

2009 Northeast Mycological Federation Foray

FINAL REPORT

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Summary: The 2009 NEMF Foray was held at the Four Points by Sheraton Motel in Eastham, Cape Cod Massachusetts October 15-18, 2009. Some 240 registrants from over 20 clubs participated in the walks, lectures, workshops and evening socials. Some of the highlights included the first NEMF foray on Cape Cod, a cultivation workshop using inoculated straw, a lecture questioning identification of a common *Cantharellus* in the U.S., a shop stocked with vendors including the return of Lubrecht and Cramer, a bicycle “walk”, and a closing presentation in 3D. The group found 295 species of mushrooms and lichens including 60 species new to the NEMF database. Despite being a stormy weekend, a good time was had by all.

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DISCLAIMER: We have tried to make this evaluation as complete as possible. It includes many of the comments, some verbatim, from the final reports submitted by the chairs of the Foray Committee. The co-chairs, however, take full responsibility for its content and thus are in agreement with anything taken for the other reports. Nina and Tim Rose

Background

We allowed two years for planning the foray. The NEMF manual¹, along with the notes on the NEMF website, were invaluable in providing guidelines throughout the next 26 months. In addition, we made frequent calls to Ursula Hoffmann, president of NEMF, and Terry Stoleson, chair of the 2008 Foray, for advice and help. They were wonderful. We also used the results of the survey from the Maine foray in 2007 which was provided by Seanna Annis, the 2007 Foray chair. **The chair of the NEMF foray should keep in mind, however, that the official guidelines are suggestions and the chair can and should do what he/she thinks will lead to the best foray.**

Facilities (Tim Rose)

The Foray was held at the Four Points by Sheraton in Eastham. The Sheraton has 107 rooms, moderate meeting facilities, and an ideal location to reach walk sites in the National Seashore. We could not “buy” the whole hotel, because we could only guarantee booking of 60 double rooms at the time we signed the contract. The hotel did block another 20 rooms for the Foray. If the registration exceeded 80 rooms, additional rooms were available at the Ocean Park Inn (OPI), a more modest, but satisfactory, adjacent motel. The fire regulations limited the number of people in the room selected for the evening lectures to 200 people.

The registration numbers greatly exceeded our minimum expectations of 120 people. We reached the 200 registrant limit by mid June, 2009. We were able to raise the registration number to 240 people by using a larger ballroom for all the meals and as the principal largest lecture hall. More than 240 people would be too many people considering the size of the hotel, and we were pushing the limits on the extra rooms still available in June at the OPI.

With the increase in attendance, it was clear that the Marconi room, the largest meeting room, would be inadequate for the sorting and display of the mushrooms as well as space for the mycologists, recorder and data base manager plus the vendors. A 20 x 70 foot tent was rented and set up outside in the parking lot to use for the initial sorting. This tent also provided the necessary sheltered area for the cultivation workshop Friday afternoon. The hotel provided the 60 tables needed for the sorting, display, workshops, and registration without charge.

The hotel recommended that all the meals except the Saturday night banquet dinner be served buffet style in a centrally located room adjoining the ballroom. The two serving tables allowed four lines to move through. On no occasion was there a significant line at the tables. This room was also used to serve the food at the socials and was where the coffee service was available throughout the day. These arrangements worked exceedingly well.

Full breakfast was available all three mornings. To cut costs the lunch was cold cuts both days. Clam chowder was added at the last minute much to the delight of many at the conference. The two dinner menus were selected as balanced meals with some choice and variety. We felt the

¹ The NEMF Manual frequently referred to as the “gray bible” is the loose leaf binder passed on to us from the BMC trustee which was used by Pam Chamberlin who chaired the last NEMF sponsored by the BMC. Most of this material is now available on the NEMF website at http://www.nemf.org/files/manual/foray_planning.html.

food was acceptable considering the large group, but not as good as the meals served in the hotel dining room. We heard some very positive comments about the food and service and some strong criticism.

The Sheraton would not allow use of its kitchen for preparation of food for the mycophagy. We also needed a place for a dyeing workshop. We booked the Nauset Baptist Church for programs that we could not hold in the hotel. This church was across route 6 about 700 yards from the hotel and had a large meeting room and fully functioning adjoining kitchen. The church agreed to let us use their facility Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for a donation of our choice and the assurance that it was completely cleaned up by Sunday at 3:00 p.m. We used the church on Friday morning for the dyeing workshop, Friday afternoon for the medicinal mushroom workshop, and Saturday for the mycophagy. People attending the two workshops were asked to drive to the church to avoid crossing the busy Route 6 highway on foot. On Saturday afternoon, one of the buses returned from the afternoon walk in time to shuttle attendees to and from the church during the mycophagy session.

The success of the facility was summed up by one committee member: “The centralization of the whole foray in the hotel and in the nearby church made it the most convenient foray I have ever seen for a group this large.”

Finances (Tim Rose)

Hotel. The initial budget was developed based on 160 paying registrants for three-night, double occupancy using numbers provided from the NEMF manual, and fixed-cost figures from the forays at Maine and Connecticut. Our initial estimate sent to the Executive Board of NEMF in November 2007 of \$440 was unacceptable. We were asked to seek alternative sites in Massachusetts. We continued negotiating with the hotel and managed to reduce the registration fee to about \$335 for 160 registrants with no conditional compensation paid. We also contacted two other locations: UMass Dartmouth in Dartmouth and the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, where the foray was held in 1986. Neither of these sites could offer a better price than the new bid from the hotel. After receiving approval from the BMC Board, the new proposal was accepted by the NEMF Executive Board in April 2008. There were many changes to the budget estimates over the next year. The price of the four-day, three-night, eight meals double occupancy eventually settled at \$360 to cover the costs with a minimal registration number of 120 people and no conditional compensations. We signed the contract with the hotel in August 2008. The hotel agreed to a \$2,000 deposit rather than the conventional one quarter, which was estimated to be over \$7,000. The hotel also never enforced the 50% payment due one month prior to the Foray.

Tax-exempt Status. Throughout our discussions with the hotel, bus, and tent companies we mentioned that the BMC and NEMF were tax-exempt organizations and we should not be charged sales tax. By not paying the sales tax we saved over \$3,000. We provided these vendors with the BMC tax-exempt number for Massachusetts, and we used this number for a number of smaller purchases during the year before the foray. In the last two months before the foray, the details associated with using the BMC tax exempt number were questioned by the President of the BMC. Information confirming the legality of using the number was obtained by the Treasurer of the BMC. Use of the tax-exempt number for the large invoices from the hotel,

and tent and bus rental, however, required that the check be written by the BMC, the sponsoring club, not by NEMF. The treasurer of NEMF transferred sufficient funds to the BMC treasury and the BMC treasurer wrote the checks from the BMC account.

Final Costs. The Foray “profit” was about \$200. There were expectations that the large number of registrants would lead to a larger profit. The co-chairs’ fiscal goal for the Foray, however, was to break even. As the number of registrants increased, there were additional funds available from the registration fee. The increased registration also increased some of the overhead items such as the programs, trinkets, cost of socials, and complimentary coffee. We also significantly increased the number of people who presented programs at the Foray. We determined that in addition to covering the registration fees for the “faculty” and our guests, Mrs. Ristich and her daughter, we would pay an honorarium of \$100 to all of those who made presentations at the foray. These people included lecturers, workshop leaders, and professionals who led the walks. Only one honorarium per person was paid even if the person made more than one presentation. The BMC made a donation to cover costs of one full faculty position. Full compensation was paid to all but two of those eligible for “conditional compensation”.

The appendix contains the financial results of the Foray: In A-1 the total receipts and costs are given while A-2 is a detailed list of the costs at the hotel. The value for the receipts is net of the \$4,380 returned to people who cancelled. For the cancellations we reimbursed everyone the full registration fee, minus \$30 cancellation fee per person.

Recommendations Concerning Finances (Nina and Tim Rose)

Compensation. We recommend that a clearer procedure be set up by the NEMF Executive Committee for rules for the conditional compensation. We feel that the ordering of paying the conditional compensations should first be the four people who devote the most time at the foray to the mushroom collection – chief sorter, recorder, data base manager, display chairman – followed by the five people in the lead positions of the foray committee – foray chair, program chair, two registrars, and walk chairman. The last group to receive conditional compensation should be the NEMF Executive Committee.

We think it was a mistake to compensate the three professionals who led the walks. They agreed to do it voluntarily, but their presentations during the walks were comparable to lectures, and thus they were similarly compensated. The other group in question is the people who prepare the mycophagy. They put in as much time as most of the other presenters, but are not listed in the nonexempt compensation list in the NEMF manual. We recommend the Executive Committee consider adding at least the mycophagy chairman to the conditional compensation list.

There is also the following statement in Appendix I of the printed NEMF manual in the filled out example of the budget: “Typically nonexempt faculty members pay a registration fee that consists of food and lodging at cost, without burden.” We believe that in recent years the nonexempt faculty HAS paid the burden in their registration fee and this policy should continue.

If possible, the list of people who will receive compensation should be available the first day of the foray so that the NEMF treasurer can write and distribute the checks during the foray. Those getting conditional compensation, a much smaller number, must be left until the final expenses

are tallied provided the committee chairs promptly give or send their bills to the NEMF treasurer; then he or she can provide the amount of the receipts within two weeks of the end of the foray.

Use of Tax Exempt Status. Be sure to mention that NEMF's role is educational when dealing with the suppliers of services. The bus company offered us a 40% discount when we mentioned we were a tax-exempt, educational organization. Use of the tax-exempt number at the 2009 Foray saved over \$3,000!

Recommendations for Management of the Foray (Nina and Tim Rose)

The job of the Foray General Chairman is primarily management. We formed the Foray Committee from suggestions given at a meeting of the BMC Club Officers in September, 2007. The work of the Foray Committee began in earnest a year later, and the first full Committee meeting was held in November, 2008. The Committee met every other month for the next 10 months. We distributed notes from each meeting except the last one in September, 2009.

Plan Ahead. By starting two years ahead, the final organization was so good that the first day was actually relaxing and there was no worry about a catastrophe occurring. Beginning so early, we sometimes had to do things more than once or change plans. Despite this extra work, it was better than having to make last minute corrections due to late and/or poor planning.

