

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA**  
**GULF SOUTH MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY 2022 WINTER FORAY**  
**BEST WESTERN INN & SUITES**  
**2720 North MacArthur Drive**  
**Alexandria, Louisiana**  
**DECEMBER 2-4, 2022**

Note 1: All participants should be prepared for wet weather and should, whenever possible, bring their own collecting and foraging equipment (e.g., a compass and/or GPS software on your fully charged phones, knives/spades, hand lenses, wax paper, baskets, writing implements, and index cards or post-it notes for field data). Boots are recommended. It is winter, clearly, so encounters with venomous snakes are unlikely. That said, we did run into one cottonmouth last winter (almost immediately after I told Gary Gilbert that we'd not see any, given the weather). Dress accordingly.

Note 2: We encourage any enterprising myco-cooks to bring their favorite hors d'oeuvre or small plate to share with members. No one should expect to get a full meal worth of these special culinary gifts, but ideally, all who want a taste can get one. Bonus points for bringing or emailing a printout of the recipe. Last year we had chanterelle pate (c/o Daniela Suskin and Lauren Golden) and milk cap potstickers (c/o Brian Williams and Carol Siniscalchi). I plan to bring some mushroom pickles of some kind – with some luck I can find a decent hen of the woods. Redundancies are encouraged, and you can get as creative or as traditional as you like. This is a new practice that we hope better integrates mycophagy into the life and culture of our club. Phillip and Alexandra Tussing have for a long time been central to our culinary engagements, and we have no intentions of changing that. However, given the diversity of food that we are each of us in the habit of cooking and enjoying, we believe that this invitation to bring your favorite fungal hors d'oeuvres can enrich and diversify our culinary culture as a club. I think ultimately we could put together a GSMS cookbook – perhaps by way of Google Docs, so that it can continue to grow.

**DEC 3 (FRIDAY)**

3 – 5 pm: Registration starts at 3 PM, guests check in to hotel and get name tags in conference room.

6-7:15 pm: Dinner and Snacks in the hospitality room

7:30 pm: Django Grootmyer's talk

~8:45 pm: Social in hospitality room and tours of the display tables

**DEC 3 (SATURDAY)**

7 – 9:15 am: Breakfast provided by hotel

8 – 8:45 am: Logan Wiedenfeld's Introduction to Mycology and the Mushrooms of the Gulf South

8 -8:45 am: Danny Newman et al. and a small, first-come first-serve microscopy tutorial in the Hospitality Room.

### **DEC 3 (SATURDAY) CONT.**

9:30 am: Field trip departs for Kisatchie National Forest, Alexander State Forest, and/or nearby private property. Participants should be in the lobby by 9am to coordinate group carpooling and group assignments.

1 pm – 2 pm: Lunch on your own in either Alexandria or Pineville.

Return to hotel after lunch and deposit specimens collected in the Conference room.

Mycologists will sort and identify specimens

1:30 pm – 4 pm: Freelance Collecting in self-determined groups. Be careful!

4:00 pm: GSMS business meeting

5:30 pm: Alan Rockefeller's talk on *Psilocybe*  
and related genera

7:00 pm: Catered Dinner in Hotel Lobby Area

8:00 pm: Dr. Bart Buyck's talk on the Russulas of North America

~9:15 pm: Social follows speaker in hospitality room

### **DEC 4 (SUNDAY)**

9:30 am: Walk around the tables where mycologist discuss the mushrooms found.

Mycologists will discuss notable finds and give a broad overview of the diversity of collections

9:30 am – 11 am: Clean up

11:00 AM: Check out of hotel