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**MUSHROOM DAY
2013
PLANTING FIELDS
ARBORETUM**



OCT. 20 1 PM—4 PM

Our annual public display is scheduled to take place in less than 3 weeks, and we hope for some rain before then. More than ever, we will need everyone to pitch in to collect so that we have something to display. There is a possibility of cancellation if conditions remain totally dry. In that event members will receive an email notification.

Volunteers to set up the display should arrive at 12 noon so that specimens can be arranged and labeled by the 1 PM opening. If you inform the booth attendant that you are here to help with the mushroom exhibit, you may avoid paying the fee.

We will revive the practice of holding a general meeting and elections immediately after the exhibit, so please remain to cast your vote and to voice any issues that you believe need to be addressed. If not enough members are present for a quorum, we will investigate the possibility of voting via the internet.

NEMF 2013-RIMOUSKI, QUEBEC

by Aaron Norarevian

Several of our club members attended the NEMF foray in Quebec. If somewhat disappointed by the French fare, they enjoyed a well planned event. But one cannot plan rain and the collections which should have been fantastic for that area were only ordinary, perhaps not the best time of year. However as usual with an army of collectors a representative sample was collected. Some were lucky enough to find places where it had rained. The outstanding talk was by John Plischke on Fungi on Fungi. It is worthwhile visiting his site where this information is available. Those whose interests were varied attended the algae walk at the bay, led by both a professor and also a harvester of edible algae, followed by a lab session where green, red and brown algae were examined. Many entertaining and interesting evening events were provided by our congenial hosts.

An interesting innovation to speed specimen processing encouraged participants to identify their own finds, which after being corroborated by one of the experts, were then immediately taken to the display tables where they could be appreciated in a fresh state. Presentations and classes were done in dual fashion, once in French and once in English. Mieke Verbeke of the University of Ghent spoke on Russulas, which he indicated had more names in North America than is justified by DNA analysis. (Anything that lessens the burden of sorting through several hundred species is very welcome!) On the same basis, according to Greg Thorn of Western University, it also appears that the NA Wood Ear, (*Auricularia*) is a different species from that of Europe. We must therefore refer to our Wood Ear that grows on hardwood as *Auricularia americana*.

Next year's NEMF in central Maine, to be held October 9-12 during the mid-fruiting period, sounds very promising. The host facility will most likely be Camp Wavus on Damiriscotta Lake, Jefferson and Dr. Seanna Annis will be the lead mycologist.



PHOTO BY FRANK MARRA

From NJMA News

Record sized Lobster (*Hypomyces lactiflorum*)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mushrooming has not improved since my last message, and has actually gone downhill. Even New Jersey, which had adequate rainfall earlier, had next to nothing on the tables for their public display last week. Maybe it was the 90 degree days that hurt the mycelium or rain at the wrong times....who knows. I find it depressing and sincerely hope things improve next year. (Note: some chicken-of-the-woods and small hen-of-the-woods are showing up now but very few. All else is in hiding.)

There will be no annual luncheon this year. There is always a problem in getting enough people to sign up to attend, which causes the club to lose its deposit. The picnic seems popular so next year the free raffle and voting will take place then.

Which brings me to Mushroom Day. In the

event we have to cancel, watch your email. If you don't have email, kindly call Joel or me for an update at 631-744-4965.

This month I will be starting my 17th year as treasurer for the club as well as my 12th year as president. Joel has been editor of the Sporeprint for 13 years. Jacques has been foray chief for many years as has Dale as our web master. We have a fine board of directors who have also served for a long time. All of us care about our club and try to make it work well. Now we need help in filling some positions and empty seats. *I have never felt comfortable asking others to help but, like PBS and NPR, I need your help now.* Please consider answering the call for a position with LIMC. (Board meetings are one afternoon in March at our house and another during an outing.) Don't let our club cease to be!

EDITOR'S NOTE

In keeping with the club's fortieth anniversary, this is an historical issue, a look back at the club's formation and evolution, both as an exercise in nostalgia for old-timers and a lesson for newcomers. One cannot avoid a tinge of sadness at the memory of departed colleagues: the witty, learned and gracious Jean Paul Latil; the warm, collegial, gentle enforcer of club standard's John Hastil, and others who remain incised in our memories. They were committed to LIMC and dedicated to its day to day and year to year functioning, as long as they were able to.

