

4 PART "TOP DOWN" STUDY OF THE FIELD IDENTIFICATION OF MUSHROOMS
PRESENTED FOR MID-HUDSON MYCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Course description: Many times beginners are shown a handful of mushroom species and told to remember them. Learning about mushrooms in this fashion leads to a "patchwork" knowledge base and leaves the student with a potentially keen sense of a few species and a very fuzzy, (if any) understanding of how mushrooms are related and how they are different. This course is designed to provide a "Top Down" look into mushrooms especially for intermediate and eager beginner-level mushroom collectors or naturalists who wish to enhance their knowledge of mushrooms which fruit in our area. Illustrated lectures based upon field characteristics will improve the student's knowledge of the biology, life cycles, ecology and rich variety of forms found in the Mid Hudson Valley's macro fungi. (see further down for Content topics)

Dates Four *three-hour classes once/week*. Sunday afternoons, Feb 5,12,19,26 with March 4 as a bad weather day if need be. Promptly 1:00pm -4:00 pm each day.

Location: The location is the George Cole Auction Hall in Red Hook, NY... The Address is 7578 North Broadway (Route 9). The Auction Hall is in the Red Hook Business Park. The Business Park is just north of the IGA on Route 9, ~1/8 mile North of the intersection of Rts 9 & 199.

EXPANDED SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Content Structure: Illustrated Lecture, Conversational in tone with Field ID emphasis.

WEEK 1: Feb. 5; 1-4 pm

1. Biology
2. Life cycles
3. White Spored Agarics

WEEK 2: Feb. 12 1-4 pm

4. Dark Spored Agarics in part
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6. Boletes by Genera

WEEK 3: Feb. 19 1-4 pm

7. Chanterelles and Gastromycetes
8. Corals and Jellies
9. Polypores with Teeth or Gills

WEEK 4: Feb. 26 1-4 pm

10. Polypores with Pores (mostly)
11. Ascus, Hypos, and Elaphos
12. Ecology

Macroscopic Field ID will be stressed w/reference to other ID Schemes (Morphological; Biological compatible-mating; DNA Cladistics) discussed as appropriate.

PRESENTED BY BILL BAKAITIS: Bill was the founding president and long time education director for the Mid-Hudson Mycological Association. For the past 25 years he has been a consultant to the Poison Control Networks for New York and New England. His articles have appeared in Poughkeepsie Journal, Adirondack Life, The New York State Conservationist and in Mushroom, the Journal of Wild Mushrooming where he is a contributing editor. On the web his articles and posts can be found at <http://leslieland.com/> and <http://www.fungikingdom.net/>.

Tuition: \$100 All Sessions (Non-Member)
 \$50 All Session (MHMA Member)
 \$30 Any Single Session (Non-Member)
 \$15 Any Single Session (MHMA Member)

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