Don't Assume Anything! There were problems when we assumed we could use the Massachusetts tax-exempt number when NEMF paid the hotel and bus invoices. We assumed that the hotel tables were the right size, but they were only half the expected width. We assumed that the chair of the new high school "scholarship" program would arrange for personnel to "host" the students and teacher throughout the day at the lectures and walks, but no one had been recruited.

Members of the Foray Committee. Make sure you choose committee members with whom you work well. To facilitate communications select people who are facile with email. If someone suggests a person for a position when that person is present, thank the one who made the suggestion and say you will consider it.

If during any aspect of the planning you suspect that one of the chairs is not doing his/her job, step in. If the situation does not improve with your help, you should take over or find a replacement if you can. Particularly for a key chair position do not wait until you are harried with other details when the foray is about to start.

Some committee chairs are efficient and produce results in a timely fashion which is particularly important in the early planning of the foray. Chairs who need a lot of prodding when the foray is still a long way off make it very difficult to meet scheduling deadlines.

We found meeting as a committee every two months served several purposes: It provided a reason for people to meet deadlines. It gave everyone an update on what was going on. It generated new ideas for many aspects of the Foray. It fostered an *esprit de corps* so that everyone provided support for everyone else at the Foray. We encouraged this camaraderie by

having a dinner at our house after each meeting. It could have been pot luck, but we preferred to prepare the dinner ourselves.

Keep track of what the committee members are doing. We made suggestions to chairs based on past forays, but they went ahead and did it “their own way” requiring us to micromanage to a certain extent. Committee chairs are responsible for implementing the relevant policies determined by the whole Committee. For example, a problem arose at the Foray on Sunday with the collection of a fee from the vendors because the chair did not understand that the Committee had decided not to charge the fee.

New Programs. All new programs must have a complete “job” description equivalent to that written for each position in the NEMF manual. We suggest a new position Foray Photographer be added to the Foray Committee. The person would have the responsibility to make sure that significant events that occur at the foray are recorded.

Medical and Safety Precautions. The chair should know the location of the nearest hospital, fire department and the 911 response team in case of an emergency. Emergency response numbers should be printed on the back of the name tags. The availability of an AED (automatic external defibrillator) at the foray site should be known. We took a CPR course before the foray so we would be prepared. Fortunately, we did not have to use it.

Relationship of Foray Chair(s) with Sponsoring Club. The support of and communication with the sponsoring club is very important to attract volunteers to help with the planning and carrying out of the foray. The Foray Chair must be able to contact the whole membership of the sponsoring club to keep it informed and generate interest during the planning. While we had limited direct contact with BMC members during the planning, many helped out at the Foray watching the registration desk, cleaning up, hosting the students, serving at the mycophagy, working at the sorting tables and moderating the lectures.

Committee members who have attended forays are especially helpful in the planning. Club member should be encouraged to attend NEMF forays between the periods of sponsoring forays. In addition to generating a pool of enthusiastic, willing helpers, the chair would not have to explain many of the standard foray procedures. That being said, some people new to forays also bring fresh ideas and ask questions that raise points which would otherwise not be considered.

Logo, Publicity and Website. (Ellen Neelands, Andrea Ignatoff, Laura Reiner)

Logo and Poster. BMC President Ellen Neelands ran a contest for BMC members to design a logo. By Christmas 2008, Tony Gerardi designed the multicolor logo shown in Appendix B-1 and was given a copy of *Mushrooms Demystified* by David Arora as a prize. It was recognized that the multicolor logo could lead to more expensive reproduction in some cases, such as the program booklet. Even in black-and-white, however, it was acceptable and did not lead to additional costs for the t-shirts.

A poster to advertise the Foray, generated by Andrea and Laura, is shown in Appendix B-2. This colorful design was sent to all Committee members. They could email it to interested parties or print it out to post where they thought appropriate. There was no formal distribution of this poster.

Timing. Publicity began in August 2008 with notices sent to NAMA, *Mushroom*, *The Journal of Wild Mushrooming*, and *Fungi* to include in their calendar sections. The publicity chairman set up a time line for publicity over the next year. Timely publicity was very effective in getting our target number of registrants well before the July 15 deadline to cancel the Foray. Three major e-mails were sent. A full page ad and registration form was published in the spring 2009 issue of *Mushroom*. (See Appendix C) There were two news articles published in local newspapers mentioning the BMC and the Foray. After the registration was closed, the Committee decided that we did not want to publicize NEMF in public news media and be forced to turn people away. The Committee also was afraid that people who were not registered would try to attend events at the Foray. The co-chairs, however, were not in favor of this “news blackout.”

Website. The NEMF website plays a critical role in publicizing the Foray and keeping the NEMF club members updated on the registration, faculty and program details for the Foray. We had the initial page posted right after the close of the 2008 foray in Connecticut, 14 months before the Foray. Development and posting of the foray information on the NEMF website was done by sending the information to Ursula Hoffmann who manages the NEMF website. Close communication by both phone calls and email between Ursula and the person handling the foray website information is necessary. Conflict between style and content has to be worked out between the two. Both parties and the foray general chair should regularly check the website to make sure the posted information is correct and/or that any corrections, modifications, or new information is right. Laura would be happy to speak with future website chairs.

Registration (Marcia Jacob and Karen Davis)

The registrars worked with the co-chairs to develop a fee structure that was simple but would be inclusive enough to cover most situations. There was only a three- or a two-night registration option with single, double, and triples categories. Commuters had a choice of four or three days and included the meals. There was a one-day fee with three meals, but no fee for participation without meals. Children under 18 staying in their parent’s room only paid for meals. One of the reasons for limiting the categories was because there was initially a 200 person limit. An introductory letter and registration form were prepared during January. In early February, it was posted on the website and attached to publicity sent to the various club officers and newsletter editors. A copy is included at the end of this report as Appendix N.

We recommend that registration places be held only for people who mail in the form with a check. Holding places by email or telephone promises leads to problems when the number of registrants reaches the limit. While we held places for the people making presentations, the registration by mail policy was followed for all others. When the people sent in their registration, the registrar sent a confirmation and notified them that an email with more detailed information about the foray would be sent out about a month before the foray. Appendix D is a copy of the letter sent out the second week of September. In addition to information on registration times, directions and what to bring, this email included forms and information on signing up for the bicycle walk and the dyeing workshop, how to order t-shirts, and information about a tour of the Farlow Herbarium on the Monday after the Foray. People who did not have email contacts were sent this information by regular mail. Neither the letter nor the website provided detailed program times because we wanted people to attend the whole Foray.

Marcia was in charge of handling the mailed in registration. She held a similar position at the previous BMC sponsored foray. Her job was very time consuming, but she enjoyed it once she got the spreadsheet set up and going. She worked closely with us when the registration exceeded our initial maximum number of 200. Together we worked out how to raise the limit to 240 registrants. People who registered after the 240 limit was reached were put on a wait list. We accepted 34 people from the wait list. The list allowed us to refund the registration fee, minus a \$30 handling fee, to all the people who cancelled. There were 14 cancellations.

The week before the Foray, Karen took over the job of getting the name badges printed, collecting the materials for the registration packet, and stuffing the envelopes to give to the registrants. The envelopes contained name badge, knife trinket, program booklet and sheet with hotel information and map. There was a separate envelope for each registrant. Karen suggested it would be useful to develop a spread sheet that facilitates label printing. On the front of the name badge was the Foray logo and the person's name (first name in larger letters), club and town of the registrant. On the back were emergency telephone numbers: the cell phone for the two co-chairs and the 24-hour general number for the hotel desk. The badges also had ribbons for the Foray and NEMF Executive Committee and the people making presentations at the Foray. We wanted the badges for all members to the BMC to be a different color from the rest to indicate a participating member of the host club, but Karen was unable to find a second color card stock in time.

The two registrars shared the duties of distributing the packets at the hotel. Registration was very smooth with no one waiting more than a minute or two. There was a bowl of candy and delicious mushroom-shaped amanita muscaria sugar cookies made by Wanda Macnair, a BMC member. The hotel took over the registration at slow times.

Program (George Davis)

The program planning began over a year before the foray and resulted in the initial faculty, speakers, and workshop leaders being in place 6 months before the foray. George's concept in choosing the faculty and speakers was to have a respected and knowledgeable group that would appeal to a large variety of interests, be diverse with some new people including young experts, and representation from outside the Northeast. Reaching this goal was possible with the limited NEMF budget through the gracious understanding of the people invited who still had to find other resources for travel expenses, and in some cases room, board, and registration. In addition, others who were not invited to be members of the compensated faculty paid their own way entirely and spent significant time helping with sorting, identification, preparing and serving for the mycophagy, and other work on a volunteer basis.

There were many capable members of the mycological community whom George wished to invite to speak or join the faculty, but he was forced to make difficult choices often opting for a new face rather than a long-time friend. During the time between planning the initial program and the Foray, medical problems prevented two of the invited faculty, Elio Schaechter and Roy Halling, from attending. Don Pfister filled in for Roy as Principal Mycologist, and Rod Tulloss agreed to join the faculty. The final group of faculty and speakers met George's initial goal. When the number of participants increased, two compensated faculty and two speakers were

added to enhance the program. The final program had sixteen lectures, nine workshops, and two panel discussions. A list of presentations with estimated attendance is given in Appendix E.

At the suggestion of the past chairs of NEMF forays, the members of the faculty were sent “contractual letters” after being invited to the Foray. A draft copy is given in Appendix F. The letters spelled out the financial compensation offered by NEMF and each participant’s role at the Foray. The letters were signed and returned to George. They were also required to sign the waiver and send the registration form to the registrar. Several of the faculty were very slow in sending in the form. The program chair must be certain during the initial contact with the faculty that their proposed lecture topics cover a range of interests and do not duplicate one another.

The meeting space in the hotel was limited for such a large group. Nevertheless, even with the rain all day Friday, the space was sufficient for the speakers and most of the workshops. There was some crowding in the tent during the Mushroom Cultivation Workshop when the buses returned from the walks because the rain required that all of the workshop equipment and participants be in the tent. We increased the number of participants to 30 for the Lichen Identification Workshop because the room capacity was adequate. This number, however, was too many for the single instructor to answer all the questions from beginners unfamiliar with the techniques of identification of lichens.

