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NEWSLETTER OF THE MICHIGAN MUSHROOM HUNTERS CLUB

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## 2018 Fungus Fest

By Karen Poole

Fungus Fest 2018 was held September 28 - September 30, 2018. Remember last year, when it was dryer than the Sahara and we were hard-pressed to find any mushrooms? Well this year, we got lucky. The weather and conditions were perfect, contributing to a banner week-end.

This year, we had 66 attendees, numerous hunts, and found over 128 different species (for a list of the species found, contact Diane Pruden).

The event started on Friday, September 28, with an after-



*Laeticutis cristata*  
Found at Stony Creek,  
Fungus Fest 2018



noon hunt led by Roger Evans. During that hunt, some of us had the privilege of foraging for the very last time with our long-time member, Larry Hildreth, who suddenly passed away two days later. Larry was one of the original members, a board member, hunt leader, and good friend to many. He will be greatly

missed.

Later that evening, our mycologist and chief identifier, John Plischke, gave a slide show presentation on mushrooms including advice on how to cook them. Mr. Plischke is one of the original members of the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club (WPMC); the editor of two WPMC mushroom cookbooks; an author of two books, *Morel Mushrooms and Their Poisonous Look A Likes* and *Good Mushroom, Bad Mushroom*; a contributing writer to numerous other



John Plischke, guest speaker

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## The Harry and Elsie Knighton Service Award 2018 Recipient - Sister Marie Kopin

By Heather Johnson and Sandy Sheine



During the 2018 North American Mycological Association's Annual Foray in Salem, Oregon, The NAMA Board of Trustees awarded our very own, Sister Marie Kopin, the Harry and Elsie Knighton Award.

The Knighton Service Award was established by the NAMA Board of Trustees to recognize and encourage persons who have distinguished themselves in service to their local clubs. It is named for the Knightons, whose efforts began the North American Mycological Association in 1967. Each year's recipient is selected by the three most recent recipient of the Award. Every NAMA-affiliated mycological club may nominate one candidate whom it feels has performed meritorious service during the current or preceding year. Diane Pruden and I (Sandy Sheine) submitted Sister Marie's nomination.

Sister Marie received a plaque, publicity for herself and her club in the Mycophile (newsletter), and registration, housing, and foray fees for the next NAMA Foray which will be held in the NW area of New York State in mid-September of 2019. The recipient usually gets a one

# Congratulations

year NAMA membership; however, Sister Marie is already a life member of NAMA since 1977.

Sister Marie leads at least six hunts a year, gives mushroom education lectures, sponsors new members for our club and has a mushroom display at the Mt. Pleasant Third Grade Fair each year. She even spends weekends at the local State Parks where she puts up her tent to stay overnight. She learned about mushrooms from her father who studied with Dr. Alexander Smith at the University of Michigan. Last winter she attended a series of microscope classes given by Jerry Sheine.

Sister Marie says, "I was very surprised to get this award, honored, humbled, and encouraged. My club activities have been focused on 'Fun with Fungi', and I did them both as Fun and Educational Events, especially after I retired from teaching at CMU and Elder Care. I networked MMHC with many agencies and groups over the years of teaching about Fungi; leading Forays and Educational Programs primarily in the Mid-Michigan area. These groups and agencies have included Garden Clubs, State of MI and Isabella County Parks, state and regional nature preserve groups (MNA & CWC), Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (women's teaching organization), Eco-spirituality and nature centers, senior groups, library programs, clubs such as Audubon, Conservation District Programs, home school groups and a special county

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## Labor Day Foray in the Upper Peninsula 2018



*By Susan Holmes*

The U.P. Hunt over Labor Day weekend had a nice turn out with both familiar and new faces. Overall, thirteen members attended, including three members from Minnesota, one from Ontario, a local Yooper, and a new member from Ann Arbor, who had joined just before the trip.



When I arrived a little late to the first scheduled hunt of the weekend I was greeted by an array of mushrooms laid out on a picnic table that had already identified by hunt leader, Phil Tedeschi, including notes regarding whether they were edible and the taste levels. When the other hunters returned from their foray we exchanged tales of our local finds. Adam had so many Reishis that he was

handing them out to whomever was interested and Kevin Fisher and I described how, the day before, we had spotted Lobster mushrooms from the car while driving down the road leading to Lake in the Clouds in the Porcupine Mountain. That evening, the group met for lovely dinner at Carla's Restaurant in Baraga.