But an organization must outlast the lives

of its individual members, and while there is provision for this, it will not occur without the dedication of those who believe in its message and are willing to shoulder the tasks to perpetuate it. Simply put, if you think it is important for this club to continue, this means you.

With the consent of the members solicited, our president, Peggy, will shortly fill several open board positions, which will then be ratified by election. If you are nominated, please consider accepting. The future of the club depends upon full participation of all members.



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MY MEMORIES OF THE EARLY DAYS OF THE LI MYCOLOGICAL CLUB

By Beatrice (Bunny) Aisenson¹

The hardest part of joining a mycology club is finding one. We were never listed in the phone book, and there was no internet.

My means of discovery was a Great Neck education course led by Marge Morris². My class notebook is dated May 1973. After a year or two with Marge which included field trips and a cooking session, the course was finished. Despite having bought two or three guidebooks, I did not feel it was safe for me to wander the fields and forests to collect on my own. At this point Marge gave me Charley and Ann Windsor's number and a name: The Long Island Mycological Club.

I think it was 1974 and the club consisted of 18 members who assembled in the Cofill's kitchen, Milton and I, Marge Morris, Jacqueline and Jean Paul Latil, Jill Lameroux, and Lee Dauvergne among them. Lee was very well connected socially and was a great help getting permission to visit several areas including Welwyn. Aaron Norarevian and Sylvia Stein were more expert participants. Someone said that our numbers should remain small which I thought unnecessary since a cumbersome group could always be divided into two. So we grew to include a Japanese couple from downtown Brooklyn and Russian members from Forest Hills. Other early members were Betty and John Hastil, who was our treasurer for many years, and Ruth Davis³, who later moved to Denver. The membership, like our choice of foray spots, was more in Queens and less in Suffolk county. I have surely omitted other early members and others such as John Cage, the composer, who came as a guest. (*He was one of the founders of the NY Mycological Society. Editor.*)

In 1975 Milton and I attended our first weekend foray with the Northeast Mycological Foundation, which was held in Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire. A member from Montreal, Renee Pomerleau, author of a Canadian mushroom guide, was there. We used our own cars to drive to the designated sites; later forays rented buses. The fun part was seeing one expert professor identify a specimen and then a second expert would cross out the name and substitute his own identification. These forays provided a way to learn about different areas of the United States and not just mushrooms.

In the early years, we seldom had a (LIMC) foray cancelled for lack of mushrooms. When I asked Marge about this, she said "You can always make a big fuss over some ancient polypore or point out other plants or trees." We always brought blankets and lunch to picnic while we identified our finds. Jean Paul appointed me recorder. I would go home to hit the books to see if it matched our identifications and spelling. I did this for a number of years, but when Jean Paul asked me to edit a newsletter such as the Boston group had, I refused on grounds of ignorance. Jean Paul would be so proud of Joel's current Sporeprint.

It is my impression that there are fewer mushrooms around in Queens than I remember. Alley Pond used to be loaded with Russulas, Lactarius, and Chicken mushrooms. I remember that there was a group that was keeping tabs on mushrooms to make sure they weren't endangered (like honeybees which are also an agricultural necessity). This would be an important project for us.

(¹Bunny has and continues to be an active member of LIMC. She served as Species Recorder for 25 years, until 2002, and kept meticulous records, still useful today.)

(²Marge Morris was an avid myco-educator of the public who inspired many, including the mycologist and researcher Rytas Vilgalys, Duke U., who attended one of her lectures as a young man (pers. comm.)

(³Ruth Davis served as representative to NAMA for some years. Editor.)



*Mushroom Day 2002, Planting Fields.
Bunny, left, with Rita Blinderman.*

FROM THE PAGES OF THE LI SPOREPRINT: 24 YEARS AGO TODAY

1989

DANGEROUS MUSHROOMS

Recently the NYMS and the Long Island Mycological Club had joint forays at Jones Beach and on Fire Island. Behind the dunes,, Marasmius Oreades, and edible mushroom, is found in the fall. It can be confused with two other species of mushrooms which grow in the same areas and which are poisonous. They look very much like the Marasmius with their whitish or ochre caps:

Hebeloma colvinii and Clitocybe rivulosa.

This is how you can differentiate them:

The good Marasmius has whitish gills, which are far apart and never decurrent. Generally it has a knob in the center of the cap.

