

Dear NAMA member,

Registration for our annual foray is now open! Please join us for a celebration of Oregon mycologists, Oregon mushrooms and Oregon hospitality, from October 11–14, 2018, at the Macleay Conference Center in Salem, Oregon.

Enjoy the outdoors and connecting with new and old friends from all over North America and beyond. Just a little over an hour drive from the Portland International Airport (PDX), Salem is also easily accessible from Eugene and Corvallis. Convenient to the Pacific Coast and the Cascade Mountain Range, there are lots of activities before or after the foray: touring some of the many local wineries, sampling local restaurants and brewpubs and visiting Silver Falls State Park. (We will be doing some half-day forays within the park property, but not near the actual spectacular falls.)

Our foray mycologist will be Dr. Joseph Spatafora, former president of the Mycological Society of America, and recently appointed to Department Head for Botany and Plant Pathology at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. During his 23 years at Oregon State University, he has maintained an active and successful record of teaching, research and service, which was recognized by his selection as one of OSU's Distinguished Professors in 2018. His research, focused on the evolutionary biology of fungi, is recognized internationally.

We will be lodging at the Macleay Conference Center just east of downtown Salem. The center has no hills, very few stairs, lots of parking, well-lit sidewalks, and air-conditioning. We will have access to a game room, his and her saunas and a pool for a quick, crisp dip. For those of you who may not wish to share a bathroom, there are many motels located within a 15 minute drive of the Conference Center.

To learn more and register, please go to https://www.namyco.org/nama\_2018\_salem\_oregon\_foray.php

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