The next day, the club hunted a couple spots near L'Anse, including a Jack pine forest with spongy white and pink moss which created a thick ground cover where Golden Chanterelles and quite a few Amanitas often grow. We then drove to a mixed forest in the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Preserve where there is a lookout with a spectacular view of the Gorge and which is where the club stops for an annual picnic lunch (See the group photo for a view of the Gorge). As impending thunderstorms started to get closer, we called it a day with plans to meet for dinner that evening at the Hilltop Café in L'Anse.

On Labor Day, the last full day of the hunt weekend, the group drove to several spots in the Ottawa National Forest where, in previous years, club members had found numerous black trumpets. Alas, although a few Black Trumpets were found, it was determined we were too early this time around. However, there was a fair amount of Russulas and Golden Chanterelles, and Phil was pleased to find a King Bolete. Several members also spotted Chaga, which ignited a lively discussion about when the best time is to harvest it both for the health of the tree and optimum medicinal properties.

For the final dinner of the weekend, the group met for a potluck at the L'Anse Waterfront Park overlooking Keweenaw Bay. The gang dined on a delicious penne pasta dish with a homemade tomato and Bolete sauce and pancetta made by Phil Tedeschi.



**Deadline for submitting articles for the  
Spring Newsletter is March 1, 2019**

# NAMA NEWS

By Sister Marie Kopin, C.P.P.S.

The North American Mycological Association held it's annual Foray in Salem, Oregon October 10-14, 2014. As a NAMA affiliate, our MMHC Representative to the NAMA Board is Sister Marie.

The Board held an informal social gathering on Wednesday and convened all day on Thursday. Election of a new President took place; our current Executive Secretary, Barbara Ching, was elected to this office. Her duties begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. One of the main issues discussed was a document by Diana Smith about medicinal properties of mushrooms in 8 parts; it was acclaimed by a M.D. reviewer as 'very well done'. More review and study will be done before the final decision about which media would be most appropriate to present this work to NAMA members, as well as reviewing liability issues. Possible NAMA publications include the NAMA newsletter, McIlvainea the amateur mycologist periodical, or the NAMA website.

Other business included acclaiming officers for next year or continuing the search for such. Sister Marie will co-chair the Education Committee with Ophelia Barzio as the 2018 Chair; Charlotte Caplan, resigned as of the

October 2018 meeting.

This year's charge for the NAMA Education Committee, given by President David Rust, is to clarify and emphasize parts of the NAMA website's educational materials for adult beginners. Other reports will be reflected in the minutes and printed in the bi-monthly newsletter.

We had five Michigan attendees at NAMA, including our friendly past Regional representative, who Forays with us annually in the Upper Peninsula each year.

There were many kinds of workshops including a microscope class. Several artistic workshops encompassed work with mushroom dyes which could be used in yarns for knitting gloves/hats and silk scarfs and the like, jewelry displays, a class in spalting and another in painting mushrooms. Other topics covered lichens and fungi of the upper west coast states of the USA, a beginner's indoor class, and cooking and tasting delightful concoctions made with wild mushrooms. Other workshops involved more theoretical approaches to mycology such as the use of DNA analysis and how to prepare specimens for study, as well as a mind-boggling talk on the role of fungi in the "billions of years ago" creation of life on earth. There were numerous forays to moun-

R: An example of Dr. Seri C. Robinson's spalped art; Curly soft maple with black zone lines, white rot, green stain, pink stain, yellow stain.



Above and right: Examples of mushroom knit hats.



These mushroom knit hats use natural mushroom dyes and fibers.

tain tops and the ocean beach areas with buses rented to transport participants to the locations.

At the awards session on Saturday evening, Sister Marie Kopin from our Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club received the Harry and Elsie Knighton Award from the NAMA Board of Trustees (see full article on page 2). Michigan has had recipients of 2 other kinds of NAMA Awards, currently Sandy Sheine, Marti and Dr. Ken Cochran (deceased), Dr. Robert Schaefer and Dr. Nancy Smith/Weber and also Dr. Alexander Smith (deceased).



Hopefully our club members will continue nominating our outstanding leaders from Michigan for these 3 kinds of awards and the scholarship which NAMA also offers.



