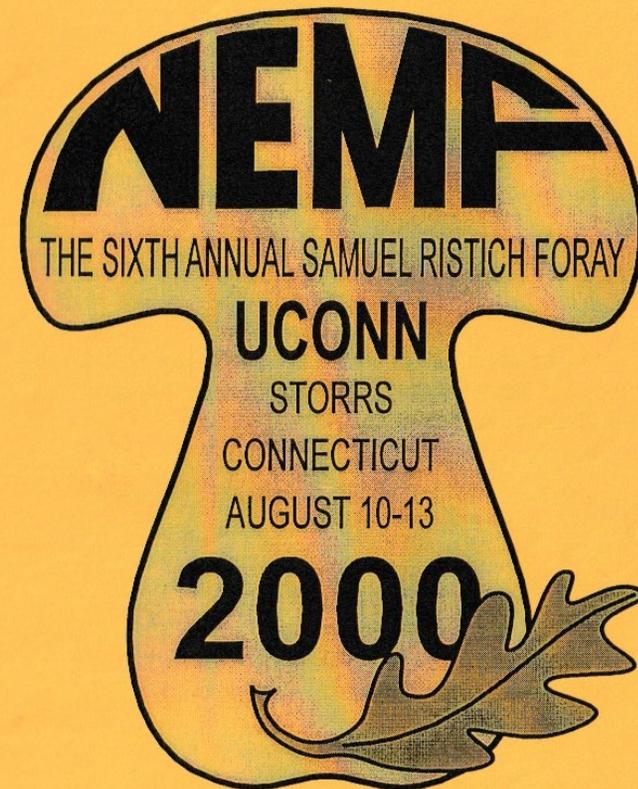


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CMM	-----	Cercle des Mycologues de Montreal, Inc.
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CVMS	-----	Connecticut Valley Mycological Society
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The foray is being held at the University of Connecticut's Storrs Campus. The map on page 2 outlines the two areas we will be using: the South Campus Dormitories and the Bishop Conference Center (BCC).

Meals will all be served in the Rome Hall Cafeteria, which is adjacent to the Ballroom where the Gala Buffet Program will be held.

Lectures, workshops and identification activities will be conducted in the Bishop Conference Center, across Route 195 from the dorms. Rooms BCC3, BCC7, BCC10, BCC11 and BCC19 are on the lower level of the Bishop Center; Room BCC146 is on the upper level.

The evening program for Saturday will be held in Arjona Natural Science Hall, adjacent to the South Campus dorms. Room 105 is the amphitheater classroom on the first floor.

Registration will be done at the front of Rome Hall from 1:30p to 9:00p on Thursday, August 10. You will get your key cards and your meal tickets at that time. Be sure to keep them with you at all times.

Check out will be from 9:00a to Noon on Sunday, in BCC7, (where the mushroom sorting was going on). See the Stolesons if you are leaving earlier.

