Becoming a member of the Boston Mycological Club

Joining the BMC, participating in mushroom walks and attending weekly meetings is an excellent way to learn to recognize the mushrooms that are found in our region of New England. You can ask questions of knowledgeable people, and talk about your exciting finds with others who share your enthusiasm for mushrooms.

The Boston Mycological Club is affiliated with the North American Mycological Association (NAMA)
www.namyco.org

Members of the BMC get a reduced membership rate for dues to NAMA.

In addition to the BMC's activities, you will also find out about the "larger world" of amateur mycology — tours, weekend conferences and forays where you can meet and listen to expert mycologists and learn more about mushrooms and fungi.

The Boston Mycological Club is a member club in the NorthEast Mycological Federation (NEMF)
www.nemf.org

NEMF produces an annual 3 - 4 day weekend conference where you can collect mushrooms, talk with experts, meet other mycological friends and discuss exciting activities around mushrooming!

Boston Mycological Club

North America's Oldest Active Amateur Mushroom Club
Founded 1895

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What does the BMC do?

The BMC is an all-volunteer organization. There are no paid positions in the club.

The dues are used to cover the costs of printing and mailing, to pay guests who are invited to speak to the club, and to purchase books and supplies for the club's use.

The BMC produces an annual printed roster of its members that is distributed only to its members and associates. This roster is not to be used for purposes other than conducting BMC business. The BMC does not give out or sell its membership information to commercial interests, or condone such use.

Weekly Forays
Weekly walks, or forays, are held on Sunday mornings or afternoons during the mushroom season, July through October. Members collect mushrooms, then gather around to discuss and identify what has been found.

Weekly Meetings
Every Monday evening following a weekend foray, an identification meeting is held in the Club room. Mushrooms are brought in, examined and discussed. A list is kept of all the mushrooms found each week.

Lectures & Courses
The BMC sponsors a fall program of mushroom identification classes. During the winter, monthly programs feature special lectures or other mushroom-related activities.

Special Field Trips
From time to time, special weekend or overnight trips are planned to search for mushrooms in different areas.

Spring Culinary
In the spring, members gather for a potluck dinner where all are encouraged to show off their recipes for mushrooms.

Fall Banquet
A special banquet celebrates the end of the mushroom season, often with a guest mycologist presentation.

Newsletter
The BMC publishes and sends a quarterly newsletter, "The Bulletin," to all members. It contains stories and tidbits of information about events and things mycological.

Library
The Club's excellent collection of mushroom books is kept in the Club room to help with identification. Microscopes are also available.