Michigan attendees at the 2018 NAMA Foray

# Tour de Gourmet Mushrooms, Inc.

By Sister Marie Kopin, C.P.P.S



We had approximately 25 MMHC members tour the mushroom factory in Scottville Michigan. It was amazing how they mix ingredients like locally purchased cherry or aspen wood for the substrate. Everything was kept very sterile and we could not even wear sandals; even having to dip our shoes in a material to

secret process to grow morels. Re-watch Destination Michigan Season 9, Episode 6 on CMUTV to take a brief tour. Sister Marie's hunt for morels in Deerfield Park in Isabella County is contrasted with the huge amount of morels growing indoors at the Scottsville Mushroom factory.



kill off any spores or bacteria as we entered the multitude of rooms. The factory has two main parts; both huge buildings. A railroad line ran between the two so they even have an elevator structure to carry the mushrooms all set to grow to the other side where the growing areas are located. Check out your local grocery stores and, especially, food co-ops to see if they offer some of the packaged products labeled 'Mycopia'.



They grow seven species and hold the very

Since seven of their species are from spores abroad in places like China, they are interested in samples of local edibles for us to donate to them. They would like to develop Michigan spored mushrooms for sale in our grocery stores. And, yes, you can arrange a visit and even purchase some of their fresh products right at the factory.

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## Condolences



The Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club extends condolences to the Hildreth family and friends of Larry. Larry, who lost his wife, Bonnie, of 54 years on October 24, 2017 passed away suddenly right after Fungus Fest 2018. Both were among the ten founding members of the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club and continued to be a major influence even during Fungus Fest this year. His obituary follows.

Hildreth, Larry V., age 82, of Linden, passed away suddenly on September 30, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Bonnie. Dear father of Dianne (Ken) Arble, Carole (Mike) Muraske, Lori (Mike) Ferris and the late Michael Middleton. Brother of Elaine Casner, Truman (Marsha) Hildreth and Victor (Theresa) Hildreth. Larry also leaves 9 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Larry graduated from Northern Flint High School in 1957. He was a graduate of Mott Community College. He retired from General Motors after 38 years of service. Larry was a member of the Fenton United Methodist Church, he loved to take his grandchildren to service on Sundays. He was an avid outdoorsman and nature lover, he enjoyed spending time fishing, hunting, looking for mushrooms and tending to his garden. He was also a lifetime member of the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club. Larry's generosity and great sense of humor will be missed.

## Lewiston Chanterelle Hunt *By Lenny Tomaszewski*



This was my first hunt for Chanterelles in Lewiston and I was lucky to have, as my co-leader, Phil Tedeschi, who was familiar with our hunting spots. After we scouted for a couple of days, Phil picked the spot for our Friday afternoon hunt in a Jack Pine forest. Joining us was Susan Holmes, Dominick Iwanowski, Kevin Fisher and Jerry Watson. It turned out to be a good spot for Chanterelles; we even found a few edible boletes and some wild blueberries.

Friday night, we all had a nice dinner at the Lewiston Lodge.

Saturday morning, we headed west to a mature stand of Beech. Joining us was Daniel

Wang, Brett and Laura Sivec and Adam Winkler. Our good luck continued; we found plenty of Chanterelles and even Lobster mushrooms. After lunch, we continued hunting in the same general area with much success.

Saturday night, many of us met at Jerry Watson's campsite on Avery Lake for a barbecue (see picture).

Sunday morning, we headed back to hunt the old growth Beech woods. Not much was found, but, at least we had plenty to take home with us. I shall return next year.



By Tim Coddington and Sister Marie Kopin, C.P.P.S.

Tim Coddington's Fungus Fest – West, at the Hoffmaster State Park near Muskegon, was a really fun event and good learning experience for all in attendance. "Staff" spent Friday evening together at the "Group" campground site and several of us camped together at the regular State Park campground area.

Adam Haritan, our guest speaker from Pennsylvania, took the "staff" group for an Educational Mushroom Hunt near the area where the event took place. Tim made supper over a huge campfire as this group got to know one another. The next morning, we "staff" met at the event site; a boy/girl separate group camping area, for a huge breakfast cooked on the fire.

Attendees began arriving for their program at 10 a.m. and received one of two colored wristbands.

After introductions, Tim divided the group into 2 "waves" color coded by the wrist bands; Red went first for an educational foray with



The 'staff' and participants of Fungus Fest West.