The speakers programs were well attended. The speakers covered a wide variety of interests ranging from material which will appear in peer reviewed scientific publications to humor, oddities, highly informational lectures and round table discussions. Something for everyone. As one Committee member commented, “We knew how to entertain.”

There were occasional problems getting the computers and projectors to cooperate, but most of the sessions went smoothly because of the many IT savvy people who helped with the presentations. Our worst experience was the loss of a digital projector which was taken from one of the conference rooms that had not been locked after the presentations. The PA system in the large lecture room worked well if the speakers used correctly the condenser microphone at the podium and/or the hand-held microphone by the computer. Some speakers who did not want to use a microphone could only be heard if there was a small audience. A lapel microphone might have been useful if it could be transferred efficiently from one speaker to another. It would free up the hands of the speakers to control their computers. **A suggestion is that speakers who run out of handouts could post them on the NEMF website after the foray.**

Feedback from the workshops was very complimentary, but **it was suggested that there be a ten-minute break during workshops that last three hours.** The three microscope workshops helped attendees overcome the challenges of identification using microscopic characteristics. The local Nauset Regional High School loaned its microscopes to NEMF during the course of the Foray. Elaine Kistiakowsky, who had initially contacted the school, transported the microscopes to the hotel on Thursday afternoon and returned them on Monday morning. The advantage of having the microscope workshops in the hotel proved to be worth the effort. Attendees of the mushroom dyeing, medicinal and cultivation workshops were all enthusiastic. The “style show” at the Saturday evening announcements modeling the scarves dyed at the workshop was frosting on the cake.

There was some criticism that the evening programs, particularly Saturday night, were too long. The Committee had added a second lecture each evening for three reasons. The evening program seemed somewhat thin with only a single lecture, the evenings are the only time everyone can hear the lecture, and we had added financial resources to compensate additional speakers. The intent was to limit the evening talks to 45 minutes and not have questions. We intended to keep the time short for the announcements and awards on Friday and Saturday night. This goal was not achieved because the awards were not tightly enough organized and several people approached the co-chairs during the meeting to request time during the announcements. In addition on Saturday night the 3D presentation required major reorganization of the chairs and tables. **The recommendation of the co-chairs is to have only one evening speaker on Saturday for sure and maybe on Friday evening as well and to streamline the awarding of the prizes for selected mushrooms.**

Recommendation for Moderators at the Lectures. The person in charge of each lecture session should be told to introduce the speaker, close the lecture, straighten the room and lock the doors. “Close” means to make a positive comment on the lecture and thank the speaker before moving to the next speaker or item on the program. Improved security may have prevented the loss of the LCD projector. The introducer at evening programs has the responsibility to signal the speaker to stay on time and then close the lecture. The person must also decide if it is appropriate to have questions after the talk depending on the time and subject of the talk.

Walks (Pat and Jeanne Peterson)

Selection and timing of walks. The walks were selected to offer both maximum success in finding fungi and providing scenic interest. A majority of the walks were in the National Seashore because of its abundance of mushrooms and its location near the hotel. In addition to the variety of terrain available in the Seashore, the locations to the west offered a different habitat for mushrooms and the expectation of increasing the number of species found during the Foray. Written permission for the Foray walks was obtained for all sites except the Bank Street Bogs walk which was, however, led by a Harwich Conservation Trust staff member.

The schedule of the walks was designed to avoid conflict with the weekend Oyster Festival in Wellfleet just north of the hotel. Walks to the northern part of the outer Cape were scheduled for Friday, while walks South of Wellfleet were scheduled on Saturday. Walks were planned so that the bus ride to reach the site of any half-day walk was not longer than one-half hour, leaving at least two hours for the walk. To reach the western part of the Cape, two all-day walks were scheduled and included a box lunch for the walkers.

There were 14 scheduled walks including the self-led early-bird walk, the bicycle walk, and two all-day walks. There was one walk on Thursday, seven on Friday and six on Saturday. The final selection of walks was made after committee members walked all the walks. Familiarity with the walks is required to write a useful description. Each walk was briefly described in the program book. Detailed descriptions of the walks were posted next to the signup lists at the Foray along with a map of the Cape showing their location. (See Appendix G)

Walk leaders. We tried to select walk leaders who knew the area. The wild foods walk, lichen walk, and Bank Street Bogs walk had special walk leaders who were “professionals” with expertise for their specific walk. Our attendees expressed appreciation for their knowledge. A good example was the walk lead by Russ Cohen. When the weather was so rainy, windy, and cold on Friday morning, he relocated his walk to an organic herb farm and store which had lots of edible and medicinal plants growing right around the store, plus a wood stove and espresso machine. **The following is a suggestion made by a local resident who led one of the walks:**

“If a walk leader can share local knowledge of an area, it enhances people's enjoyment of the walk. So, would it be possible or practical for foray walk planners to scrounge up local folks willing to lead walks but who aren't necessarily part of a mushroom club? Contacting other local clubs might be a way to get connected with suitable and interested folks. You've got your birding clubs, walking societies, hunting groups, the boy scouts, etc. All these sorts of folks would know and love their local area for their own particular reasons and might really enjoy a chance to show the charms of their local area to an interested group, especially since there are no difficult responsibilities beyond babysitting the process.”

One Committee member suggested having the walk leader ask if walk participants would like “buddies” and then ask for volunteers. Buddies are helpful for beginners and reduce chance of getting lost. **Another suggestion for the walk leaders is to give instructions on the bus about use of the colored slips designating the particular walk BEFORE the collectors disembark.**

Organization. The walk chairman met with the walk leaders and distributed instructions on Thursday afternoon. Before each walk, the leaders had a list of those signed up on a clipboard and packages of waxed paper bags to distribute. The bags were shared by the walkers and were a big hit with the Canadians, who can't get them. The bags kept specimens very clean. Participants on walks on the National Seashore were each given a permit for the walk and asked to return it after the walk.

Walk attendance. A summary of the comments and attendance for each walk is given in Appendix H. The weather was uncooperative during the foray and may have dampened the enthusiasm of many who otherwise would go on walks. Nor'easters were threatening all weekend, but there was actually little rain during the walks. Typically, Friday morning is the most popular time for walks. Such was not the case for this Foray, perhaps because of expected foul weather that morning. Few of the buses were over half full for any walk despite the very large number of registrants. The reason for this anomaly may be a combination of the weather, the excellent indoor programs, and people foraging or sightseeing on their own. No one probably wanted to go on the all-day forays for similar reasons! We cancelled the all-day walk on Friday, which had the most threatening weather prediction. The all-day walk on Saturday was shortened to 3/4 day and included the box lunch. One unanticipated problem was the delay in the return of two walks because people were stranded by the rising tide.

Degree of Difficulty. We may have worried too much about what the people could or couldn't handle, specifically warning about the difficulty of walks 6 and 7. In retrospect, some people ignored our warnings, went anyway. There were no reports of any trouble on either walk. **We suggest that rather than trying to assign a degree of difficulty to each walk, just call out the**

potentially-challenging walks with enough detail to let people make their own choices. That way we will not underestimate the stamina of NEMF attendees!

National Seashore Permits. Past experience taught us that every forayer in the Seashore needed to have a copy of the BMC specimen collection permit because the Seashore has one fanatic ranger whose goal in life seems to be harassing anyone who takes a complete specimen. This ranger hassled at least two people who went foraying on their own. Each participant on the bus was given a permit. On the last day the ranger stopped one member of our group who had a permit. After reading it at length he commented "You're the first ones to show me this."

Bicycle Walk: About 12 of the 18 people who signed up two weeks earlier by email participated in the special "bicycle walk." The 3 hour excursion covered about 8 miles of trails within the National Seashore, and included people of all ages. A bike rental shop located along the bike trail was able to accommodate us and was happy to provide off-season rates, helmets and bike baskets. Participants were provided with a detailed map of the area and safety instructions. While riding along the trail, participants were able to spot likely habitats for mushrooms and stop and collect both close to the trail and further afield. In this way, many miles of trail and varied habitats were covered and many interesting species of mushrooms were found.

Sorting and Display (John Plischke III, Vivian Walworth, Walt Rode)

Organization. The sorting was done in the tent in the parking lot in front of the hotel. It was easy for the buses to pull up to the tent to let off the people. The arrangement of the twenty 2 ½ foot by 8 foot tables in the tent worked well. In the tent was a propane heater and overhead lighting consisting of 2-550W lights and 3 track lights each with 4-100W bulbs. The sorters and identifiers worked day and night, rain (mostly) or shine. A big improvement was the card holders supplied by the hotel to hold the walk numbers and other signs instead of taping the signs on the tables. A set of these "table number holder stands" should be purchased by NEMF and kept with display signs. The "French fry" containers (3½" x 5") were also very useful. The colored ID slips were indispensable for keeping track of specimens collected for each walk, which were needed for reports to the custodians of the walk sites. We had pink, green, blue, and yellow in addition to white. The walk leaders should give instructions about use of the colored slips before the collectors disembark.

Most of the suggestions made by Gary Emberger (see Appendix I) regarding the sorting were implemented by John. An accounting of discarded specimens was not done. The mycologist refused to keep track of samples which were not sent to the display area. John did not discard the samples. He made a holding area with lots of signs for different groups like Asco, Amanita, Tricholoma, Russula, etc., mainly for the experts of those groups. Then he had several other tables with miscellaneous mushrooms.

The runners were very helpful, although some who had volunteered in advance did not show up at all. Others who had not made advance commitment pitched in to help. The trays used to carry the specimens into the Marconi room for recording sometimes did not return very quickly because unloading at the recorder table was delayed.

Supplies. The supplies for the sorting tables were adequate except that we ran short of a few of the colored id slips. **Additional colored ID slips must be ordered!** Having more than four colors would be useful. The supplies that John took with him to bring to next year's NEMF are given in Appendix J in the "LEFT OVER FOR 2010" column. Comparison of these materials with those listed in "START OF FORAY 2009" gives one an idea of materials used. Appendix J also lists the contents of the BMC's "Farlow Box" with foray materials which we assume someone will bring to the 2010 foray.

Identification. A rectangle formed by seven tables were arranged to isolate an area in the corner of the display room for the Recorder and Data Base Manager. This space was also used by the faculty to set up their microscopes, computers, books and other equipment to identify the mushrooms. The people in this area worked smoothly in a team effort.

