



Fungi Workshops

Autumn 2013

The Victorian Fungi Workshops are running again this autumn with a variety of seminars, workshops, forays and feasts on offer. All bookings are managed by the venues so please contact them directly at the numbers below to reserve your place. Further information can be found at www.alisonpouliot.com or contact Alison directly at alison@alisonpouliot.com.

We hope you'll join us to share in the wonder and discovery of this amazing kingdom of organisms!

SATURDAY 06 APRIL – WOODEND

Fungi – An Introduction to a Curious Kingdom

This workshop will introduce participants to the diversity and curiosities of the fungi kingdom. It includes an interactive and illustrated seminar exploring the major fungal groups, tips for fungus identification and a discussion of the natural and cultural history of fungi. After lunch we will make an exciting foray into local forests to search for species of interest. Many fungal specimens will be displayed, discussed and examined during the workshop. Time: 10:30 – 16:30 Cost: 75- Bookings: 5427 1845 or reception@woodendnh.org.au

SUNDAY 07 APRIL – WOODEND

The Bizarre & the Beautiful - A Deeper Exploration of a Curious Kingdom

This workshop will take participants deep into the fungi kingdom with a close look at the major characteristics used to identify fungi in the field. The workshop includes an illustrated seminar, a display of local specimens, an interactive specimen identification session and a foray into local forests. Participants are encouraged to bring along specimens for the identification session. Time: 10:30 – 16:30 Cost: 75- Bookings: 5427 1845 or reception@woodendnh.org.au

TUESDAY 16 APRIL – LOCKWOOD – Details coming soon at www.alisonpouliot.com

THURSDAY 18 APRIL – TRENTHAM

Fungi of the Wombat Forest

This seminar introduces participants to the amazing diversity of the Wombat Forest's fungi. The region is recognised as a fungal hotspot and hundreds of species ranging from the familiar mushroom to the more bizarre forms of those shaped like corals, cups, clubs, jellies, lattice balls and even starfish have been documented. The importance of fungal conservation will also be covered. Wombat Forestcare is promoting the importance of this group of organisms through a new guide – 'Fungi of the Wombat Forest and Macedon Ranges'. The guide includes photographs of 108 of the more familiar local species as well as information about identification. It will be available for sale on the night. This seminar is open to all WFC members and supporters. Time: 7pm Cost: Gold Coin Donation. Further information info@wombatforestcare.org.au

SATURDAY 20 APRIL – TRENTHAM

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SUNDAY 21 APRIL - TRENTHAM

The Bizarre & the Beautiful - A Deeper Exploration of a Curious Kingdom

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SATURDAY 27 APRIL – CRESWICK

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SUNDAY 28 APRIL – CRESWICK

The Bizarre & the Beautiful - A Deeper Exploration of a Curious Kingdom

This workshop will take participants deep into the fungi kingdom with a close look at the major characteristics used to identify fungi in the field. The workshop includes an illustrated seminar, a display of local specimens, an interactive specimen identification session and a foray into local forests. Participants are encouraged to bring along specimens for the identification session. Time: 10:30 – 16:30 Cost: 75- Bookings: 5345 2356 or creswick@ourneighbourhood.org.au

THURSDAY 02 MAY – GLENLYON

A Mushroom Encounter - Fungi Workshop and Feast

This workshop introduces participants to the diversity and curiosities of the fungi kingdom with a focus on edible species. It includes an interactive and illustrated seminar exploring the natural and cultural history of the major fungal groups, presenting both Australian and European perspectives on fungi as food; a hands-on identification session where participants will learn how to identify fungi (participants are encouraged to bring along fungal specimens for this session) and a foray to search for fungi of interest. A sumptuous three-course mushroom-inspired lunch will be prepared and presented by chef, Michael de Jong, accompanied by a glass of Ellender Estate wine. Time: 10:30 – 16:00 Cost: 155- Bookings: 5348 7785 or jenny@ellenderwines.com.au

FRIDAY 03 MAY – GLENLYON

Mastering Mushrooms - Fungi Identification Workshop and Cooking Demonstration

This workshop introduces participants to the diversity and curiosities of the fungi kingdom with a focus on edible species. It includes an interactive and illustrated seminar exploring the natural and cultural history of the major fungal groups, presenting both Australian and European perspectives on fungi as food. The workshop includes a hands-on identification session where participants will learn how to identify fungi (participants are encouraged to bring along fungal specimens). Chef, Michael de Jong will conduct an interactive cooking demonstration and participants will then enjoy a sumptuous three-course lunch accompanied by a glass of Ellender Estate wine. Participants will receive notes and recipes. Time: 10:30 – 16:00 Cost: 195- Bookings: 5348 7785 or jenny@ellenderwines.com.au

SATURDAY 04 MAY – GLENLYON

A Sense for Mushrooms - Fungi Identification Workshop

This workshop encourages participants to take a sensory approach to exploring and identifying fungi. How do we describe the myriad scents of fungi and how can their various textures help us to identify different species? Participants will become familiar with the major characteristics used to identify fungi with a focus on some of the more easily identifiable edible species. The workshop includes an illustrated and interactive seminar introducing participants to the diversity of the fungal kingdom. This will be followed by a hands-on identification session where participants will handle and identify fungi. Participants are encouraged to bring along fungal specimens for this session. Following a pizza lunch provided by Ellender Estate, we will head out to various habitat types to search for fungi of interest in their natural environments. Time: 10:30 – 16:00 Cost: 120- Bookings: 5348 7785 or jenny@ellenderwines.com.au

SUNDAY 05 MAY - TRENTHAM

Foray among the Funguses – An Autumn Wander in the Wombat Forest

Join us for a three hour forest wander through several different habitat types to explore the amazing diversity of fungi in the Wombat Forest. The region is recognised as a fungal hotspot and hundreds of species have been documented, with many more waiting to be discovered or named. Fungi play a vital role in maintaining the health of the forests and as we wander, the importance of fungi and the characteristics used to identify them will be discussed. This foray will go ahead regardless of weather so be sure to bring a warm coat, sturdy shoes and perhaps a flask of warm tea! Time: 1-4pm Cost: 25- Bookings: alison@alisonpouliot.com

SATURDAY 11 MAY – WARRANDYTE - Details coming soon at www.alisonpouliot.com

SUNDAY 18 MAY 2013 - APOLLO BAY

A Sense for Mushrooms - Fungi Ecology and Identification Workshop

This workshop encourages participants to take a sensory approach to exploring and identifying fungi. How do we describe the myriad scents of fungi? How do their various textures help us to identify different species? What are the most important diagnostic features used to identify fungi in the field? The workshop will begin with an illustrated and interactive seminar introducing participants to the diversity of the fungal kingdom. This will be followed by a hands-on identification session where participants will handle and identify fungi. Participants are encouraged to bring along fungal specimens for this session. After lunch we will head out for an exciting foray into local forests. Time: 10:30 - 16:30. Further details and bookings libby.landcare@soln.org or 5237 6904

SATURDAY 25 MAY – RAWSON

A sense for fungi - Introduction to the Fungi Kingdom

This workshop introduces participants to the diversity and curiosities of the fungi kingdom with a focus on ecology and identification of macrofungi. It includes a hands-on interactive session where participants will be introduced to the major groups of fungi. This will include close examination of specimens and engaging the senses to describe the forms, smells, textures and other macro characteristics used to identify fungi in the field. We will then head out in the field to search for fungi of interest. This workshop is aimed at newcomers to the fungi kingdom and is being held as part of the Fungimap VII conference. Bookings: <http://fungimap.org.au/index.php/book-conference>