Adam at a nearby forested sand dune hill area. Green wrist bands went in another direction with a local hunt leader. Reconvening at a given time, specimens were laid on tables and Wave #2 commenced; the Green group went with Adam, whilst the Red one went with the local leader in other directions.

Lunch for participants was "on your own" but the staff had another cooked-over-the-fire treat. At approximately 1 p.m. everyone headed towards Hoffmaster State Park Visitor Center to hear Adam, then Chris Wright talk about identification of late summer species and how to grow mushrooms, respectively. Sample specimens from the 5 forays were identified by Phil Tedeschi and HauFang Su and laid out for all to see in the lower level.



Adam Haritan, guest speaker



Chris Wright, guest speaker

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mushroom books; and a nationally recognized mushroom photographer.



Slow Walkers Foray

Saturday began with a beginner talk with Phil Tedeschi followed by forays in the morning and afternoon led by Phil, Sister Marie Kopin, Lenny Tomaszewski, Scott Grywachski, and Heather Johnson. Several of the hunts were held in the state park, and others were off site. In the park, we found many species but few choice edibles as it was clear that other foragers had been through there just days before. However, when we went off-site, we found many choice edibles, including Puffballs (*Calvatia gigantea*), Hen of the Woods (*Grifola frondosa*), Cinnabar Chanterelles



(*Cantharellus cinnabarinus*), a couple Golden Chanterelles (*Cantharellus cibarius*), Aborted Entelomas (*Entoloma abortivum*),



The weather was perfect for an abundance of mushrooms found throughout the area.

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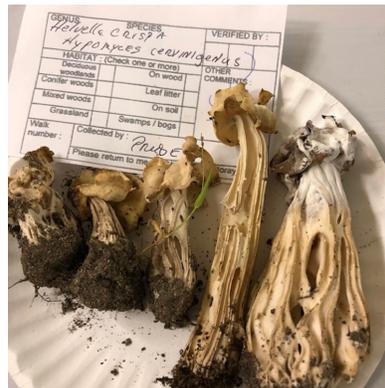
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Blewits (*Clitocybe nuda*), and Lion’s Mane (*Hericium erinaceus*). In addition to the mushrooms, we also stumbled upon a yellow jacket nest located under a log where Eric Poole and Eric Wu (the Eric’s) found the Lion’s Mane. Normally, people would immediately high-tail it when swarmed by angry yellow jackets, but not this bunch. At least six foragers battled them for a piece of the Lion’s Mane and two of our members incurred numerous stings to show for it.

As foragers returned from the hunts, Mr. Plischke, Huafang Su, Sandy and Gerry Sheine identified the finds and set them out for display in the conference hall.



Unlike 2017, the specimen tables were overflowing during Fungus Fest 2018!



Saturday evening featured our annual Fungus Fest Potluck, Auction, and a presentation by Taylor Lockwood. For the second year in a row, our auctioneers were Jeff and Sherrie Stewart who helped us net nearly \$250. Much of the proceeds were due to the heated bidding between Scott Grywachski and Eric Poole over a beautifully carved walking stick made by Jim Provcic, and bidding over another fine walking stick made by Lenny Tomaszewski.

After the auction, everyone gathered in the demonstration hall to view the identification tables prior to Taylor Lockwood’s presentation. Before his presentation, Mr. Lockwood viewed our species tables and saw a mushroom he had only seen one other time – *Laeticutis crista* (pictured on page 1), found by Huafang Su at Stony Creek.

### News from the Central Michigan Area

By Sister Marie Kopin, C.P.P.S.



Late summer and fall were filled with a lot of activity in the mid Michigan area. We began with very dry weather in the summer with the first group finding only three kinds of species in Meridian Park.

We found a delightfully big species, almost a foot wide, related to Oyster mushrooms at both Clare and Isabella County locations.

The usual Nethercut Foray was sized down with budget cuts at CMU but we still gathered a lot of species after the nearby MNA foray and had tasty pasties for lunch.

When the rains started coming, things were different. We found 46 species at Sylvan Solace, then 56 at Deerfield Park, and then 67 kinds plus some very fat stemmed Armillaria at the conservation district woodlot near East Tawas. A graduate student asked if I would take her to one of our forests in Mount Pleasant for an interview related to her dissertation study in forestry. She questioned me about spiritual experiences in the forest and then went out herself among the beautiful old trees at Mission Creek Park.

