



**Welcome to the  
2012 Samuel Ristich Foray –  
36<sup>th</sup> Annual Foray of the  
Northeast Mycological Federation  
August 2–5, 2012  
East Stroudsburg State University  
East Stroudsburg, PA**

This year's foray will be held in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, within easy reach of many prime mycological sites in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Your hosts will be the Delaware Highlands Mushroom Society, the Eastern Penn Mushroomers, the New Jersey Mycological Association and the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club. ESU is close to the beautiful Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Worthington State Forest, Hickory Run State Park, Promised Land State Park, Appalachian trails, the Pocono Mountains and many PA Game Lands. The mixed forest of hemlocks and oaks offers diversity and abundant fungal life. If you prefer simply to commune with nature, you can feast your eyes on many waterfalls and feed your soul with lakes and gorges. If a foray isn't your thing, plan on some hiking and be sure to bring your hammer to the Ringing Rocks (in the boulder field at Hickory Run State Park) or try your luck at the nearby casino. There will be plenty to do.

We are returning to the site of the 1982 joint NEMF and NAMA foray, making this the 30th anniversary of that event. Those of you who remember the dining hall from 30 years ago should fear not, for there is no resemblance between the food of that time and the excellent food we tasted during our recent planning visits. We will be staying in the BRAND NEW air-conditioned dorm, completed in January 2012, in suites accommodating at most four persons and with bathrooms shared with no more than one other person. Programs and lectures will be held at the state-of-the-art auditorium and science center. There is plenty of elbow room in the air-conditioned exhibition area for the displays, the mycologists and the vendors, and there is no need to huff and puff up and down hills, since all of the buildings are within 2–3 blocks of each other and the area is relatively flat.

The list of faculty is impressive. Our Chief Mycologist will be Dr. Else Vellinga. Other slated mycologists include Dr. Alan Bessette, Arleen Bessette, Joshua Birkebak, Dr. Roy Halling, Jay Justice, Renée Lebeuf, Gary Lincoff, Christina Rodriguez-Caycedo, Noah Siegel, Walt Sturgeon, and Dr. Rod Tulloss. We expect to have many more additional faculty when the roster is complete. The Program Chair, Glenn Boyd, will be finalizing this already impressive list of faculty as we receive confirmations from the invited mycologists. For updates, see the web site.

**Your registration form must be mailed and received before July 15th to reserve your place at the foray!**

Specifics include:

- Accommodations are air-conditioned suites for up to four persons in which no one shares a bath with more than one other person. If you request single accommodations, there will be a supplemental fee, and such rooms will be assigned on a priority basis by postmark date on the registration form. If you have no roommate preference, we will assign a roommate. We will attempt to ensure that all individuals in a given suite are of the same gender, but it may only be possible within each individual room.
- Check-in will begin about noon on August 2 and check-out must be by noon on August 5.
- Bed linens (pillows, pillow cases and sheets) are provided in all rooms, but you will be responsible for your own blankets and towels.
- Small children under 4 for whom you provide sleeping arrangements and linens may share your room without cost. Children between the ages of 4 and 12 will receive a child's rate on the fees. See the registration form itself. *Please note that all children attending the foray must be under the supervision of their parents or someone designated to watch out for their safety and comportment.*
- We have only a limited number of suites with handicapped-accessible baths. There are elevators if climbing stairs is your only restriction. Once physical needs of participants have been met, rooms will be assigned in the order in which applications are received, so get your request in early.
- There will be vegetarian selections available at all meals.
- For forms mailed after June 15, a late registration fee of \$30 per person will be required. Registration forms must be submitted by July 15. For cancellations received up to July 15, we will refund all fees minus \$30 per person; after that date, no refunds will be given.
- Alcohol is prohibited on all ESU property, and it should go without saying that recreational drug use is similarly prohibited. Pets are not allowed, nor is smoking allowed inside any building.
- The closest major transportation hubs to East Stroudsburg are Newark, NJ and Philadelphia, PA. Allentown, PA and Scranton, PA have smaller airports closer to the site. For more information about the location, see the web site.
- If you need help getting to the campus from local public transportation terminals, please indicate that on your registration form and tell us what sort of help you need. If your arrival and departure times are determined after you submit your application, please contact the registrars, John or Cheryl Dawson (see below).
- If you are interested in being a vendor, check the appropriate box and contact Nina Marra at [ninamarra@verizon.net](mailto:ninamarra@verizon.net) or call 718-619-5191.
- Commuter registration (all but meals, but including mycophagy) is available only in advance and for the full four days. Walk-in registration for one day only will be \$40 or presentation of a valid student ID. Commuters may purchase individual meals directly at the cafeteria.
- We have been promised wireless internet access through the university.
- T-shirts will be available by special order. There is a place on the order form to reserve your size. A limited number may be ordered for purchase at the foray, but we cannot guarantee your size will be available unless you order beforehand.

Questions: By email to John Dawson or Cheryl Dawson at [nemf2012@comcast.net](mailto:nemf2012@comcast.net), by phone at 717-846-1225, or by FAX at 717-854-4903.