All emergencies should
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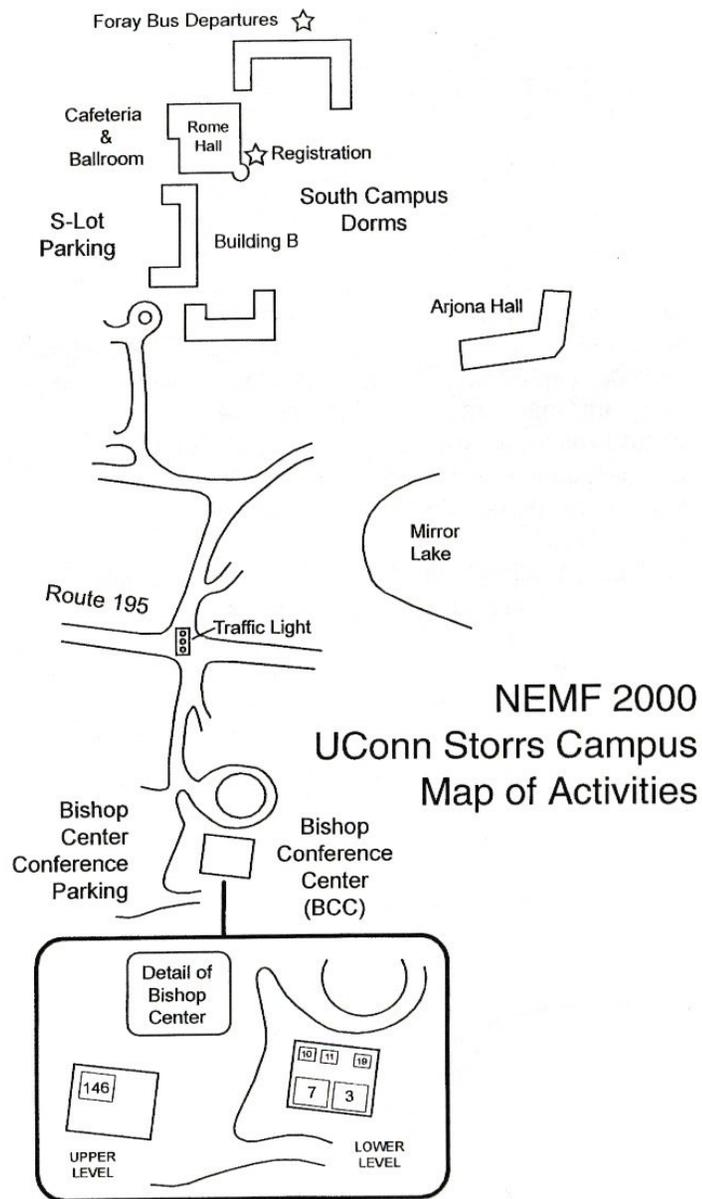
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Program Schedule

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 10, 2000

- 4:45 - 6:00p DINNER Cafeteria
- 6:15 - 7:15p *Welcome* Ballroom
By Joe Lenocce
- 7:30 - 7:45p *Faculty Introduction* Ballroom
By Bill Yule with Sandy Sheine
- 7:45 - 8:15p *The UConn Mycologists* Ballroom
By David Rose

The opening program will present a brief history of the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of Connecticut and three of the most notable mycologists associated therein: Albert Blakeslee, Roland Thaxter and Charles Thom.

- 8:20 - 9:20p *What is a Species? Honies and Sulfurs and Spongeheads, OH MY!* Ballroom
By Tom Volk

The "species concept", one of the most elusive and misunderstood ideas in Biology will be explored using examples from three familiar genera: *Armillaria*, *Laetiporus* and *Morchella*.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 11, 2000

- 7:00 - 9:15a BREAKFAST Cafeteria
- 9:00 - 11:15a *Introductory Mushroom Microscopy for Beginners* BCC146
By Glen Freeman.

A beginner's workshop in the use of microscopes to study and identify mushrooms. Limit 24 people.

- 936 10:00 - Noon *Preparing Polypore Paper* ... BCC11
By Dorothy Smullen and June Johnston.

A hands-on introduction to making craft paper with polypores. Limit 15 people.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 11, 2000

- 11:15a – 1:15p LUNCH Cafeteria
1:00 - 3:15p TRUSTEES' MEETING BCC19
1:30 - 4:30p *Mushrooms: What They Are and How to Know Them* BCC110

By Arleen Bessette

An introduction to the major groups of mushrooms; macroscopic features used for identification; myths and facts regarding edibility. This class, in Arleen's words, "...informal and light-hearted to help neophytes reach a comfortable level in understanding and identifying, collecting and consuming the fungus among us". Limit 30 people.

- 2:00 - 4:00p *An Introduction to Drawing and Painting Mushrooms: Field Sketching and Some Watercolor Techniques* BCC11

By Mike DiGiorgio

This is an opportunity to learn some techniques from a well known professional wildlife illustrator. Limit 20 people.