The winter will bring some educational classes at the commission on aging. There are plans for slideshows of species found in the mid Michigan area this season. They will be shown and identification details explained during several programs. Chris Wright and I will be presenting an all day workshop in February at the Chippewa Nation Reservation. I will give an overview of mushrooms while Chris will present growing mushrooms; all participants will finish the workshop by building Oyster kits.



#### Alta Parson's Nature Preserve, Clare County



Giant oyster; *Pleurotus oystey*



Brick caps (*Hypholoma lateritium*) found during the Mio Foray



Specimens from Tawas Conservation District woodlot





**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & END OF THE SEASON LUNCHEON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**



**CLADDAGH**

**17800 Haggerty Road Livonia, MI, 48152  
phone: 734.542.8141**

The restaurant is allowing us to bring appetizers  
If your dish contains mushrooms, *please label it*  
Social Hour 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM with Cash bar  
Door prizes will be awarded after Lunch

**THE LUNCH CONSISTS OF YOUR CHOICE:**

*accompanied by*

**Choice of Soup or Salad**

**Artichoke Pasta  
Claddagh NY strip**

**Irish beef stew  
Lemon-Thyme  
chicken**

**Non-alcoholic beverage, Tea, Water  
and Coffee Service**

**Dessert – Banoffee Pie**

**PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS WITH MONEY BY JANUARY 5, 2019**

**No walk-ins or pay at the door**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MMHC **OR** PAY WITH PAYPAL USING  
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**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF MEMBERS** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$30.00 == \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF NONMEMBERS\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$35.00 == \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\*'Nonmembers' refers to guests, family, etc who are not members of MMHC but are accompanying a member to this dinner

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Letter from the President

*By Lenny Tomaszewski*

2018 was a good year for our Club; with many new events, our membership increasing and plenty of choice edibles to fill our baskets. But now it's time to start planning for next year.

So, please join Scott Grywacheski and me for the hunt schedule planning meeting at John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub in Farmington on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. If you can not make it and would still like to lead a hunt, let me know by that date. I can't stress the importance of having hunt leaders; without them, we will not have a Club.

Another event to look forward to is the Annual Christmas Dinner on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Claddagh's in Livonia. Be sure to check out the details included in this newsletter and send in your reservation form by January 13<sup>th</sup>.

On a sadder note, we lost one of our founding members, Larry Hildreth, in September. He was a passionate mushroom hunter and served as one of MMHC's former Presidents. Larry was always giving of his time and knowledge to others. He will be sorely missed.

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#### MMHC WINTER DINNER WAIVER FORM

EACH PERSON REGISTERING FOR THE WINTER DINNER MUST SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM

#### MICHIGAN MUSHROOM HUNTERS CLUB LIABILITY WAIVER

I hereby acknowledge and accept there are inherent risks involved in the collection, identification, cooking preparation and ingestion of wild mushrooms. I realize that mushroom forays are held in public woodlands where natural hazards do occur, immediate medical attention may not be available and the foray leader may not be trained in emergency treatment. I further understand that people can have known or unknown food allergies and that people can experience anything from gastric disturbances to death from ingesting wild mushrooms. In consideration of this acknowledgment and my voluntary participation in activities relating to the Michigan Mushroom Hunter's Club (MMHC) having read and understanding the risks involved in participating in the MMHC events, and of agreement by the MMHC to allow me to participate in its activities, including, but not limited to the Winter Dinner to be held January 27, 2019, at Claddagh in Brighton, Michigan.

I hereby release on behalf of myself, my heirs, successors and assigns executors and administrators the MMHC and Claddagh, their officers, directors, members, and volunteers, from any and all claims of liability or demand whatsoever, including, but not limited to bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, property damage or loss, or any other loss or damage of any kind which may arise out of or in connection with my participation in MMHC events, whether resulting from negligence or from some other cause.

I have read and understand the foregoing Waiver of Liability. By signing below, I indicate my agreement. It is my intent to be legally restrained from asserting any claim connected herewith and I understand that this agreement is unconditional and may not be waived by any person for any reason whatever.

