

## COMA Programs – Spring 2009

**Tuesday, April 28; 7:30 pm**

**The Good, the Bad, and the Tasty** – Britt Bunyard, Editor-in-Chief of *Fungi Magazine*, will present a stunning array of mushroom photographs, from familiar favorites to some less familiar, all by way of discussing mycoparasites. Britt's talk will survey the Kingdom Fungi to provide examples of how evolution continues to operate in Nature, producing forms bizarre, forms amazing, and, at times, forms deadly, but always, as Charles Darwin said, "infinite forms most beautiful and most wonderful."

**Tuesday, May 19; 7:30 pm**

**Charles Darwin's Mushrooms** – Gary Lincoff, author of the popular Audubon guide to mushrooms, will discuss the role of mushrooms in Charles Darwin's journey around the world aboard the H.M.S. Beagle. Though Darwin mentioned only two mushrooms in his *Voyage of the Beagle*, he collected and preserved mushrooms in many places. Where he found them, what he thought about them, and how they helped form his understanding of evolution is the subject of this talk to commemorate the Darwin bicentennial in 2009.

**Tuesday, June 9; 7:30 pm**

**Invasive Plants** – COMA's Carol Levine will present on the identification and control of invasive plants, many of which we witness overtaking natural areas at our mushroom walk sites. Invasive plants produce rapidly and can form stands that exclude all other plant species. In doing this, they damage natural areas and alter ecosystem processes. Carol will describe how to identify invasive plants and discuss methods of control and what alternative plant species are used to replace invasives.

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