



**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sub-alpine Mycology Workshop**  
**Programme and Registration Information**  
***September 21 and 22, 2024***

***Location: Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre***  
***(<http://strathconapark.org/>)***

Strathcona Wilderness Institute is hosting a one-day Mycology Workshop on Saturday, September 21, 9:00 am till 5:00 pm, in the Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre located at the Paradise Meadows trailhead in Strathcona Park. The SPWC is adjacent to the Raven Lodge on Mt. Washington, home of the largest Vancouver Island marmot population. For interested participants, the workshop is complemented with an **optional** one-day hike into the spectacular old-growth Divers Lake area on Sunday, September 22 (9 am to 4 pm).

The workshop consists of basic and advanced presentations on mushroom ecology, morphology and identification by some of Vancouver Island's best-known mycologists, followed by two hands-on short field trips into Paradise Meadows (and towards Battleship and Helen MacKenzie Lakes.)

**Limit: 15 Registrants. Fee: (Adults) \$70, (Students) \$25.**

**Registrants are responsible for their own transportation and accommodation.**

***ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION by EMAIL : [strathconawilderness@gmail.com](mailto:strathconawilderness@gmail.com)***

***Please EMAIL us with subject line **SWI MYCOLOGY WORKSHOP 2024*****

***Include : First Name, Last Name, Mailing Address & Number of Participants.***

***We will email you instructions for making an Etransfer of your Registration Fee.***

***Registration is limited to 15, on a first-come basis.***

***Registration will only be confirmed as valid on receipt of payment.***

***Further inquiries at: [strathconawilderness@gmail.com](mailto:strathconawilderness@gmail.com) or [tsolumresearch@gmail.com](mailto:tsolumresearch@gmail.com)***

***If you have potentially been exposed to somebody with COVID-19 or are feeling sick yourself,  
please do not join our workshop on the 21st***

## SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup>

**Registration 8:15-9:00 AM (Coffee, Tea and UBC Cinnamon Bun Breakfast)**

### **Session 1 9:00-10:00**

Topic: Introduction to the mysterious world of mushrooms I. Mushrooms and Fungi.

Speaker: Andy MacKinnon

Topic: Major Morphological Groups of Mushrooms.

Speaker: Erin Feldman

Location: Lower floor, SPWC

### **Break 10:00 -10:15**

### **Session 2 10:15 -12:15**

Outing 1: Mushroom appreciation in the field

Leaders: Thom O'Dell, Andy MacKinnon

Location: Paradise Meadows /Battleship Lake trail

or

In-Class 1: Mushroom identification; some tools and the many challenges incl. microscopy

Mentors: Bryce Kendrick, Erin Feldman

Location: Lower floor, SPWC

### **Lunch 12:15- 1:00 (Wild Mushroom Soup; Crackers & Cheese; Veggies & Fruit)**

### **Session 3 1:00-2:15**

Topic: Introduction to the mysterious world of mushrooms II. What's So Great About Mushrooms?

Speaker: Thom O'Dell

Location: Lower floor, SPWC

Topic: A few fungi found in SPP

Speaker: Loys Maingon

Location: Lower floor SPWC

### **Break 2:15--2:30**

### **Session 4 2:30-5:00**

Outing 2: Mushroom appreciation in the field

Leaders: Bryce Kendrick, Erin Feldman

Location: trail to Helen MacKenzie Lake

or

In-Class 2: Mushroom identification; some tools and the many challenges

Mentors: Thom O'Dell, Andy MacKinnon

Location: Lower floor, SPWC

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### **Guest Presenters:**

**Erin Feldman, MSc.** Research scientist turned mushroom cultivator and educator, with more than 10 years sharing fungal facts through classes, forest walks and biodiversity surveys.

**Bryce Kendrick, Ph.D, D.Sc. F.R.S.C.** has been working with fungi for more than 70 year and has published more than 300 papers and books covering most aspects of Mycology.

**Andy MacKinnon** - Forest ecologist, with research interests in plant-fungal partnerships, past President of South Vancouver Island Mycological Society, joint author with Kem Luther of *Mushrooms of British Columbia* (RBCM handbook, 2021).

**Thom O'Dell, Ph.D.** has over thirty five years experience collecting, studying, growing and eating mushrooms. He loves teaching people about mushrooms and fungi!