- 2:00 - 4:30p *Inside Ascomycetes, cont.* ... BCC146
By Roz Lowen

Explore the various forms of the so-called sac fungi with a slide lecture, collecting fresh material and hands-on examination using microscopes and hand lens. Limit 20 people.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 11, 2000

- 6:00 - 7:00p GALA BUFFET Ballroom
7:20 - 8:00p *Mushrooms of the Day* Ballroom

With staff mycologists Alan Bessette, Ernst Both, Glen Freeman, Bill Roody and Sam Ristich.

Each faculty member will give a comment on rare, unusual, beautiful mushrooms or trends in the day's collection.

- 8:00 - 8:15 ^{Saturday} AWARDS Ballroom

By Marlene Snecinski

- 8:20 - 9:20p *The Armchair Naturalist: Four-Wheel Foraging and Some Special Habitats* Ballroom
By Alan Bessette

Sit back and relax on a mushroom travel adventure through a variety of habitats and unique environmental conditions that produce one of the most remarkable examples of biodiversity in the world. We will travel the mid-Atlantic States, the Gulf Coast, the Rocky Mountains, the Pacific Coast and back to the Northeast to explore the myco-diversity of North America.

- 9:20 onward SOCIAL and NEMF BENEFIT AUCTION Ballroom

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12, 2000

- 7:00 - 8:30a BREAKFAST Cafeteria

- 8:30 - 11:30a *Bolete Workshop Part #1: Field Trip*
By Ernst Both and Alan Bessette

Travel by bus to a prime bolete site to collect mushrooms for the afternoon workshop on bolete taxonomy and identification. Limit by bus occupancy.

- 9:00 - 11:00a *Russula and Inocybe: Microscopic Diagnosis and Identification* BCC146
By Ray Fatto

This is a workshop for those with some familiarity with microscopic techniques to observe and become familiar with the microscopic characteristics used to identify species within the genera *Russula* and *Inocybe*. Limit 16 people.

- 9:00 - 11:00a *An Introduction to and Demonstration of the Use of Mushrooms in Dye Making* BCC10
By Susan Hopkins

Through the use of slides and a demonstration the mushrooms used as fabric dyes will be introduced and some techniques illustrated. Limit 20 people.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 12, 2000

11:15a – 1:15p LUNCH Cafeteria
1:30 - 3:30p *Bolete Workshop Part #2: Taxonomy and Identification* BCC146

By Ernst Both and Alan Bessette

Following a short slide presentation, participants will use dichotomous keys, macrochemical tests, spore deposits and some microscopic techniques to identify boletes. Alan Bessettes' recently published book, *North American Boletes - A Guide to the Fleshy Pored Mushrooms* will be used as a reference. Limit 40 people.

3:45 - 4:45p *Milk Mushrooms for the New Millennium. A Field Mycologist Takes a Lick at Lactarius* .. BCC10

By Bill Roody

This slide show and lecture explores the often confusing to identify "milky caps" of the genus *Lactarius*. Limit 25 people.

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 12, 2000

4:45 - 6:00p DINNER Cafeteria
6:30 - 7:10p *Mycologists Roundtable Discussion of the Mushrooms of the Previous Two Days* Arjona105

With Ed Bosman, Ray Fatto, Gary Lincoff, Roz Lowen, Rod Tulloss and Tom Volk.

8:15 - 9:15p *Chanterelles and Black Trumpets: Can Taxonomy recognize kinship or Does It Just Make Strange Bedfellows?* Arjona105

By Gary Lincoff

Exploring the history of the classification of some of our favorite mushrooms by mycologists from Persoon to Fries to the moderns, Gary will talk about the relationship between Taxonomy and Phylogeny. In other words, just because we have the last name does that mean we're related?