The identification of the mushrooms went well overall. As of the end of October, 295 species were identified, which includes 65 (22% of the collected species) that are new to the NEMF master list! The final list is posted on the NEMF website at <http://nemfdata.org/>. Many predicted a much lower number because of the late date of the foray and the stormy weather. A surprise was finding eight new Cortinarius species, four new to the list but already named Amanita species, and four new Mycena species. The Cape was a paradise for collecting foliose and fruticose lichens. One third of the "new" species were lichens which have been included in the NEMF list for only the last 3 or 4 years.

The successful identification of so many species is dependent on the "identification faculty," many of whom were either not compensated or only received a honorarium as a speaker. The bulk of the collections coming in are first seen by the better field mycologists and capable generalists. This group of five people identified about 60% of the mushrooms on the foray list. Then the specialists took over and identified the rest. Many of the identifications done by the "specialists" require both macroscopic and microscopic study and can be quite time consuming.

Despite the evident success of the number of species identified, some members of the Foray Committee felt that the faculty could have done a better job, particularly with identification in the tent. There were times when specimens accumulated on tables in the tent for a significant time waiting for the faculty to identify them. After the Saturday afternoon walks, many species were not looked at and there was little attempt Sunday morning to pick up some "leftovers" in the tent. Fortunately many people with expertise stepped up to help. **In the future the contract letter to the faculty should emphasize that they have a responsibility to "work the tables" and perhaps define a specific time commitment to spend at the tables.**

Display. Twenty 3' x 8' tables were provided to display the mushrooms that were identified. Walt set up the display area and managed it during the foray, but had little to do with sorting or identifying the mushrooms. David Hibbett spent time in the display area demonstrating how mushrooms are related using DNA taxonomy and supervising an identification game as a workshop. For amateurs, the transition from the Linnean taxonomy to clades is still difficult, but Hibbett's lecture and display helped many participants become familiar with the new system.

A Committee member suggested that the speakers at the final collection review on Sunday morning use a step stool and portable microphone so everyone there can see and hear the speaker. Also, since people can often not stay for the whole Sunday morning review, the first speakers might discuss the mushrooms that are uniquely found at the foray location.

Program Booklet (Laura Reiner)

According to NEMF Standing Resolution Number 000101A the foray general chairman will “implement the design and printing of the Foray Program Brochure.” There are several parts involved in producing the program booklet:

- Collecting information from the chairs of the program, walk, and sales committee and others.
- Generating the general information about the facilities, procedures at the foray and the dedication.
- Determining the layout of the program booklet.
- Proofreading and printing of the booklet.

The booklet thus requires a lot of work close to the foray and is a very collaborative project. It is essential that ALL contributing chairs provide the necessary information in a timely matter. The foray chairs must provide the leadership on the both the program format and the information that will be included. It was very useful to have past program booklets available as models for both the layout and included information. Laura combined the layout of several previous programs. One draft had a block diagram of the entire program so that the reader could see what events occurred at the same time. This format was not selected because it required an additional page.

The program was printed from an electronic copy that we submitted to the printer. The cover page which had the logo and the pictures of the people to whom the foray was dedicated was printed in color. The color printing added \$80, a 20% increase, to the cost of the booklet but gave it a very professional look. We recommend printing at least 10% extra program booklets. People not on the formal registration list, such as the high school students, were given program booklets and several attendees lost theirs. **For this latter group it was suggested that the day's program be posted in big letters on the central bulletin board.**

Socials (Carolyn Kelley)

The socials went well. The food for the three nights was a cheese & fruit plate, mixed nuts, brownies, tea, coffee, water and the hit—hot apple cider. The cider ran out the first night but was in good quantity the following nights. There were also chips, onion dip the first night and a mushroom dip the second night. The bar closed one hour before the end of the social hour time and may have limited the revenue from the cash bar. We were not charged, however, for any bartender fees, despite the group purchasing only minimal amounts of wine and beer. The location of the food for the socials, while accessible to the ballroom, was a bit isolated from the display area, but people took their beer and wine to continue discussions.

Mycophagy (Ellen Haiken, Sarah Heinz, Tim Lee)

Don't fear producing your own mycophagy. The planning for the mycophagy was set back when the expected chairman backed out. None of the three leading people who offered to prepare food

for the mycophagy wanted to be chair of the committee so Nina became the *de facto* chair and one of the cooks.

Each of the cooks prepared two dishes ahead of time which assured that we would have a mycophagy even if we didn't find enough edible mushrooms at the foray. In order to have mushrooms from the NEMF site, Tim Lee went to the Cape a day early and collected local mushrooms. Some extra dishes were prepared in the church the Saturday of the mycophagy. On the day of the event these dishes were heated and some additional dishes were prepared. There was a soup, two pâtés, a single bite dish with a sauce, a mushroom baklava, a pasta dish, and two sautéed dishes, one a variety of mushrooms and the other matsutake with garlic and ginger. We served Francia red and white wine and Poland Springs flat water. We bought six 5-liter boxes of wine and had three left over. There was adequate refrigerator space in the refrigerators in the hotel rooms. We did not have to use the hotel refrigerator or the one in the church before the mycophagy. We prepared food for 240 people, but estimate that only about 160 came to the mycophagy. There were a lot of leftovers. We bought six large boxes of crackers and had half of them left over. Someone said afterwards, "They don't eat crackers."

We heard only positive comments about the mycophagy. One Committee member overheard someone say, "This is the best mycophagy I have ever attended." Another Committee member commented "Varied recipes and species. Plenty of food. No lines. Bus worked beautifully."

Tim Lee's suggestions to produce a good mycophagy are given in Appendix K.

Sales (Jura Strimaitis)

Jura contacted many people and secured over fourteen vendors selling a wide variety of items. The list is given in Appendix L. The book dealers were most successful. Lubrecht and Cramer came after a long hiatus and BMC member Debbie Pascale sold used books. Not all of the expected vendors showed up. The vendor of cement mushrooms did not come, perhaps because he was to sell from his truck in the parking lot and the weather was not good. Some vendors who had not contacted Jura earlier asked to sell items like microscopes and calendars. Because some vendors left early or arrived late, the items available changed each day.

The space for the vendors was at the back of the display area. This location assured visibility for the vendors. There were about eight 3' x 8" tables provided with tablecloths. Additional space was allocated for three easels to display prints. Some of the vendors brought their own set-up materials for their displays. For most of the vendors, the sales were paid for by cash or check. Jura kept track of the sales for people who had sent her items, but were not at the foray. Enough volunteers were found to watch the tables. The vendors were not charged a table fee or assessed a percentage of their sales. They were asked, however, to donate one item for the prizes given out in the awards program. Some of these donations were left over and can be used at future forays for prizes. An estimate of the sales total is about \$4,000.

Awards (Karen Davis)

The awards program took place Friday and Saturday evening after the announcements. Prizes were awarded to people for finding mushrooms selected by the faculty for being particularly noteworthy. Noah Siegel did an impressive job contacting the mycologists and projecting the

photographs during the mycologist's description. Awards were also given for the best sculpture and the polypore pitch as part of the mycolympics. The awards program operated with a zero budget because all the wonderful and unusual prizes came from donations from the vendors.

While there were positive comments about the mycologists' awards, their idiosyncratic picks, and the photos, some people felt that awarding the prizes took too long. With the long awards program, the rest of the evening schedule fell behind. **We suggest streamlining the awards by not have the recipient select the award and asking all the mycologists to come forward at the beginning the awards program and to make their comments briefer.**

The NEMF Executive Board accepted the Foray Committee's nomination of Don Pfister for the Amicus Tironum award. On Saturday night, Karen announced the award and Ursula, who had a beautiful scroll made and framed, presented it to Don.

High School Program (Andrea Ignatoff)

In place of a scholarship award at this foray, at Andrea's suggestion the Committee opted to invite five high school students and a teacher from Nauset Regional High School for a day at the Foray. Dealing with the high school took a lot of work and coordination. We could not get any specific information from them more than two weeks before the Foray. We required that the parents of the children and the teacher sign the waiver on the registration form.

Five students, Kaitlin Bohon, Grace Coburn, Joe Fish, Rachel Lake, Lukas Scott, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Lebow, the teacher, arrived for breakfast on Friday. In the morning they joined Gary Lincoff's beginner identification workshop and then went over to the church to observe the dyeing workshop. They had lunch at a table with Pam Chamberlin, vice-president of the BMC and chair of the 2003 NEMF foray. In the afternoon, one of the students brought her own microscope and joined the beginner's microscopy workshop. The teacher and the other students went on the walk to the Highland light. In between the scheduled events, they had time to visit the sorting tables and display area. At the evening program certificates of attendance were presented to the teacher to give to the students. (See Appendix M) Based on the enthusiasm of the students and the teacher it appeared the program was very successful.

Second Annual Mycolympics (Nina Rose)

The mycolympics, begun last year at the Foray in Connecticut, is a great activity to have some fun. This year no chair stepped up to run them so Nina put together the competitive polypore pitch and the sculpture contest. Daily announcements before the event are helpful to get people to participate. Putting a flyer sheet on each table at breakfast seemed to be a good way of reminding participants. One Committee member commented "The art competition was a wonderful idea. Were the winning entries displayed inside? I'd recommend a special art table in the display area and a large sign." The artists should build their sculptures on sturdy cardboard to facilitate transport and their use as table decorations.

Post-foray Tour of Farlow (Karen Davis)

The post-foray trip to the Farlow had eight enthusiastic participants. At the educational tour, the group learned many new things about the collection and operation of a herbarium. At the conclusion of the tour, the get-well card to Roy Halling was packaged and mailed.

