

# MushRumors

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## The Season after the Season by Jack Waytz

In the aftermath of 2017 and one of the sparsest fall mushroom seasons in the Pacific Northwest in decades, some rather interesting mushroom bleed-over has occurred between periods of freezing temperatures.

Several days of sub-freezing temperatures were followed by periods of very rainy, temperate weather. This pattern repeated several times in December and January; and each time that the rains and warmth has come, there have been localized fruitings of mushrooms normally seen at the beginning of the fall season, including *Tubaria*, *Galerina*, and *Leratiomyces* species on wood chips, and a robust fruiting of *Panellus serotinus*, the late oyster mushroom. Along forest edges we saw unusually large fruiting bodies of *Stropharia ambigua*, as well as handfuls of *Mycenas* and *Russulas*: this, on the heels of a season when *Russulas* were uncharacteristically scarce even at autumn's zenith.

With temperature fluctuating daily on either side of the freezing point, the conditions proved to be ideal for



Hair ice by Jack Waytz

the formation of hair ice. Hair ice is mediated, we now know, by a wood-inhabiting fungus called *Exidiopsis effusa*. There are some very specific conditions which must be met, in order to be able to observe this fascinating fungus at work. First, hair ice needs a period of rainy weather, with temperatures generally no warmer than 40 degrees F. The temperature must then dip to between 28 and 32 degrees under windless conditions, with the air at a relative humidity of nearly 100%.

If all of these elements are met, check for these beautiful formations on alder snags that have decayed to a point that they have lost their bark. Hair ice formations are one of the delightful surprises of winter in the Northwest.



Late oysters by Jack Waytz

### Next event! You're invited

Survivors Banquet, March 24, at the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship on 1207 Ellsworth Street

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The Northwest Mushroomers Association meets 7–9 p.m. on the second Thursdays of Apr, May, June and Sept, Oct, and Nov. Important change! Our meetings have moved from the downtown library to the Garden Street Methodist Church. Please see website for more.

Fungal forays and field trips are scheduled for the Saturday after each meeting. To stay apprised of forays, events and more, please join our googlegroups email list by signing up as a member.

Membership dues are \$25 for families and individuals and \$15 for students. Please make checks payable to NMA and mail "Attn: Membership" to the address above, or use Paypal online at [northwestmushroomers.org/join-or-renew-membership/](http://northwestmushroomers.org/join-or-renew-membership/)

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# Survivors Banquet needs leadership

by Martha Dyck



At last year's NMA Survivors Banquet. Photo by Vince Biciunas

Ever wanted to be the Boss? You can do it at this year's spring potluck and Survivors Banquet.

Members of the NW Mushroomers Association gather yearly for a membership meeting called the Survivors Banquet, to regroup and reconnect for the new year. The evening is filled with fun, companionship, a raffle of intriguing (and often mysterious) mushroom items, and of course, delicious mushroom potluck dishes from our creative members.

## **All we need is you**

This year, our gala still needs a co-leader. I have volunteered to be a "deputy organizer," as I've never managed an event like this. That's where you come in! I'd like a guiding hand to help me delegate, and to make the Survivors Banquet a great night. Please consider stepping up to volunteer to co-manage this happening with me. You won't be in it alone! There are a lot of other volunteers already signed up.

We have the place and time: Saturday, March 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, 1207 Ellsworth Street. But we need to make sure all the details come together smoothly for a fun and celebratory mushroom evening.

I'm eager to work with you and look forward to hearing from you. Please send me a message: [dyckmartha@gmail.com](mailto:dyckmartha@gmail.com).

# Mushroom Mayhem needs leadership too!

by Vince Biciunas

Mid-May is a lovely time to take a road trip to the east side of Washington, and NW Mushroomers takes the opportunity every year to check out the mushroom fruitings in the forests there, especially morels and the spring bolete!

The weekend dates are May 11, 12, and 13. This year we have reserved the Wooded Group Camp site at Alta Lake State Park in Pateros, WA. It's near many of the fire districts in the area that are open for mushroom harvest. There is a covered shelter, barbeque grills, showers and toilets—plus a lake you can swim in!

## Co-manage the mayhem with me

I plan to be there, but would like to ask for a volunteer to co-manage with me.