9:00 onward MUSHROOM TASTING AND SOCIAL BCC146

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13, 2000

7:00 - 9:15a BRUNCH Cafeteria
9:15 - 10:15a *Guided Tour of the Collection* BCC3
10:15 - 11:15a *Collection open to the Public* BCC3
10:15 - 10:45a *Showing of "Sam Ristich Video"* BCC11
11:00 onward CLEAN UP BCC3 & BCC7
9:00 – Noon CHECKOUT BCC7

Faculty

Alan Bessette

Alan studied mycology under the late Dick Homola and is one of the preeminent modern mycologists, author of over a dozen mushroom books. He has helped the NEMF immensely over the years. His recent interest in boletes will be at the heart of our featured bolete workshop.

Arleen Bessette

Arleen is a knowledgeable amateur mycologist and author of many award winning books. Her spirited introductory mycology presentations are a cherished addition to NEMF forays.

Ed Bosman

Ed has been interested in mushrooms for over thirty years. He cofounded the NEMF foray back in the seventies and founded the Connecticut Valley Mycological Society twenty five years ago. He received the NAMA award for "Outstanding Contributions to Amateur Mycology" in 1995 and the NEMF's Eximia Award in 1987.

Ernst Both

Ernst is the Curator Emeritus of the Buffalo Museum of Science. His thorough work on boletes is reflected in his *Boletes of North America - A Compendium* and will be at the core of our bolete workshop.

Mike DiGiorgio

Mike is a nationally recognized artist, currently living in Madison, Connecticut. His paintings and drawings have appeared in books such as the *Audubon Field Guides to Birds*.

Ray Fatto

Ray developed, with Geoffrey Kibby, the valuable synoptic key to northeastern *Russula* species that we all use so often. Ray has recently wandered into the genus of *Inocybe*. He was awarded the NAMA amateur contributions award in 1996 and has always been a great asset to NEMF forays.

Glenn Freeman

Glenn studied mycology under Ron Petersen and currently works as a plant pathologist in New Jersey. His lively microscopy workshops have been a favorite program at many NEMF forays.

Sue Hopkins

Sue has been active in mycology for a long time in the New Jersey Mycological Association and in NAMA. She has worked extensively with mushrooms as dye-stuffs and has organized several fungi-fiber events.

June Johnston

June says her education as a science teacher blends well with her mushrooming and her work in a hospital laboratory information system. Besides making paper from mushrooms, she paints and dyes with them.

Gary Lincoff

Gary is the nationally renowned author of *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*. He teaches mycology, botany and ecology courses at the New York Botanical Garden. He was the first species recorder for NEMF and has attended almost every NEMF.

Roz Lowen

Roz is a research associate in mycology at the New York Botanical Garden and studies small ascomycetes. She can actually identify those tiny disco-mycetes that you find on wood. Roz was one of the founders of COMA and has attended almost all the NEMF forays.

Bill Roody

Bill studied mycology under Petersen at Tennessee and now works as a non-game naturalist in West Virginia. His brilliant photographs and talks have brightened many NEMF forays.

David Rose

Dave is an archivist at the New York Botanical Garden Library and is the new president of COMA. He writes a delightful column, entitled "Notes From Underground", for the COMA newsletter, *Spores Illustrated*

Dorothy Smullen

Dorothy teaches high school science and has attended all the NEMF forays. She received the NEMF's Eximia Award in 1987. Her diligent work has defined the procedures for the NEMF forays.

Tom Volk

Tom teaches mycology and plant botany at The University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. He has educated and entertained us at NEMF forays on topics from *Armillaria* species reform to the advent of DNA taxonomy. He is always very active at our identification tables.

And of course...

Sam Ristich

The NorthEast Mycological Federation began in 1976 and Sam has been a spirited and active participant ever since. By 1995, the federation decided to name the forays in his honor.

Sam studied botany and entomology at Cornell and went on to become a guru of fungi. When he retired to Maine in 1980, he brought a new wave of mycological activity up to the north.