Hebeloma colvinii has rusty or orange gills, close together.

Clitocybe rivulosa has no knob. It shows zones on its white cap and its thin, close, white gills are slightly decurrent.

When you collect Marasmius oreades, the fairy ring, look at the gills, be careful.

Jean Paul Latil

November 5, 1989

1990



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1993

LONG ISLAND MYCOLOGICAL CLUB

LIMC MEMBERS NEWSLETTER
January 1993

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1993

HOW LIMC STARTED 20 YEARS AGO

At the beginning of 1973, several members of the New York Mycological Society (NYMS) who were Long Island residents started to talk of organizing a mycological society with forays on Long Island. The distance to travel to reach the locations of the NYMS forays, generally on the other side of the Hudson, was too great.

On November 13, 1973, a meeting took place at Marge Morris' house in Great Neck. Twenty persons, all residents of L.I., attended the meeting. They were mycologists or bird watchers or botanists. The first board was elected:

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| Jean-Paul Latil, President | Jacqueline Latil, Vice President |
| Marge Morris, Secretary | Charles Coffill, Treasurer |

The other persons who attended were:

- Arthur T. McManus, Lore Schore, Barbara Connoly, Shirley Melum, Betty Forquer, Erika Engelfried, Ruth Neumann, Kathy Sacco, Anna Coffill, Alexander Hobart, Rose Swensen, Ralph Cioffi, Jill Lamoureux, David Morris, Bill Boeringer, Prof. Kenneth Erb.

The name of the club was chosen: Long Island Mycological Club.

1994

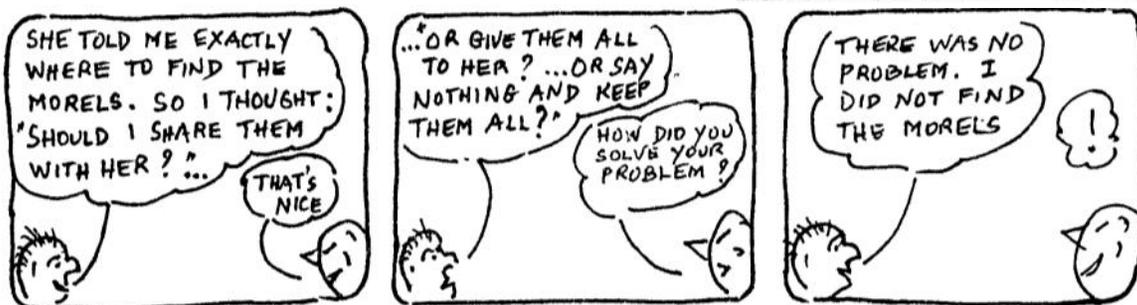


What can we say? 1993 was a successful year. We had a long season. Thirty forays! Attendance was good and a good time was had even when the mushrooming could have been better on some of the forays. We even had a last "unofficial" foray on December 11! Right after the meeting some of our members harvested my "private stock" of oyster mushrooms. By that time it was snowing!

As most of us have known for a while; Curtis Fremond, our president for a number of years, has not been well and finally decided to resign. We had to accept his resignation with deep regrets and we are looking forward to share many more forays with Curtis and to rely on his expert advice and his truly voluminous knowledge and maybe last, not but least, his remarkable sense of smell !

After beating the bushes for a new president (most of us were smart enough to run as soon as the word was spoken!) we finally found a trusting soul in Dominick Laudato. We officially nominated him during the December 11 meeting and he became the president by acclamation on Jan. 1, 1994. We are extending our congratulations and best wishes to Dom and hope that his presidency will be a rewarding experience for him as well as for the club.

Newsletter Editor: Horst M. Welzel,



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NOV., 1994 VOL.1, NO. 1***Note From the Editor***By Joe La Fiandra*

Due to the untimely death of Horst Welzel on Oct. 1, 1994, the LIMC newsletter was left without an editor. After discussions with Dom Laudato and John Hastil, I volunteered to edit the newsletter, on at least a interim basis. If any club members are interested in being the editor or assisting in any way please contact Dom Laudato or myself. In any event, to make this publication useful I will need inputs from the members. If you have any news concerning our hobby such as mushroom events, lectures, book reviews, recipes etc, please forward to me at the return address on the newsletter.

