

# Mushroom Foray



**When:** Oct. 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM

**Where:** Trout Lake Nature Center, 520 East CR 44, Eustis

**Cost:** Free but \$5 donation is suggested.

**For more information:** Call 352-357-7536 or email [tlnc.director@gmail.com](mailto:tlnc.director@gmail.com).

Arleen and Alan Bessette are coming to Trout Lake Nature Center to share their mushroom expertise. They will give an introductory mushroom program followed by what is known as a mushroom foray into the woods surrounding the nature center. Come to learn about both common and uncommon mushrooms of Florida or just begin to understand the magic of a fairy ring or mushroom circle.

Mycology is the branch of biology dealing with fungi and a mycologist is one who studies fungi or mushrooms. Our typical images of mushrooms range from the cultivated white button mushroom to the bracket fungi or shelf mushroom to the tasty chanterelles or portobellos. They come in all shapes and sizes. Mushrooms and fungi are used for traditional medicine and recipes, and even to break down disposable diapers and have been considered as a substitute for packing or insulating materials.

The Bessettes are renowned in the mushroom world and have written many of the field guides used throughout the United States to identify mushrooms including the *Mushrooms of the Southeastern United States* and *Mushrooms of Northeastern North America*. They have traveled throughout the US studying and teaching about mushrooms. This is your opportunity to learn from these expert mycologists who actually wrote the books. Join us for this fun and insightful program about mushrooms of Florida.



Arleen Bessette

Alan Bessette



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