



## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Mycological Federation Foray

### The Samuel Ristich Foray

July 28-31, 2016

Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA \*

The Boston Mycological Club invites you to attend our foray entitled "The Role of Fungi in the Ecosystem." NEMF 2016 aims to enhance general understanding of the role of fungi in nature and to explore the myriad ways in which macro fungi specialize in their substrate and habitat choices. There will be lectures and workshops on the usual groups of fungi, but they will emphasize life histories, habitat occurrences, and the associations between fungi and place. We will have contests to encourage and recognize small teams of collectors who find specific associations of fungi with aspects of the environment. There will be awards, habitat oriented displays, new information presented by professionals and a greater understanding of the importance of conserving mushroom habitats. (See [nemf.org](http://nemf.org) for more details about the program and workshops.)

Fitchburg is located one hour and forty-five minutes west of Boston. The area enjoys above average rainfall and an abundance of hemlock duff, which are ideal for fungal activity. We have observed the fruiting of all kinds of Boletes including *edulis* and *bicolor*, *Laetiporus sulfureus*, puffballs, russulas, amanitas, *Cantharellus* and *Craterellus*, to name a few. This year's walks will offer many diverse and beautiful settings. The Wachusett Audubon Sanctuary includes the Wachusett Meadow, which is known for its "Hemlock Seep." This area has high water tables and a layer of undisturbed topsoil that produces diverse fungi including a wide array of *Cortinarius*. We plan to foray in the Harvard Forest in Petersham, as well as at the old growth forests of Wachusett Mountain and the vast Leominster State Forest. Here the fern lined trails are home to old hemlock, oak and birch. The many small brooks and waterways allow the local beaver population to create a multitude of mountain ponds, which add to the natural beauty of the area.

David Hibbett is our chief mycologist. Tentative faculty members include Rick Van de Poll, Gary Lincoff, Bill Neill, Roz Lowen, Jason Karakehian, Renée Lebeuf, Dorothy Smullen, Walter Sturgeon, Bill Yule, Noah Siegel, John Plischke III, Dave Malloch, and artists Carol Govan and Pat Buchanan.

Fitchburg State University has a compact layout. We will be accommodated in attractive four bedroom suites with a common bath and sitting room. There are a few singles, and an ADA bathroom on each floor. Bedding and towels will be provided but no soap or hangers. Since there is no air conditioning, we advise bringing room fans. Smoking is permitted only in designated areas. Pets are not allowed. Meals will be served cafeteria style with vegetarian options. The banquet will have a colonial-themed menu. The University pool will be open from 3 to 5 Friday and Saturday afternoons to those who register to swim. Since a very limited number of T-shirts will be available at the foray, order them ahead on the registration form. See picture on page three. For those who wish to stay off campus, there are hotels and motels nearby and the Pearl Hill State Park Campground is within two miles.

Fitchburg is easily accessible by car along Massachusetts Rte. 2 (exit 31B) and by commuter rail from Boston's North station and points west. Peter Pan Buses stop in neighboring Leominster. The Manchester, NH, airport is one hour away.

For those who wish to discover local sites, the Worcester Art Museum offers a noted collection of armor, the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton has the largest collection of Russian icons in North America, and the beautiful Tower Hill Botanical Garden is in nearby Boylston. To extend your vacation in the area, consider Boston and its historic environs, the North and South shores, Cape Cod, or the mountains and lakes of New Hampshire.

Additional information: After registering, you will receive a confirmation packet with more details about the foray. Direct your registration questions to Tim and Nina Rose by telephone 978-254-1026 or email [rose2016NEMFregistrar@comcast.net](mailto:rose2016NEMFregistrar@comcast.net).

\* This event is not sponsored by Fitchburg State University

# REGISTRATION FORM – 2016 Northeast Mycological Federation Foray July 28-31 2016, Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Other adults in your party \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a single room, if possible, otherwise please assign me a roommate as indicated below.

I would like to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  Please assign me a roommate.

I am:  male  female

Special requirement (e.g., ADA needs, dietary restrictions, transportation needs): \_\_\_\_\_

**Liability Waiver:** ALL adult members in your party must sign and date: By signing below, I release Fitchburg State University, the Northeast Mycological Federation, Inc., the host clubs, 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.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>

**Fees: All fees are per person**

	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
Attendance, Thurs.-Sun., <b>double</b> occupancy: 8 meals, socials:	\$365	x _____	= _____
Attendance, Thurs.-Sun., <b>single</b> occupancy: 8 meals, socials:	\$410	x _____	= _____
Attendance Fri.-Sun., <b>double</b> occupancy: Sun, 7 meals, socials	\$320	x _____	= _____
Attendance Fri.-Sun., <b>single</b> occupancy: Sun, 7 meals, socials	\$350	x _____	= _____
Commuter, Thurs-Sun, 8 meals, socials	\$255	x _____	= _____
Commuter Single Day Friday, 3 meals, social	\$100	x _____	= _____
Commuter Single Day Saturday, 2 meals and banquet, social	\$130	x _____	= _____
Extra banquet ticket which includes Sat. social	\$40	x _____	= _____
<u>Late registration fee postmarked after June 28:</u>	\$20	x _____	= _____
T-shirts order: select size(s) S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___	\$15	x _____	= _____
Register for pool use (Fri. and Sat., 3-5 p.m.):	FREE		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

**Make checks payable in US \$ to NEMF. Canadians are asked to pay by PayPal\*: TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\$20 charge for refunds. No Refunds after June 28, Registration cutoff July 6, 2016**

**Mail checks and this form to:**  
2016 NEMF Registrar  
P.O. Box 661  
Concord, MA 01742-0661

**Questions:** email [rose2016NEMFregistrar@comcast.net](mailto:rose2016NEMFregistrar@comcast.net) or  
telephone Nina or Tim Rose, tel: (978) 254-1026,  
or visit <http://www.nemf.org/2016-nemf-foray.html>

Confirmation of registration and more info will be sent by e-mail if address is provided above, otherwise by regular mail.

\* Contact registrar for details about PayPal payment.

## T-shirt with the NEMF 2016 logo



- Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL
- Price: \$15
- **NOTE** that since there will be only a limited number of shirts available at the foray, order it on the registration form.
- Pick up the T-shirts when you check in at the foray.