

The Boletus

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2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES

IF THE YEAR AT THE END OF YOUR NAME IS EARLIER THAN '11, YOUR DUES ARE PAST DUE. PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO "GSMS" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15 - INDIVIDUAL OR \$20 - FAMILY TO "GSMS, 262 CR 3062, NEWTON, TX 75966". IF YOU WISH TO PAY YOUR NAMA DUES AT THE REDUCED RATE OF \$32, INCLUDE A SEPARATE CHECK PAYABLE TO "NAMA" IN THE SAME ENVELOPE. WE ARE REQUIRED TO PURGE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID DUES BY JUNE OF EACH YEAR. PLEASE MAIL NOW.THANKS.

ALLISON WALKER TO RECEIVE MSA BACKUS AWARD

The award will be presented to Allison at the Mycological Society of America annual Conference, this year to be held in Fairbanks, Alaska, August 1 - 5th. The Backus Award is given annually to promising graduate students in mycology, who are evaluated on the basis of their scholastic merit, research ability and promise shown as a mycologist. Gulf States Mycological Society is proud to say that Allison is a very active member of our group. She was the graduate student that we hosted at our 2008 Summer Foray. Allison and Jake are the proud parents of Henry Robert Walker, born February 28, 2011.

BIG THICKET MUSHROOM WALK JUNE 11, 2011

We will meet at 10 AM at the Big Thicket National Preserve (BTNP) Field Research Station (FRS), located in Saratoga TX, on the west side of the highway. Saratoga is approx. 35 miles NW of Beaumont. The FRS is on FM 770, north off TX Hwy 105 between Beaumont and Cleveland. We will foray into the Lance Rosier Unit of the BTNP near the Cypress Swamp on Teel Road. We will collect and record species, and thereby assist with the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory (ATBI) species

list for the BTNP. Students from Eastfield College in Mesquite, TX will be in attendance, and mycologists Jay Justice and Juan Luis Mata

As of this date, ATBI activities have yielded three species new to science; *Megacollybia texensis*, *Boletus roodyi*, and *Cantharellus texensis*, more than 40 new records for the State of Texas, and more than 100 for the BTNP.

After collecting, we will return to the FRS, have lunch, and discuss the morning's finds. Bring collecting gear, water, bug spray, a sack lunch, and pray for rain. Please call or email with any questions: David & Patricia Lewis 409-423-3776 or email: [dandplewis \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:dandplewis@gmail.com)

GULF STATES SUMMER FORAY JULY 8 - 10, HILLSDALE, MS

Our summer foray will be held at the King's Arrow Ranch Inn, at Hillsdale MS. We have held our summer foray at this location for several years and have a history of the collections made in the nearby National Forests. Our field trips in past years to Mississippi Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) have been interesting because some of us were approached by state officials seeking our permits. Allison Walker will obtain group permits for us from the State, again this year, so to avoid collecting illegally and possible fines. Thanks, Allison.

The Inn is located on the east side of I-59 at exit 35, five miles north of Poplarville, MS. They have a nice pool, and request that you bring your own towels if you plan to swim. Check-in time is 2:00 PM. Your room will be assigned by the hotel per our rooming list and paid by the Society from your registration fees.

Our Guest Mycologist will be Dr. Andrew Methven of Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL. an expert on the genus *Lactarius*. Some of you may have met him at the NAMA/GSMS 2009 Foray in Lafayette, LA, where he was an instructor at the Microscopy Workshop, and he was our Guest Mycologist at our 2001 Winter Foray at Chico State Park, Louisiana. Andy is well known in mycological circles for his lectures and workshops. The title of his talk will be "Sharing the Same Name: North American and European Species of *Lactarius*". The student that we will host this year is Dr. Methven's graduate student, Gerald (Gerry) Presley, who will present on "Biodegradation of Atrazine by Fungi".

We will welcome you after 3 PM on Friday in Suite 139, which is located near the back gate to the pool area. This will be our fungi display and social location. Ask at the front desk if you need help in finding Suite 139. David Fuller and/or Peyton Wilson will begin our shrimp boil and social at the poolside cabana at 6:00 PM Friday. **See the registration form to indicate your preference for the spiciness of the shrimp.** During the evening, be sure to discuss Saturday morning field trips with David Lewis, Jay Justice, and/or David Fuller.

After breakfast in the large dining room on Saturday (7:00 - 8:00AM), we will assemble for field trips at 8:30 in front of the Inn. Lunch supplies (on your own) will be available from a convenience store near the Inn, or we will dine at local restaurants near the foray sites. Upon returning from the forays, please bring your collections to Suite 139, or to presort in Room 138 in back.

We will hold a GSMS business meeting at 4:30PM. We must elect officers for the next year, and we will discuss plans for our winter foray, to be held December 2 - 4.

Our dinner in the large dining room (6:30 - 7:30PM) will be a menu selected by the Inn. After dinner, we will have our evening program (8:00PM) in the same dining room, where our hosted graduate student, Gerry Presley, will give a brief talk, followed by our primary speaker, Dr. Andrew Methven. A social will follow in Suite 139.

Sunday morning, after breakfast (7:30 - 8:30AM), the mycologists will discuss the fungi during the walk-around-the tables (9:00 AM). Checkout time is 11AM.

A registration form is attached, and the deadline is Friday, July 1. Your registration must be received by that date. Please register as soon as possible. If you would like a roommate, send a note with your form. For questions or more information, contact Patricia Lewis 409-423-3776 email : dandplewis (at) gmail.com

On the registration form is a survey regarding continuing to use the King's

Arrow Ranch Inn for our summer forays. We continue to use the Inn because of our long record of fungal species from the area, the ease in logistics of having a foray there (it is virtually impossible to get into a Park in July), and the willingness of the Inn personnel to work with us. We received a complaint that the Inn is unsafe and shabby after damage from two hurricanes. We need to know the opinions of our members. Even if you do not register for the foray, please respond to the survey and drop it in the mail to us or send an email with your response to dandplewis (at) gmail.com

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GSMS Winter Foray, Dec 2 – 4th, 2011
Percy Quinn State Park, McComb MS

Details to follow later

GSMS SUMMER FORAY JULY 6 – 8, 2012

**The Inn at Wildwood
Crawfordville, Florida**

Details to follow later

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NAMA 2011 Foray - Clarion PA
Dr. Richard Homola Memorial Foray
Thursday, August 4 – Sunday, August 7
Hosted by The Western PA Mushroom Club

the NAMA 2011 Annual Foray will be held at Clarion University. Clarion is one mile off Interstate 80 in northwestern Pennsylvania, near the Alleghany National Forest. The college sits just one block from Main Street. Clarion is a nice, clean, small college town of about 5,200 people. Registration is open. Alan and Arlene Bessette are special guest mycologists and Gary Lincoff will serve as chief mycologist. To learn more about the foray, go to the NAMA website <http://namyco.org>
Questions? Call or email Becky Plischke
724.834.2358 morelbp@aol.com

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THE NAMA ENDOWMENT FUND

The NAMA Endowment fund was began to generate scholarship support for deserving mycology students, and the goal is to be able to provide \$2,000 yearly. NAMA is accepting pledges and checks payable to NAMA with "Endowment Fund" noted at the bottom. Mail any contributions to Judith McCandless, NAMA Treasurer, 330 Wildwood Place, Louisville, KY 40205-2523. Donations are fully tax-deductible.