SEPT., 1996, VOL 4, NO. 4**Note From the Editor***By Joe La Fiandra*

Some notes about the newsletter, the name has been changed to "The L.I. Sporeprint" to avoid confusion with other newsletters of the same name. This newsletter and others are frequently quoted in NAMA publications.

SUMMER, 1999, VOL. 7, NO. 1**Editor's Note....(by Joel Horman)**

We all owe a vote of thanks to our outgoing editor, Joe LaFiandra, who stepped forward and assumed the post at the sudden and untimely death of Horst Welzel. Despite his busy schedule, Joe has kept at it faithfully ever since, but now that he is removing to warmer climes he must pass on the baton (or blue pencil) to other hands. I hope to do as good a job as he did, and I am asking everyone to pitch in and help.....

SPRING, 2000, VOL. 8, NO. 1

LIMC LUNCHEON 1999: Pres. Dom Laudato & fellow mycophagists.

WINTER, 2002, VOL.10, NO. 4**Editor's note**

It's now official. Our new president is Peggy Horman, having been elected by unanimous vote of the membership present at our annual general meeting on Mushroom Day, Oct. 20, 2002.....

FORAY RESULTS SUMMARY

July 13, Bethpage: Cancelled..

July 20, Muttontown: Cancelled.

July 27, Brookhaven S.P.: (Switched from West Hills.) After a dry spell, we were happy to come up with 19 species, including a few Chanterelles, a *Laetiporus cincinnatus*, two species on dung, one expected, *Psilocybe coprophila*, and the other not: *Conocybe subovalis*.

August 3, Prosser/Cathedral Pines: Cancelled.

August 10, Rocky Pt.: 31 species was a good total for this dry year, with 8 species of Amanita, 13 of Russulaceae (including *Lactarius*), and 4 Boleteaceae including many *Tylopilus variobrunneus*.

August 17, Planting Fields: 26 species was way below par, with the expected mix of Amanita and Russula species predominating, and no noteworthy species in evidence.

August 24, Blydenburgh C. P.: Again poor in both quantity and quality, with 25 species total. The bluing *Gyroporus cyanescens* provided some visual stimulation.

August 31, Prosser/Cathedral Pines: (Switched from Christie.) Finally, a decent foray! These two almost adjoining spots produced 75 species, of which only 6 were found in both locations. Edibles included Honey mushrooms, *Lactarius hygrophoroides* and *L. gerardii*, *Lepiota americana*, *Sparrasis crispa*, *Russula variata*, etc. The first Cortinarius of the season, *C. corrugatus* & *C. argentatus*, appeared, as did *Laccaria amethystina* & *L. bicolor*.

September 7, Southaven: (Switched from Brookhaven SP) We did well again, with a total of 54 species, although few edibles were found. Notable finds were prime specimens of *Boletus auripes* and *Entoloma (Nolanea) murraii*.

September 14, Southaven –foray & picnic: (Switched from Bethpage SP.) Because of the large number of attendees, we split into two parties, with good results: 80 taxa, with good amounts of the Ringless Honey and Black Trumpets. There were 14 species of Amanita, including the rare *A. "williamsiae"*, not previously recorded in this location. The first Tricholomas of the season appeared: *T. caligatum* & *T. sulphurescens*. We finally picked up a few species new to the list: *Galerina sphagnorum*, *Hymenochaete corrugata*, (Glue fungus) and *Hypomyces lateritius*, (parasitic on *Lactarius quietus*) the latter two found and identified by Tom Bigelow.



Hymenochaete corrugata



LIMC PICNIC—SOUTHAVEN COUNTY PARK—SEPT. 14, 2013

Though the weather was not suited for mushroom hunting, members did find many different kinds of fungus at our annual picnic. We had a great turnout this year with over thirty people attending. In addition to wraps a hero was donated along with homemade wine, brandy, pickles,

salsa, mushroom quiche, stew and rice. Wonderful figs, cheeses, watermelon, homemade flan, assorted desserts were also offered.

Thank you all for coming and helping out. I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did. Peggy



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**GIANT MUSHROOM FOUND
IN POLISH FOREST**

The bolete (probably *edulis*) from the Bydgoszcz forest had a diameter of 40 cm and weighed 3 kg.

(BBC news Sept, 26, 2013)

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"From time immemorial, mankind used nature to satisfy its needs, more and more...First it was mushroom picking...."

Vladimir Putin, President, Russia (NY Times, Sept. 25, 2013)



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