure to look before you pick to avoid plunging your hand into a thicket of Poison Ivy. And should you see a bear or a snake, move slowly away.

Collection Protocol

Include enough specimens in your collection to show the various stages of development of the mushroom species. Utilize the voucher slip for field notes. This will enhance the process of identification. Take care to bring them back in good condition. Collections should be brought to the sorting tent near the Veselka Pavilion, placed on the designated table for your foray, and on the paper container together with a completed voucher slip.

Take *in situ* photos to document your collection. A wide shot showing the surrounding flora can be quite useful. Posting these to [iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) provides easy access to your photos and documentation. There is an iNat Project *NEMF 2023* that can include your collections this weekend. <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/nemf-2023>



New to iNat? Here is a primer on the app: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ingOM9fQZ8b1Q9mysgKdgrXIGZiH_g5TH-DshGzu7hE/edit



FUNDIS has a video that shows how to collect for scientific research. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgZw37NjxkA>



WALKS

Trip #1 Shawangunk Ridge Parking Access

Easy walking with sometimes steep terrain on either side of an abandoned road. There is a collapsed bridge with a stream beneath which can be difficult to cross. Mixed deciduous forest with red and white oaks, birch, beech, maple and hickory, some areas of pitch pine.

Trip #2 Soyuzivka trails

Easy hiking trails around the facility, slightly more difficult as one increases elevation. Mixed deciduous trees with oak, hemlock, white pine; pitch pine and oak on upland portions.

Trip #3 Balsam Swamp

Snowmobile trail with mixed woods of hemlock, beech, birches, maples. Further on is the Balsam Swamp with hemlock and red spruce. There are small streams to navigate, fairly easy walking on the trail.

Trip #4 Walkkill Valley Rail Trail

Easy walking along old rail line, trails to Joppenbergh Mountain can be steep. Mixed deciduous trees with oak, maple, locust, birch and some conifers.

Trip #5 Minnewaska State Park Preserve - Mossy Glen Area

Western side of the Shawangunks. A mossy footpath through mountain laurel, rhododendron, hemlock, and birch with a mellow grade, but some roots to watch for. We are collecting under a special research permit through a special and delicate ecosystem.

Trip #6 Neversink River Unique Area

Habitat varies in this large area from ferny woods with mature hemlocks and white pines, further on there are beech, maple, birches and oaks. Some difficult spots to navigate on very stoney roadway. Walking can be difficult on older knees.

Trip #7 Vernooy Kill Falls Trail - Sundown Wild Forest

Mature hemlock and mixed deciduous trees with oak, beech, maple, birch and white pine. Some streams and boggy areas.

Trip #8 Bashakill Wildlife Management Area

Mixed forest of oak, white pine, maple, swamp forest with marshes. Several trails, old roads and open fields. Eagles nesting on islands within the swamp.

Trip #9 Slide Mountain Wilderness

The hike starts at 2640 feet and goes to 4180 feet although the walk is not too steep or difficult. Beech, sugar maple, birches and hemlock at lower elevations with balsam fir, red spruce and yellow birch above. Boggy areas off trail.

Trip #10 Vernooy State Forest - Lundy Road

Abandoned road follows the Vernooy Kill thru hemlock, cedar and deciduous forest. There is an old cedar alley leading to an old farmstead. The road can be muddy if there have been recent rain (hopefully), more ruts and holes as one continues on road.

Trip #11 Painter Hill Multiple Use Area

Easy walking along a spray painted marked trail with mixed and open deciduous woods; beech, birch and oak. Beaver pond is reported.

Trip #12 Trout Creek - Catskill Forest Preserve

Easy walking through a typical Catskill forest with hemlock stands, beech, birch and maple. Several streams to be encountered.

Trip #13 Wolf Brook Multiple Use Area

Habitat changes from ferny woods of hemlock and white pine to upland of oak and white pine. Easy to walk path with heavy understory of mountain laurel on each side.

Trip #14 Oak Ridge Multiple Use Area

Young upland forest mix of white pine, oak, beech, maple transitioning to hemlock and a sphagnum bog. Fairly easy walking.

WHO'S WHO

Faculty & Presenters

João Araujo • Chris Baker • Alan Bessette • Arleen Bessette • Gabriela D'Elia • Larissa Hayden • Sigrid Jakob • Erwin Karl • Renée Lebeuf • Roz Lowen • John Michelotti • William Padilla-Brown • John Plischke III • Paul Sadowski • Dorothy Smullen • Avery Stempel • Walt Sturgeon • Roberta Trentin • Rick Van de Poll

Foray Committee

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Debby Pascale - PASCALE'S BOOKS

Rhoda Roper - FUNGEMS by Rhoda

Frank Spinelli - Books & Posters

Nalitha T.-Paradis - Yukon Dried Morels

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Thursday, September 14, 2023

- 12:00 PM** Registration desk opens
Soyuzivka Concierge window opens
- 2:00 PM** Early Bird carpool and walk depart from Main House Oval
- 4:30 PM** Early birds return to Sorting Tent
- 5:00 PM** Dinner is served in Dining Room in Main House Ground Floor
- 6:30 PM** Dinner service ends
- 7:00 PM** Registration closes

7:00 PM Evening Program in Veselka

JOE BRANDT: *Welcome, Faculty, Foray Staff, Housekeeping Announcements*
GABRIELA D'ELIA, ROZ LOWEN, JOHN PLISCHKE III choose remarkable mushrooms
LARISSA HAYDEN: *Hidden Meaning — Exploring the Nature Symbolism of Ukraine*
RICK VAN DE POLL: *Local Ecology*

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9:30 PM Evening Social: *Mid-Hudson Mycological Association Hosts Veselka Balcony*

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- WALKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL Bus departs
- MINNEWASKA STATE PARK PRESERVE - MOSSY GLEN AREA Bus departs

8:30 AM ARLEEN BESSETTE: *Coming to Your Senses: The Art & Science of Mushroom Identification* Veselka

WALT STURGEON: *Lactarius & Lactifluus, Skimming the Cream* Kvas Library

ERWIN KARL: *Mycobiome - The Role of Fungi in Soil Ecology and Gut Health* Kyiv

10:30 AM AMALAN BESSETTE: *Polypore Identification: Where to Begin?* Veselka

ROZ LOWEN: *Lichenicolous Fungi - Fungi That Occur ON Lichens* Kvas Library

EVERY STEMPEL: *Cultivation 101* Kyiv