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Appendix A: Financial Results for 2009 NEMF Foray

A-1: Revenue and Costs for 2009 NEMF Foray

A. REVENUE

Registration Fees Net of Cancellations	\$76,468.00	
Sponsor of One Faculty by BMC	\$276.00	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>\$76,744.00</u>

B. COSTS

1. Fixed costs

Hotel Cost – Room, Board, Socials (see A-2)	\$64,006.50	
Donation for Use of Church	\$300.00	
Sound System for Ballroom	\$435.00	
Rental of Tent	\$1,615.00	
Permit for Tent	\$50.00	
Bus Rental	\$2,106.00	
Tips for Bus Driver	\$240.00	
Donation for Walking Audubon Park	\$50.00	
Trinket – knives	\$523.69	
Printing Program	\$388.50	
Registration supplies	\$259.46	
Mycophogy	\$264.87	
Subtotal of fixed costs		\$70,239.02

2. Compensations

\$6,310.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$76,549.02

BALANCE

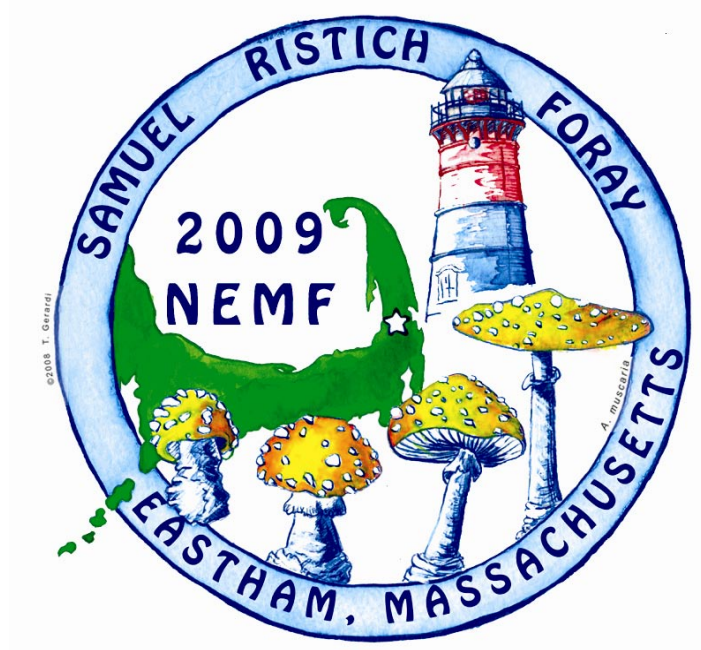
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A-2: Hotel Charges for 2009 NEMF Foray

NEMF
Boston Mycological Club
P.O. Box 1251
Concord, MA 01742

A.	<u>Thursday October 15 to Sunday Oct 18 Package (3 nights, 8 meals)</u>	
	Singles, 15 @ \$385 (x 15).....	\$5,775.00
	Doubles, 69 @ \$261 pp (x 138)	\$36,018.00
	Triples, 8 @ \$231pp (x 24).....	\$5,544.00
B.	<u>Friday October 16 to Sunday Oct 18 Package (2 nights, 6 meals)</u>	
	Doubles, 18 @ \$185pp (x 36).....	\$6,660.00
	Single, 1 @ \$268.00.....	\$268.00
C.	<u>Day Trippers</u>	
	Commuters (8 meals), 11 @ \$138.00.....	\$1,518.00
	Two-Day Meal Package (6 meals), 10 @ \$103.00.....	\$1,030.00
D.	<u>Guests</u>	
	Dinner, 14 @ 22.00.....	\$308.00
	Lunch, 24 @ 15.00.....	\$360.00
	Breakfast, 12 @ 8.00.....	\$96.00
	Saturday Dinner, 3 @ 24.00.....	\$72.00
E.	<u>Extras</u>	
	Soup Extra with Lunch on Friday, 242 @ \$2.50.....	\$605.00
	Soup Extra with Lunch on Saturday, 241 @ \$2.50.....	\$602.50
	Lobster option Saturday Dinner, 59 @ 30.00.....	\$1,770.00
	Socials Thursday, Friday & Saturday Night.....	\$2,800.00
	All-day Coffee	\$580.00
	TOTAL.....	<u>\$64,006.50</u>

Appendix B-1: 2009 NEMF logo designed by Tony Gerardi



Appendix B-2: Poster for 2009 NEMF designed by Laura Reiner and Andrea Ignatoff



Appendix C: Advertisement for 2009 NEMF Foray in *Mushroom, The Journal*, Spring, 2009

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 October 15-18



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The Biggest Mushroom Event in the Northeast

The Northeast Mycological Foray is the single largest event of the Northeast Mycological Federation, which is comprised of 18 member clubs from Montreal to Western Pennsylvania to New Jersey. Since 1976, NEMF has hosted a regional gathering of professional, amateur, and novice mushroom collectors to gather and identify numerous species of mushrooms and lichens during a single weekend. The 2009 Foray is the first NEMF foray on Cape Cod and offers unusual late season collecting opportunities for mushroom lovers to find, learn about, taste, and enjoy hundreds of species of fungi.

THURSDAY TO SUNDAY
 October 15-18, 2009
DAY and EVENING PROGRAMS!!!

Sponsored by NEMF and the Boston Mycological Club

- ➔ Professional Faculty
- ➔ Forays to Seashore & State Parks
- ➔ Workshops and Lectures
- ➔ Mycophagy
- ➔ Shop - books, crafts, t-shirts



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Appendix D: Letter to registrants for 2009 NEMF Foray

Dear NEMF 2009 Registrant,

The 2009 Foray Committee is working on final details for the 33rd Annual NEMF Foray. We are looking forward to seeing you and want to communicate some last minute information to make your arrival smooth and your foray a success. The foray will be held in the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 3800 Route 6, Eastham, MA, (508) 255-5000. We expect cool temperatures. The average high for October is 59° F (15°C) and the low is 47°F (8°C).

Check in time at the hotel is 3:00 pm and check out is 11 am.

Registration will be in the hotel lobby beginning at 1 pm Thursday and 7:30 am Friday and Saturday. You will receive your nametag, room assignment, and your registration package. All meals and the evening programs will be in the ballroom. Pre-sorting, identification, and some workshops will be located in a tent set up in front of the hotel. The display will be in the Marconi Room which is located in the hotel near the tent. The shop will also be in the Marconi Room, and you may find some very large items for sale in the hotel parking lot. Workshops and lectures during the day will be located in smaller Sheraton meeting rooms, in the Ocean Park Inn next door and in the Nauset Baptist Church across Route 6. The mycophagy will be held in the church as well.

The early-bird foray on Thursday afternoon will be in the Salt Pond area of the National Sea Shore, located just behind the Visitor Center a mile from the hotel. Meet outside the front door of the hotel to carpool at 2 pm.

Because of the large number of participants, we will ask you to sign up for daytime events. Sign up sheets be posted on Thursday for Friday and on Friday for Saturday. Our space is limited and with this method, we will be able to move larger lectures to the ballroom.

Here is a list of items you might wish to bring:

Collecting basket	Pocket knife
Compass	Cell phone
Whistle	Refillable water bottle
Mosquito and tick repellent	Sunscreen
Rain gear	Swimsuit
Flashlight	Jacket or coat and sweater
Tweezers	Cash to spend in the shop

Lyme disease is a real problem in Massachusetts. It is essential that you take maximum precaution against ticks on the Cape. Wear socks pulled over your long pants cuffs, sturdy shoes, long sleeves and a hat. Check your body before and after showering.

Please read the additional information at the end of this letter for more foray opportunities for which you may plan in advance.

Please note the directions to Eastham by car, air, rail and bus:

By car:

From Boston and points north: Take Route 3 to the Sagamore Bridge (Route 6), continue for 45 miles to Eastham. The hotel is on the right 4 miles from the Orleans Rotary. Note that the hotel driveway is hidden by a hedge and preceded by a campground. When you see the campground on your right, drive slowly so you do not miss the hotel. There will be a sign.

From New York, Providence, RI and points west: Take Interstate 95 to Providence, exit on Interstate 195 (“To Cape Cod”). Continue as the road becomes Route 25 to the exit before the Bourne Bridge (do not cross this bridge). Exit 2 is marked “Route 6 Hyannis-Sagamore Bridge.” Follow Route 6 to and over the Sagamore Bridge and then follow the directions above.

By air: International and domestic flights serve Logan International Airport (Boston) and T.F Green State Airport (Providence). See below for the bus lines from Logan to Eastham.

By rail: The nearest railroad station is Amtrak (South Station) in Boston: 800-872-7245. Connect by bus at South Station. (See below)

By bus:

From Boston: A Plymouth and Brockton Bus Lines shuttle connects Boston to Eastham. This shuttle stops at South Station (Amtrak), Logan, and Hyannis. For prices and schedules, visit the Plymouth & Brockton website or call (508)778-9767.

From New York City: Take Bonanza Bus Lines to Hyannis, MA and take the Plymouth & Brockton shuttle to Eastham. Visit the Peter Pan Bus and Plymouth & Brockton websites. Note that the bus schedule changes shortly before the foray. There should be a morning and afternoon bus from Hyannis to North Eastham. Please call one of the three cell phone numbers listed below to have a car come to fetch you at the North Eastham shopping center.

Marcia Jacob: cell # (978) 289-4213

Karen Davis: cell # (516) 848-3379

Tim Rose: cell # (978) 831-2251

Nina Rose: cell # (978) 831-2252

If you have any questions before you arrive, please email

Marcia Jacob mjacob@earthlink.net or Karen Davis kjdavis1@aol.com

or phone Marcia at (617) 471-1093 or Karen (978) 368-1846, cell (516) 848-3379

See you soon,

Marcia and Karen, Co-registrars

Mushroom-Bike Trip

I will be leading a mushroom hunting foray by bicycle within the National Seashore, partly along the flat Cape Cod Rail Trail and partly along the rolling hills of the Salt Pond Trail. This will be on Saturday morning. The trails are paved and wind through quiet and scenic wooded areas with an ocean view at the farthest point.

I am planning an 8 mile round trip starting and ending at the hotel parking lot. You will need a bike, backpack and helmet and there are some bike shops nearby if you need to rent equipment. If you are able to bring your own bike, the hotel has a secure room for about 20 bikes and some additional bike racks outside.

Please let me know by email before October 1st if you are interested in coming on this trip, and also whether you will need to rent a bike. I will get back to you with more details, bike availability and prices.

Jeanne Peterson (jpeterso@bu.edu)

Farlow Herbarium & Library

After NEMF take an arranged tour of Farlow Herbarium & Library at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA on Monday October 19 at 10 AM. This will last approximately one hour and be conducted by the Farlow Staff. Please e-mail or call me by Friday, October 9th to reserve a place.