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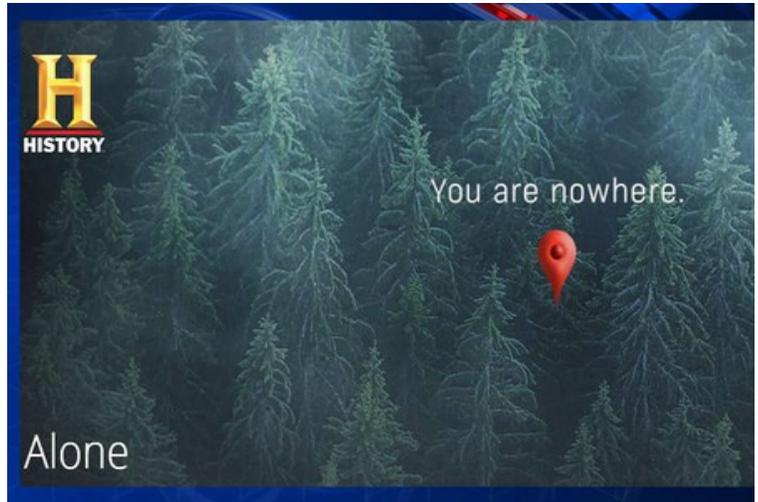
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By Tim Coddington

Here's a very nice testimonial posted by Dave McIntyre, on his Facebook page.

For those who may not know who Dave is, he is the \$500,000 winner of The History Channel's second season of the series "Alone". Dave spent 66 days on Vancouver Island with nothing more than 10 survival items.

I had met him previously and he expressed an interest in learning more about mushrooms to help supplement his diet when he goes back on Alone for a potential "winners season".



Picture from fox2Detroit.com



I invited him to be a VIP guest at Fungus Fest - West and he thoroughly enjoyed himself, as well as learned a great deal.

Dave's testimonial:

"I am the last person you want to ask advice from regarding wild mushrooms. This past weekend my knowledge of them took a wild leap forward at the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club event 'Fungus Fest West'.

The recent heavy rains here in Michigan created perfect conditions causing the forest floor to explode with fungi of all types. Novice to Expert mushroom hunters literally filled two tables with examples collected in the surrounding few acres of mixed hardwood and coniferous forest. You literally had to watch your step to not crush them. Many folks there had forgotten more about mushrooms than I have ever learned and were more than willing to share what they knew. Kelly and Ginger Russell allowed me to tag along and taught me how to hunt Black Trumpets. They made it clear that many people search for them for years with no luck. They prefer Oak trees and moist mossy soil that drains well.

I'd like to thank Tim Coddington for inviting me along. I had a great time and enjoyed the trip up the learning curve."

## WINTER IS A GOOD TIME TO STUDY FUNGUS!

Here are some good books to check out!

By Sandy Sheine



Baroni, Timothy J. *Mushrooms of the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada.*

Barron, George. *Mushrooms of Northeast North America*

Lincoff, Gary. *The Audobon Society Field Guide to North America Mushrooms*

Lincoff, Gary. *The Complete Mushroom Hunter Revised*

Phillips, Roger. *Mushrooms of North America*

Plischke, John. *Good Mushroom, Bad Mushroom*

Rhodes, Bunyard, Sturgeon, Williams. *Mushrooms and Macrofungi of Ohio and the Midwestern States*

Smith, Alexander H. *How to Know the Gilled Fungi (Ringed Style)*

Smith, Alexander H. *How to Know the Non-Gilled Fungi (Ringed Style)*

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Mr. Lockwood, an acclaimed nature photographer, entertained us with pictures of mushrooms most of us will never see in person either due to the geographic location or the difficulty in finding the specimens. He shared with us pictures of mushrooms found in exotic places ranging from Borneo, Zimbabwe, and New Zealand.

Mr. Lockwood is the author of two books, *Treasures from the Kingdom of Fungi* and *Chasing the Rain*, as well as several video programs. His photographs have also been published by the US Postal Service, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *National Geographic*, *Scientific American*, and others.



The three-day event ended on Sunday with a Survivor's Hunt attended by Larry Molnar, Lenny and Diane. After a bit of bushwhacking, they found five huge

Hens of the Woods in less than an hour. They also found Cinnabar Chanterelles (*Cantharellus cinnabarinus*) and a large Sweet Tooth (*Hydnum repandum*).

Next year's Fungus Fest is already on the books for the last weekend in September, so start looking for that perfect mushroom item to donate to the auction. We hope to see you there!



Above: Katherine Delaforterie conducted a "Mushroom Christmas Ornament" workshop.



