



# Boston Mycological Club Fall Beginner Classes

**Five Mondays, September 12 – October 10, 2011. 7pm.**

**Harvard Herbaria Seminar Room, 22 Divinity Ave. Cambridge, MA (near the Harvard Sq. Red Line T stop)**

Are you curious about fungi? The BMC is pleased to present the lineup for our fall classes. Although these are designed especially for beginners, students of any experience level are welcome.

You may choose to come to one class or the entire series. All classes are one hour long followed by an identification session where we gather around a table and look at fresh specimens of fungi.

**Enrollment: Non-Members:** \$15 for any single class; \$65 for all five. **Members:** \$10 for any single class; \$40 for all five.

**Note!** Non-members can join the BMC by downloading a membership application from the website and bring it with them (completed) to the door or mail it in with this registration. Membership rates are \$20 for an individual, \$25 for a family and \$10 junior membership (under age 21). For membership applications and more information on the BMC please visit: [www.bostonmycologicalclub.org](http://www.bostonmycologicalclub.org) or write or call Marcia Jacob at [info@bostonmycologicalclub@gmail.com](mailto:info@bostonmycologicalclub@gmail.com), 617-471-1093.

**Note!** Enrollment in any class entitles any non-members to attend the Sunday BMC foray that precedes that class/classes and all are welcome to stay after class on Monday for our normal I.D. sessions where we examine the fungi collected during Sunday's foray. Please feel free to bring in your own finds for identification! New members are of course entitled to attend all BMC forays and events. We will post the directions to the Sunday, September 11 walk online.

## **Monday, September 12: The Wood-Wide Web or How the Fungal Kingdom Creates, Maintains & Rots the Forest**

BMC president Susan Goldhor will give a short overview of the role of fungi in natural ecosystems, with occasional forays into fascinating fungal lore. A short course on edibles will be given for beginners. After the lecture, we will look at freshly collected fungal specimens and highlight the role of particular species in their ecosystems.

## **Monday, September 19: George Davis on Mushrooms with Light Colored Spores**

Former BMC president George Davis will describe the different groups of mushrooms that produce a light colored spore mass when a spore print is made. Ubiquitous New England genera include *Amanita*, *Lactarius* (milk mushrooms) and *Russulas*. The deadly poisonous mushrooms *Amanita bisporigera* and *Amanita phalloides* will be described.

## **Monday, September 26: "Ben Maleson is as confused about boletes as anyone."**

Don't be dissuaded by this comment! In the mycology biz, confusion only arises from profound understanding! A longtime BMC member, Ben will describe how to recognize the different genera of this tantalizing group of fleshy fungi and illustrate a few commonly encountered species. Ben has been studying fungi for decades and is well known and highly regarded as a supplier of edible fungi to dozens of local restaurants.

## **Monday, October 3: Pam Chamberlain on Mushrooms with Dark Colored Spores**

Current BMC vice-president Pam Chamberlain will describe the different groups of mushrooms that produce a dark colored spore mass when a spore print is made. Ubiquitous New England genera include *Cortinarius*, *Agaricus* and *Coprinus*. The deadly poisonous *Galerina autumnalis* will be described.

## **Monday, October 10: Kay Fairweather on "All the rest"**

There is a huge diversity of fungi without gills or tubes. Some are edible, some medicinal, some toxic and all worth knowing. This session gets you acquainted with some of the more common fungi that look like shelves, chickens, cups, corals, puffballs, toothy things and other body parts. You can find representatives of this large group all year round.