Karen Davis

kjdavis1@aol.com

Telephone:(978)368-1846

Invitation to Register for “Dye Free and Live!”

This year’s NEMF mushroom dyeing workshop will be a light hearted collaborative introduction to the hobby. We will:

-  Discuss basic methods
-  Experiment with a few different mushrooms, mordants, and ph levels
-  Dye a silk scarf for personal use
-  Explore ways to use up small quantities of mismatching yarns
-  “Show and Tell” of mushroom dyed samples and products

Participants who have mushroom dyeing experience are invited to bring samples of their work, handouts, and dye pots or other tools and materials. Participants with fiber experience are invited to bring knowledge and ideas for using up small quantities of yarn. Everyone is invited to bring mushrooms suspected of containing dye pigments!

Registration will be limited to the first 18 people who sign up by:

- sending an email to ebn@rcn.com,
- or snail mail to **Ellen Neelands, 20 Shirley Street, Ayer, MA 01432.**

Postmark and email send dates will be used to determine first-come, first-served status.

Along with your registration, please respond to the statements below:

- _____ I can bring a nonreactive (enamel, glass, or stainless steel) pot to use.
- _____ I can bring a hot plate to use (we have a 4-burner stove, but more pots are always fun)

To cover the cost an 11” x 60” silk habatoi scarf to dye.

- _____ I enclose \$6.00, or
- _____ I will bring \$6.00 to the workshop, or
- _____ I do not want to buy a scarf, but I will bring 8 ounces of my own fiber
- _____ I will bring my own additional **animal fiber** to dye (4 ounces or so of wool bats, premordanted yarn, silk skiing shirt, white wool socks, other silk scarf, or see <http://dharmatrading.com/>)
- _____ I would like to reserve a mordant sampler to take home (small amounts of three of the least toxic mordants, price less than \$10.00)

Areas of Special Interest or Expertise: _____

Comments: _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____



There are three ways to obtain T-shirts with the NEMF 2009 logo

	Advantages	Disadvantages
1. Order ahead, for pick up at NEMF registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Send an email to ebn@rcn.com ▪ Or snail mail to Ellen Neelands, 20 Shirley Street, Ayer, MA 01432 ▪ Include a check for \$12 ▪ Orders must be received by Sept. 25th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Easy if using snail mail ▪ Guarantees you get the right size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can't have ahead ▪ Only white shirts available (see below)
2. Take your chances and buy what is brought to or still left at Eastham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Price will be \$12 , first-come, first-served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You don't even have to plan! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We might not have your size ▪ Only white shirts available (see below)
3. Order ahead on line for home delivery at http://www.cafepress.com/bosmycoclubNEMF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You can order now ▪ The selection of style, color and size is huge. If you don't what you want email ebn@rcn.com with a request ▪ Receive shirts before foray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More expensive



Appendix E: Program Titles and List of Speakers, Workshop Leaders and Panelists

Time	Name	Daytime Lectures	Estimated Attendance
Fri. am	Bart Buyck	Cantharellus in Eastern U.S.	50
Fri. am	Gro Gulden	Macromycetes of the Arctic Archipelago Svalbard	35
Fri. pm	Elinoar Shavit	Lead & Arsenic in Morels: A Different Approach	35
Fri. pm	Noah Siegel	Australia – Land of the Unusual	25
Fri. pm	Renée Lebeuf	Of Mushrooms & Smells	35
Fri. pm	Anne Pringle	Conservation Biology of Fungi	35
Sat. am	Sandy Sheine	A Simulated Lesson on Teaching Mushrooms to Children or Adults	20
Sat. am	Rod Tulloss	The Fairy Tale of the Amanitaceae-Imaginary but rational tale of the early evolution of the genus <i>Amanita</i>	25
Sat. pm	Walt Sturgeon	Boletes in Appalachia	40
Sat. pm	Susan Hopkins	Tooth Fungi--A Macroscopic Look at <i>Hydnellum</i> , <i>Sarcodon</i> , <i>Phellodon</i> & <i>Bankera</i>	25
Evening Lectures			
Thur.	Stephen Smith	The Natural History of the Cape	>150
Thur.	Bill Neill	Cape Cod: A Wonderland of Mycological Surprises	>150
Fri	David Hibbett	Mushrooms in the Tree of Life	>220
Fri.	Gary Lincoff	Darwin & Mushrooms	>220
Sat	Tom Volk	Spores Illustrated	>225
Sat.	Kay Fairweather	Mushrooms in 3D	>200
Workshops and Panel Discussions			
Fri. am	Ellen Neelands	Dyeing Workshop: Dye Free and Live!	15
Fri. am	Gary Lincoff	Beginner ID Workshop	40
Fri. pm	Seana Annis	Microscopy for Beginners	30
Fri. pm	Elinoar Shavit	Cooking with Medicinal Mushrooms	35
Fri. pm	Wesley Price	Mushroom Cultivation Workshop	30
Fri. pm	Bart Buyck Gro Gulden Don Pfister Michaela Schnull	Panel: Herbarium Curators: Role of the Mycological Herbarium	12
Sat. am	Donald Pfister	Ascomycete microscopy workshop	20
Sat. am	John Plischke III	Mushroom Photography Workshop/Lecture	15
Sat. pm	Michaela Schnull	Lichen Workshop	30
Sat. pm	David Hibbett	Mushrooms in the Tree of Life 2: Demonstration in the Display Area	15
Sat. pm	Seanna Annis Greg Marley Michaeline Mulvey	Panel: Forager Certification	15

Appendix F: Draft letter of “contract” to faculty for 2009 NEMF Foray



Boston Mycological Club

2009 NEMF Program Chairman
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January 31, 2010

Professor David Hibbett
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Clark University
15 Maywood Street
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Dear David,

The Foray Committee is very pleased you have accepted its invitation to be a member of the faculty at the 2009 NEMF Foray on October 15-18 in Eastham, Massachusetts. Your participation and expertise will play an important role in the success of the foray.

Faculty members are expected to aid in the sorting and identification of the mushrooms collected and brought in by the participants at the foray, to lead discussions at the display tables, and/or to lead some of the walks. You have also agreed to present a lecture during the foray on a mycological topic of your choice.

For your participation at the foray, NEMF will cover the full registration cost of the foray including three nights, double occupancy, at the Four Points Sheraton and the eight meals from Thursday dinner through breakfast on Sunday. You will also be given a \$100 honorarium for the lecture you present. This offer is contingent on NEMF reaching the required number of registrants for the foray to take place.

As chairman of the program committee for the Foray, I would appreciate your signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter agreeing to the above terms. If possible would you also please provide the title for your talk and indicate the projection equipment that you will need.

We will send you a registration form in February. I look forward to seeing you in Eastham next fall.

Sincerely,

George Davis, Chairman
2009 NEMF Faculty Program

I agree to the conditions give in the letter above.

Title of my lecture: _____

Required projection equipment: _____

Signature

Date

Appendix G: Description of the Walks for 2009 NEMF Foray

Walk 1 – Early Bird Walk

Thursday 2:00 – 4:30

Salt Pond, Eastham. Early arrivals are welcome to make their own way to the Seashore’s Salt Pond Visitor Center, just a short ride up Route 6. The Nauset Marsh Trail begins at the visitor center and winds through salt marsh, red cedar, and an old farmstead with black locust and other introduced species. Alternatively, drive up to the Doane’s Rock parking area and forage in red pine and black oak more typical of the Cape.

Walk 2– Edible Wild Plants

Friday 8:00 – 12:00

Crowe’s Pasture, East Dennis. Cape Cod is home to over 100 species of edible wild plants, many of which are more nutritious and/or flavorful than their cultivated counterparts. Join Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of the book *Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten*, on a ramble around the Crowe’s Pasture Conservation Area in East Dennis to learn about up to two dozen varieties of edible wild plants. Pending favorable weather conditions, several wild edible mushroom species should be encountered as well. Keys to the identification of each species will be provided, along with information on edible portion(s), season(s) of availability and preparation method(s), along with general guidelines for safe and environmentally responsible foraging. *This walk will be limited to 30 participants and will run from 8:00am to 12:00pm.*

Walk 3– Beech Forest

Friday 8:30 – 11:30

Beech Forest, Provincetown. Walk in one of the few beech forests that survives the logging of early Cape settlers. This is the “climax forest” of the Cape ecosystem, the product of centuries of development from grasses, to scrub pine and oak, to red maple and beech. The trail winds past a small pond, into a veil of majestic beeches, surrounded by tall, encroaching dunes topped with scrub pine and oak. Stairways ease your way on some of the steeper ground and add to the special atmosphere of this place. A shorter loop option makes this a fairly easy walk.

Walk 4– Great Island

Friday 8:30 – 11:30

Great Island, Wellfleet. This sliver of sand and dunes that extends into Cape Cod Bay was once an island and the site of a colonial whalers’ tavern. The shifting sands have since connected it to the mainland. Walk at low tide across mud flats and some loose sandy areas, cut through the dunes to the beach, traverse an area of pitch pine forest and enjoy spectacular views of Wellfleet Harbor and Cape Cod Bay while collecting specimens. In the dunes area, you must stay on the trail and cut through only where authorized. A stretch of loose sand is the only difficult part of this walk.

Walk 4– Bay End Farm, Lowell Holly **Friday 8:30 – 4:30** **WALK CANCELLED**

Morning: Bay End Farm, Bourne, an organic farm adjacent to 250 acres of nature preserve: mixed hardwoods, tall pines, grassy pastures, sandy areas, a pond, and a former cranberry bog. Level gravel walking paths wind through the different habitats. Level of difficulty: easy. Travel to the farm, which is just off the Cape, takes about one hour. We will provide a picnic lunch.

Afternoon: Lowell Holly Reservation (Trustees of Reservations), Mashpee and Sandwich, a 20 minute walk to the peninsula through original beech forest is a collector's delight. Four miles of carriage paths and foot trails pass along the shoreline of Mashpee and Wakeby Ponds (freshwater). Lowell Holly's most intriguing features may be its two peninsular knolls that jut out into each pond. Both vantage points offer spectacular views over the large ponds. The 135-acre peninsula is forested by the Cape's original beech forest embellished by over 50 varieties of American holly, rhododendron, and laurel. Walk difficulty: easy to moderate

Walk 6- Highland Light

Friday 1:30 - 4:30

Highland Light, Truro. Walk through pine, oak, and heathlands on a high, oceanside bluff. Optionally, you may want to visit the Cape Cod Highland Lighthouse, the Highland House Museum of local historical artifacts, or the Highlands Center for science, arts, and education, with its own trail and set of kinetic wind sculptures. Level of difficulty: easy.