The annual Friday night pizza party was a great social gathering as foragers 'caught up' with each other and bragged about their fungi 'prizes'!



News from the Central Michigan Area, continued

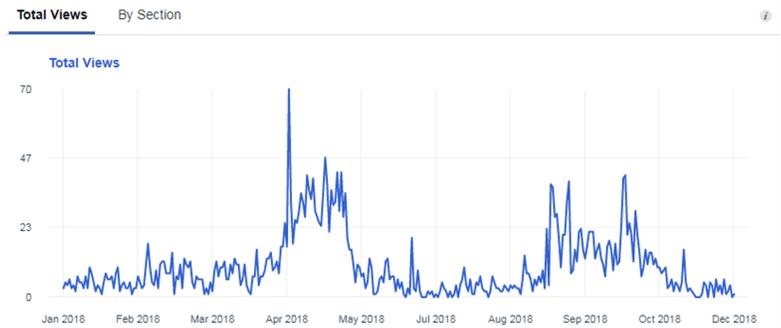


Isabella County Forays

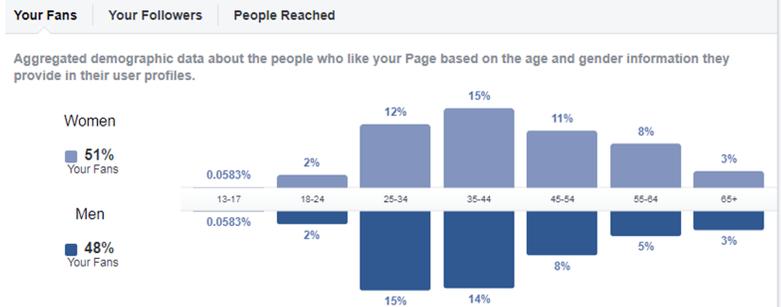


Sylvan Solace Park:  
Foray members

The Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club Facebook page has over 1700 followers as of the today! Here are some interesting stats relating to the number of followers, the trend of page views over the last year, the demographic data of our 'fans' and where they're located.



Sylvan Solace Park:  
Foray members  
and  
Specimen table



Sylvan Solace:  
Specimen table



Country	Your Fans	City	Your Fans	Language	Your Fans
United States of America	1,660	Grand Rapids, MI	64	English (US)	1,654
India	6	Detroit, MI	52	English (UK)	44
Canada	5	Ann Arbor, MI	36	Arabic	4
Pakistan	5	Kalamazoo, MI	27	English (Pirate)	3
United Kingdom	3	Midland, MI	19	Spanish	3
Philippines	3	Traverse City, MI	19	Czech	1
Iraq	2	Muskegon, MI	18	French (France)	1
Laos	2	Jackson, MI	17	Dutch	1
Malaysia	2	Bay City, MI	15	Polish	1
Nigeria	2	Fenton, MI	14	Portuguese (Brazil)	1

Audobon Woods:

Armillaria around base of tree



Mission Creek Park, Isabella County



### News from the Central Michigan Area, Isabella County Forays

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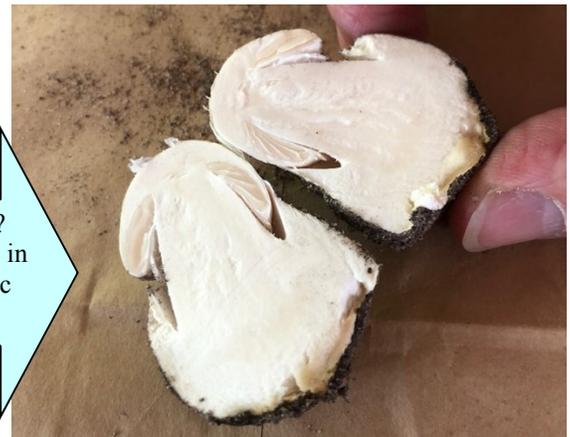


Hall's Lake Preserve:

Specimen 'table' and shelf fungi



Possibly a puffball? Cutting the 'puffball' in half reveals the toxic Amanita.