Walk 7- Griffin Island

Friday 1:30 - 4:30

Griffin Island, Wellfleet. Walk along fire roads and trails in an area of the National Seashore that is quite undeveloped. Start in an upland pine forest, with very tall pines and a relatively clear understory, descend to lowland marsh along the Herring River, then back up a trail into oak and pine, and finish on a sandy fire road heading to Duck Harbor beach. The full loop has a few steep parts, and is probably the longest walk of this foray. Level of difficulty: moderate.

Walk 8- Punkhorn

Friday 1:30 - 4:30

Punkhorn Parklands (Brewster Conservation Land), Brewster. Over 800 acres of wild, forested conservation land, crisscrossed with old roads and paths to kettle ponds and marshes, the remains of old farms and cranberry bogs. Good mushroom habitat, and easy walking, but also easy to get lost if you're not good at following directions.

Walk 9- White Cedar Swamp

Saturday 8:30 - 11:30

Marconi White Cedar Swamp, Wellfleet. Descend through a succession of habitats from a high, dry, windblown bluff above the ocean to a low, protected swamp. Bear oak and stunted pitch pine at the top of the trail give way to taller pines and white and black oak, and then to even taller oaks, red maples, and Atlantic white cedars in the swamp itself. Meander through the swamp on a fairy-tale boardwalk and then head straight back to your starting point along the old Wireless Road towards the site of Marconi's trans-Atlantic wireless station. The trail is easy to follow, and not too steep.

Walk 10- Lichens/Audubon

Saturday 8:30 - 11:30

Lichens and More, Audubon Sanctuary, Wellfleet. Join Elizabeth Kneiper, President of the Friends of the Farlow and lichen expert, for a walk through pine forest, salt marsh, and heathland, where she has been doing a lichen inventory for the Audubon Society. This is also a good area for finding mushrooms.

Walk 11- Shawme/Heritage, Barnstable

Saturday 8:30 – 11:30

Morning: Sandwich, Shawme-Crowell State Forest, a location at the other end of the Cape that may provide some variety. Mostly black locust, scrub oak, and pitch pine with a dense ericaceous understory. Level gravel footpaths wind through the forest adjacent to a camp site. Walk difficulty: easy.

or Heritage Museum & Park (\$7 fee) across the road from the Shawme entrance. Good gift shop, American art, history, and antique auto museums in a beautiful rhododendron park setting with several miles of winding recreational trails. Enjoy vibrant foliage and fall-blooming franklinia. Level of difficulty: easy.

Travel to Sandwich will be a bit less than an hour. Picnic lunch will be provided.

Afternoon: Town Conservation Areas, Barnstable, offer mixed oak and pine woods, with some American holly and white pine. Level gravel foot trails wind through the gentle hills of the forest. Level of difficulty: easy. **THIS AFTERNOON WALK CANCELLED**

Walk 12- Bike Walk

Saturday 8:30 – 11:30

Bicycle Foray, Rail Trail and Nauset Trail, Eastham. From behind foray headquarters, the straight, flat Rail Trail connects to the Salt Pond - Nauset Trail, which rolls up and down through apple, locust, cedar, then red pine and black oak to Coast Guard Beach. The round trip of 8 miles will leave ample time for foraging.

Walk 13- Fort Hill

Saturday 1:30 – 4:30

Fort Hill, Eastham. Start at the top of Fort Hill, with spectacular views of Nauset Marsh and open fields that remind us of the farms that once covered the Cape. Proceed through mixed habitats down to a boardwalk through Red Maple Swamp. Finally, walk back up through woods to the house of Edward Penniman, who went to sea at 11 and, by 29, captained his own whaler, eventually building this house in 1868.

Walk 14- Bank Street Bogs

Saturday 1:30 – 4:30

Bank Street Bogs (Harwich Land Conservation Trust), Harwich. Harwich is the birthplace of the cranberry industry and the Bank Street bog is one of many bogs in town. The Harwich Conservation Trust protects the wildlife, water quality and walking trails of the Bank Street Bog which is now a nature preserve. Join Ryan Mann, Harwich Conservation Trust naturalist, in a visit to this former cranberry bog. He will guide the group along the two miles of trails that rim the bog to observe wildlife and collect mushrooms. The forest is red maple, oak and pine. Level of difficulty: easy.



Map of Cape Cod showing the walk locations (Photo by Diana Smith)

Appendix H: Summary Information on Walks for NEMF 2009 Foray

No	Walk site, town	Time	Leader	Comments	people	specimens
1	Early bird – Salt Pond	Thur. p.m	self-lead	Ran out of maps	>20	36
2	Edible Wild Plants walk – Great Cape Herb Farm, Brewster	Fri. a.m.	Russ Cohen	Moved to location with wood stove and espresso for breaks. All had great time	14	none
3	Beech Forest – P-town	Fri. a.m.	Keith Thurlow	Leader and bus driver gave great tour on return	24	84
4	Great Island- Wellfleet	Fri. a.m.	Bill Bynum	Great walk, some stuck by high tide	22	57
5	Morning: Bay End Farm, Bourne Afternoon: Lowell Holly Reservation, Mashpee	Fri. all day	Laura Reiner Marte Ayers	Cancelled because of either very stormy weather, too long a day for bad weather, didn't want to miss full day of talks and workshops		Cancelled
6	Highland Light	Fri. p.m.	George Riner	Advertised as bush-wacking but less than harty went	16	16
7	Griffin Island-Wellfleet	Fri. p.m.	Bill Neill	Advertised as long loop hike	20	38
8	Punkhorn Parklands, Brewster	Fri. p.m.	Marte Ayers	Advertised as easier than 6 and 7 occurring at same time	35	37
9	White Cedar Swamp, Marconi	Sat. a.m.	Anna Seitz	Advertized as easy walk, weather was better	44	39
10	Audubon Society, Wellfleet	Sat. a.m.	Elizabeth Kneiper	2 lichen expert caught by high tide, feedback was great	28	15
11	Morning: Choice of Shawme State Forest Sandwich; Afternoon: Otis Attwood/or West Barnstable Conservation Land	Sat. all day	Wesley Price	Long drive, had box lunch, feedback was good. Afternoon cancelled for lack of interest	11	3
12	Morning Bicycle Walk	Sat. a.m.	Jeanne Peterson	Easy to find mushrooms over large area, good feedback, suggest do again	12	9
13	Fort Hill – Eastham	Sat. p.m.	Guitta Blau	Surprisingly few mushrooms	20	11
14	Bank Street Bogs - Harwich	Sat. p.m.	Ryan Mann	Unique habitat, leader knowledgeable about area, good feedback	13	9
	Other locations on Cape					80

Appendix I: Email from Gary Emberger with suggestions about foray

From: Gary Emberger <gemberger53@msn.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 11, 2009 at 3:32 PM
Subject: Suggestions for this year's NEMF
To: ninarobertsrose@gmail.com
Cc: Gary Emberger <gemberg@messiah.edu>

Hello Tim and Nina,

I serve as the NEMF trustee for Eastern Penn Mushroomers. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year's event but I believe John Dawson, president of EPM, will substitute for me at the trustees meeting. John compiled some recommendations, based on last year's NEMF experience, and I'm glad to pass them on to you, the co-chairs for this year's event. I hope it's not too late for these recommendations to be considered.

For your consideration:

1. Some indication of the time necessary to reach foray sites should be given on the sign-up sheets and/or written descriptions of them.
2. If it takes a significant time to reach a given site, more time should be allowed for that foray (making use of bag lunches if need be) in order to allow sufficient time for collecting/exploring.
3. The collection overview at the end of the foray should not neglect any major groups of fungi that were collected.
4. It should be possible for participants to determine what happened to specimens they brought in. If they don't end up on the display tables, e.g. because of failure to identify them, either they (or at least the slips corresponding to them) should be left in the sorting area, or some other record of their disposition should be made (if taken away for further study by one of the identifiers, e.g.). This is important to collectors such as myself, who have an intermediate level of knowledge. For while we enjoy seeing all the variety of species that are collected, we also hope to improve our own identification skills by having our attempts vetted by experts and learning where we went wrong. If a specimen we bring in simply disappears, nothing is learned from it.
5. It would be nice to have a list of participants with contact information. Such a list was supplied at the Mont Alto foray.

I hope the Cape Cod NEMF proves to be a spectacular foray. I wish I could be there but teaching responsibilities prevent it.

Take care,

Gary Emberger

Appendix J: Supplies for Sorting Area Tables

LEFT OVER FOR 2010	START OF FORAY 2009
paper plates 9 inch, 4- packs of 70 each	paper plates 9 inch -10-packs of 70 each (JP brought additional ones)
about 200 used plates mostly 9', a few small used boats and some used 6 inch plates	approximately 750 slightly used plates
white ID slips pads, small (2 ¾" by 4 ¼")	1000 small cardboard French fry boats
roll of black bags	ID slips, small (2 ¾" by 4 ¼") 180 pads plus a bunch of used ones (each pad has 50 slips)
little pads for absorbing moisture	ID slips larger 3 1/2 by 5 1/4 white 26 plus a bunch of used pads
19 plastic wine glasses without bases	yellow pads 12
23 pencils	blue pads 23
50 sandwich bags	green pads 12
	pink pads 15
	about 1000 pencils and 50 pens
	roll of black bags
	little pads for absorbing moisture
	19 plastic wine glasses without bases

CONTENTS IN BMC's "FARLOW BOX"
9" paper plates: 6 new packs of 100 each
6" paper plates: 12 new packs of 100 each
approximately 140 slightly used, 9" plates
approximately 160 slightly used, 6" plates
250 new and 250 used "French fry" containers
100 Cut Rite wax paper sandwich bags
50 plastic sandwich bags
100 white ID slips, small (2 ¾" by 4 ¼")
ID slips large (3 ½" by 5 ¼")
250 – yellow, 275 – blue, 20 – pink
2 black felt markers
about 160 pencils
roll of 50 30-gallon black trash bags
1 roll 60 yds. ¾" masking tape
1 roll 60 yds. 1" masking tape
1 8' two-prong low current extension cord
paring knife taped to 1" paint brush

Appendix K: Suggestions from Tim Lee for the Mycophagy

1. Know the mushrooms expected to be found at the foray site and have recipes ready with all ingredients needed for cooking them. Bring whatever cooking pots, pans and utensils you'll need if you're not sure what is available at the foray site.
2. Make an announcement at the opening of the foray regarding the collecting of mushrooms for mycophagy. Ask that contributors collect their mushrooms cleanly; Clean them as thoroughly as possible as they are collected. One filthy mushroom in a bag or basket can soil the whole collection and make a lot of untimely work for the cooks.
3. A mycophagy committee member should travel to the site of the foray a day early, or spend the first day of the foray collecting specifically for the mycophagy event.
4. Determine available kitchen time at the foray in order to plan when cooking can be done. Ideally the kitchen should be available at least for the whole day of the mycophagy event.
5. In addition to cooking help, you'll need set-up help, serving help and clean-up help. This all seemed to happen without much planning at our event, but Nina did make an announcement the night before soliciting help for serving and cleaning up. At the event, help just seemed to materialize when needed.
6. Use disposable plates, cups and plastic for serving and ask participants to save their plastic ware and Styrofoam cups in order to conserve on supplies.
7. Inventory the things that belong to you and make sure you go home with your own stuff.
8. Set up the room with limited seating, so that mingling is *de facto* mandatory. Set up drink area on opposite side of room from food serving area for the same reason and to reduce traffic at the food serving area.

Appendix L: List of Vendors at the 2009 NEMF Foray

(Note: Taken from program with additions made at the Foray.)

The following vendors will be selling their mushroom-related merchandise in the back of the display room (Marconi Room) and in the parking lot next to the sorting tent. Vendors will be changing throughout the four days and most will be selling for only a portion of the foray, so come often to find new and different fun fungal crafts and books. If you like it, buy it. Chances are the item or the vendor will no longer be there if you wait to think it over.

- Calendars-2010 – Cercle des Mycologues de Montreal
- Chainsaw art – Eric Brown
- Chainsaw art – Michael Higgins – DID NOT SHOW
- Chocolates – Alice Barner
- Drawings and paintings – Ellen Haiken
- Fabric aprons, pouches, casserole covers – Louise Rogers
- Felted handbags and other items – Sonja Lebbe
- Hand-blown glass – Ellen Garvey
- Hand knit items – Susan Hopkins
- Mycology books - Lubrecht & Cramer
- Mycology books – Pascale’s Books
- NEMF 2009 T-shirts – Ellen Neelands
- Note cards – Noah Siegel
- Note cards – Joan Thomson
- Ornaments – Dottie Doucette
- Prints from *Icones Farlowianae* – Elizabeth Kneiper, Friends of the Farlow
- Mushroom Prints – Connie Borodenko
- Microscopes and supplies – Jerry Sheine
- T-shirts, mugs, truffle products - Ben Maleson
- Wreaths – Terry Stoleson

Appendix M: Certificate Given to Nauset Regional High School Students



Certificate of Attendance
presented by the
Northeast Mycological Federation
and the
Boston Mycological Club
to
NAME
for attending the
Northeast Mycological Foray
Eastham, MA
October 16, 2009

Ursula Hoffmann, NEMF President

Ellen Neelands, BMC President

"Mushrooms are among the most mysterious life forms."
--Gary H. Lincoff, *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*

Appendix M: Copy of Introductory Letter and Registration Form



33rd Annual Northeastern Mycological Foray The Samuel Ristich Foray October 15-18, 2009 Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Eastham, MA

The Boston Mycological Club (BMC) invites you to one of its favorite collecting areas, the National Seashore and conservation lands of Cape Cod. The Cape is a coastal peninsula with beaches and marshes along the shore, and dunes, bogs, and ponds inland. The native trees include black locust, pitch pine and bear oak (pitch pine barrens), beech, and Atlantic white cedar. Fall weather is mild and rainy, guaranteeing an extended fall mushrooming season. We will foray in the Beech Forest, the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp and Marconi area, Duck Harbor, Great Island, and in some conservation lands along the shores of the inner Cape. BMC members have collected many species in October including *Suillus salmonicolor* (Slippery Jill), *Astraeus hygrometricus* (Barometer Earthstar), *Tricholoma flavovirens* (Canary Trich), *Leccinum aurantiacum* (Red-capped Scaber Stalk, Orange-capped Bolete, Copper-top), *Boletus projectellus*, *Rozites caperata* (Gypsy Mushroom), *Laccaria trullisata* (Sandy Laccaria) and *Amanita phalloides* (Death Cap).

At this time, expected faculty members are Roy Halling, principal mycologist, New York Botanical Gardens; Bart Buyck, National Museum of Natural History, Paris; Gro Gulden, Natural History Museum, Oslo; David Hibbett, Clark University; Sue Hopkins, mushroom dyeing expert; Renée Lebeuf, renowned mushroom photographer; Gary Lincoff, *Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms*; Bill Neill, *Mushrooms of Cape Cod and the National Seashore*; Donald Pfister, Farlow Library and Herbarium, Harvard University; Anne Pringle, Harvard; Moselio Schaechter, *In the Company of Mushrooms*; Michaela Schnull, Harvard, Elinoar Shavit, Contributing Editor, *Fungi Magazine*; Tom Volk, University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse.

In addition to walks and lectures, workshops are planned on beginning mushroom identification, dyeing, cooking, microscopy, mushroom cultivation, and photography. Evening programs will feature a talk on the geological formation of Cape Cod and a 3D mushroom slide presentation.

The Sheraton Hotel is a comfortable hotel with excellent food conveniently located on the Cape Highway, Route 6, just 45 miles from the Cape Cod Canal bridges. The fully equipped hotel rooms are arranged on two floors around the indoor pool. There are exercise and game rooms. Meals will be buffet style except the banquet; vegetarian choices will be offered, and there will be a lobster option at the banquet. Smoking and pets are not permitted in the hotel. Camping and other accommodations are available nearby. Consult the Cape Cod chamber of commerce at www.capecodchamber.org or call (508) 362-3225.

According to the terms of our contract, NEMF must have reservations for 60 double rooms by July 15th or the foray will be cancelled. Note also that the first eighty rooms reserved will be located in the Sheraton. Additional rooms will be in the adjacent hotel, which is under Sheraton management.

Cape Cod is a world class resort area with varied activities for nonmycologists: walk on the National Sea Shore; bird watch; visit the nearby quaint towns of Provincetown, Chatham, Hyannis, Orleans, Sandwich; discover antique and artisan shops, art galleries, and museums. For the sports minded, there are places to fish, twenty-seven golf courses and extensive bike paths. The Cape Rail Trail bikeway can be accessed from the hotel parking lot. The famous Wellfleet Oyster Festival takes place that weekend. There are numerous possibilities for those who wish to extend their stays. In addition to Cape areas and Plymouth, one can visit Nantucket or Martha's Vineyard. For more information, consult the Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about transportation to Cape Cod, registration form, and program please go to the NEMF website: <http://www.nemf.org/files/2009/2009>. See you at the Cape!

2009 NEMF, October 15-18, 2009, Four Points Sheraton, Eastham, MA

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ e-mail: _____
 _____ Club: _____

Other adults or children (under 18) in your group: _____

I would like to share a room with _____ **OR** Please assign me a roommate.
 I am: male female

Special requirement (e.g., handicap, vegetarian): _____

Liability Waiver: ALL adult members in your group must sign and date: By signing below, I release Four Points by Sheraton and the Ocean Park Inn in Eastham, Cape Cod, and the Northeast Mycological Federation, Inc., the Boston Mycological Club, their officers and members from any and all liability and loss arising from any accident, injury or illness which may result from activities of the NEMF foray.

Print Name(s)	Signature(s)	Date(s)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Fees: All fees are per person	Fee	# of persons	Subtotal
Adult, double occupancy: Thu-Sun, 8 meals	\$360	x _____ =	_____
Adult, double occupancy: Fri-Sun, 6 meals (no Fri breakfast)	\$280	x _____ =	_____
Adult, single occupancy: Thu-Sun, 8 meals	\$480	x _____ =	_____
Adult, single occupancy: Fri-Sun, 6 meals (no Fri B)	\$360	x _____ =	_____
Adult, triple/quadruple occupancy: Thu-Sun, 8 meals	\$330	x _____ =	_____
Adult, triple/quadruple occupancy: Fri-Sun, 6 meals (no Fri B)	\$260	x _____ =	_____
Child under 18 in room with parents: Thu-Sun, 8 meals	\$140	x _____ =	_____
Child under 18 in room with parents: Fri-Sun, 6 meals (no Fri B)	\$105	x _____ =	_____
<u>Commuter fees – includes all activities</u>			
Thurs-Sun, 8 meals	\$240	x _____ =	_____
Fri-Sun, 6 meals (no Fri breakfast)	\$200	x _____ =	_____
1-day registration, 3 meals (BLD): circle Fr or Sa	\$140	x _____ =	_____
<u>Other</u>			
I (we) would like lobster instead of chicken/veg. at Sat banquet	\$30	x _____ =	_____
<u>Late registration fee after July 15th:</u>	\$30	x _____ =	_____

Please make check payable to NEMF in US funds for the total due: TOTAL DUE: _____

Registration Limit: 200 people Registration Deadline: postmarked by July 15, 2009

Mail check and this form to:
 Marcia Jacob, NEMF Registrar
 118 Presidents Lane
 Quincy, MA 02169-1961

Questions: email Marcia Jacob at mjacob@earthlink.net.
Include “NEMF” in subject line, or telephone Marcia at (617) 471-1093, or Karen Davis at (978) 368-1846
 or visit <http://www.nemf.org/files/2009/2009.html>

Confirmation of registration and directions will be sent by e-mail, if address is provided above, otherwise by regular mail.
 Cancellation policy: Prior to 7/15/2009, full refund minus \$30 cancellation fee. After that date, call registrar.