Meridian Park, Isabella County

### The Harry and Elsie Knighton Service Award 2018 Recipient - Sister Marie Kopin, Continued from page 2

activity program for all Isabella County 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, Religious Congregations, Stewardship and "Gathering Society" members. I'm currently planning mycology activities with the Chippewa Indian Nation locally. I have also served as Secretary of MMHC for a number of terms and encouraged leadership. I have taught many classes about Fungi, especially in our Mid-Michigan area. I feel grateful to those Michigan Club members who nominated me, persevering over a number of years in competition with nominees from other states and Canadian providences. I feel proud to have been a member of MMHC since the mid 1980's and the first Michigan recipient of this award."

**Congratulations, Sister Marie!**

## Fungus Fest West, *Continued from page 7*

Afterwards, we returned to the group campground site where Chris facilitated making Oyster Mushroom Kits.

After the 40 participants had left, staff was treated to a "Fish Boil" dinner at the campfire ring! We stayed up and enjoyed socializing until park "quiet time" began.

The next morning, those of us at the regular camp ground gathered for another big fireside breakfast of mushroom omelets and the like, cleaned up our sites and departed with high hopes for another Fungus Fest West.



Adam Haritan and 'friends'



Specimen table

Much thanks to Tim Coddington for organizing this event and demonstrating how to train staff with "rewards", as well as his financial support of this event over and above the fee charged to participants.



Chris Wright facilitates making Oyster Kits

## Time to Pay Your Dues

*By Diane Pruden, Membership Chair*

The MMHC membership year ends on December 31. To continue your membership for calendar year 2019, submit a completed membership application (found on page XX) with payment. Please take care of this as soon as possible so that reminders, etc. are not necessary. Your Membership Chair does not like to nag!

You can also access the form on-line at: [michiganmushroomhuntersclub.org](http://michiganmushroomhuntersclub.org). You can renew membership without printing the form and sending by US Postal Service (save a stamp). At the website, you can print the form and send it with pay-

ment. Alternatively, you can download the form to your computer, open it and fill in your information. It will open in an Adobe site; you do not need to register or sign in. After entering your information and providing your electronic signature, send the form to [dianepruden@gmail.com](mailto:dianepruden@gmail.com). Then, go to PayPal to pay on-line as directed on the form.

If you want to receive the newsletter via the postal service, be sure to include the additional fee with your dues.

If there is some reason that you cannot receive the newsletter via Email and you are not able to pay the additional charge, please contact me.

A membership application is found on page 19

**Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club**

**Membership Application**

Michigan Resident: \$15.00 (electronic newsletter) or \$25.00 (paper newsletter)

Non Michigan Resident: \$6.00 (electronic newsletter) or \$16.00 (paper newsletter)

NAMA Membership: \$25 (electronic newsletter) or ~~\$40~~ (hardcopy newsletter) - MMHC member special rate

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**New application**       **Renewing Member**       **Returning Member**

Annual dues renewals (January 1-December 31) are payable in advance. Members whose dues are not paid by March 31 are considered inactive and are removed from the club roster. Membership is reinstated when current dues are paid. New members who join after September 1 shall pay the full annual dues but have membership for the remainder of the current year and for all of the next year.

**LIABILITY WAIVER**

I hereby acknowledge and accept that there are inherent risks involved in the collection, identification and ingestion of wild mushrooms. I realize that mushroom forays are held in public woodlands where natural hazards do occur, immediate medical attention may not be available and the foray leader may not be trained in emergency treatment. I further understand that people can have known or unknown food allergies and that people can experience gastric disturbances from ingesting wild mushrooms.

In consideration of this acknowledgement and my voluntary participation in activities relating to the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club (MMHC), having read this waiver and understanding the risks involved in participating in the MMHC events, and of the agreement by the MMHC to allow me to participate in its activities.

I hereby release, on behalf of myself, and my successors, heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators, the MMHC, its officers, directors, members and volunteers from any claims of liability or demand whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage, or any other loss or damage of any kind which may arise out of or in connection to my participation in MMHC events, whether resulting from negligence or from some other cause.

I have read and understand the forgoing Waiver of Liability, and by signing below I indicate my agreement. It is my intent to be legally restrained from asserting any claim connected herewith and I understand that this agreement is unconditional and may not be waived by any person for any reason whatever.

*For electronic signature type your name between slashes; i.e. /John Doe/ and Email to [dianepruden@gmail.com](mailto:dianepruden@gmail.com)*

OR

*Sign with pen and mail form via USPS*

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_      SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application and check **PAYABLE TO MMHC**

**MMHC Treasurer, Diane Pruden, 1455 Edgewood Ln,  
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