The site is already paid for by the club, and all you'd have to do is collect registrations from club members to reimburse the treasury for the advance payment. If we have ten couples or registrants, that would come to about \$25 for each campsite for the two nights. (We paid \$240 for the weekend.) The more the merrier, and less expensive for each!

Let me know if you are planning to attend and if you'd like to help facilitate. We could plan a Saturday evening camp potluck, designate an identifier, prepare some maps of likely trails to start off from, and then



Mushroomers relax around the ID tables, waiting for other returning forayers at last year's Mushroom Mayhem. Photo by Vince Biciunas

make sure everyone heads out, a job well done, by noon on Sunday, leaving the campsite as we found it. I will have registration forms at the Survivors Banquet with all the details. Interested? Send me a message: [vince.biciunas@gmail.com](mailto:vince.biciunas@gmail.com).



## In memory: Bob Trotta

Quiet, with a ready smile and deep good humor, Bob Trotta was always there for Christine Roberts and the Northwest Mushroomers Association.

Bob was a physicist, a lifelong folkdancer, and all-round-have-a-go-at-anything type of guy. He is very much missed by us all.

Rest in peace, Bob.

# Happy New Year, fellow NMA'ers!

by Linda Magee

We've passed the winter solstice and the sunlight is returning. Soon, nature permitting, we'll be out foraging again and enjoying other outside fun. Here's what's new with our club.

## Planning events for 2018

To make the NMA events we know and love a success, we all need to step up to be hosts, coordinators, and volunteers. Calls are sent for volunteers via the NMA Google Groups email and our website, [northwestmushroomers.org](http://northwestmushroomers.org), along with the name of an officer to contact about volunteering. Please take a look at the emails you receive from NMA and volunteer in any way you can. The emails will be fast and furious this spring as we move from the Survivors Banquet on March 24, into meetings, forays, and Mushroom Mayhem on May 11–13. Consider a leadership position. It's fun!

## Running to catch up to the 21st century

Since NMA's formation, our by-laws have stated that voting for officers and voting on by-law changes shall occur at the Survivors Banquet held in March. We passed a quick fix to the by-laws at the 2017 Survivors Banquet to allow voting for officers online via a Survey Monkey poll. This one-time, online voting worked very well.

At this year's Survivors Banquet, we will present a by-laws change to make online voting for officers permanent. The Board believes online voting allows more members to vote than does voting in person at the Banquet. We think online voting is the most democratic, easiest, and least expensive method available to us.

Also, we will be presenting other by-law changes that will move us from pen and paper to electronic communications and into the 21st century.

Please be on the lookout for an email in which we will list the proposed changes so you can be informed before the meeting. We hope you can attend the Survivors Banquet on March 24, 2018, to vote on this change. And while voting is very important, we hope you attend to enjoy friends, food, fun, and fungi, too!



(above) Fred Rhoades, NMA's science advisor, at work documenting a bountiful fruiting of *Mycena laevigata* in mid-January on a Douglas fir log in the Stimpson Reserve.

(below) *Mycena laevigata*, one of likely over 100 mycenans (in the broad sense, including segregate genera) in the Northwest.

Photos by Richard Morrison





Morels, *Morchella snyderi*.  
Photo by Richard Morrison

### **Our meeting venue is changing!**

Beginning in April 2018, the Bellingham Public Library may no longer rent space to us and other clubs for evening meetings. This is a big change because NMA has been meeting at the central library for a long time. The Board is actively looking for a venue that can accommodate our group meetings, and at least for the next meeting has settled on space in the Garden Street Methodist Church, 1326 North Garden Street in Bellingham. Please watch your NMA emails and NMA website for more about our April 12 meeting.

### **Support NMA, get a t-shirt**

Remember you don't have to wait for the fall show to procure a NMA t-shirt. Contact me via email, [lsmagee@gmail.com](mailto:lsmagee@gmail.com), if you want a t-shirt now.

### **Help us develop a book list**

Your skills are needed to help develop a book list for the Fall Wild Mushroom Show. We get many requests at the book sales table for books on fungi. Our budget won't allow us to carry a large book inventory, but we would like to respond to our show attendees. We want to create a list of books recommended by NMA members to display or distribute at the October show.

There are so many areas of interest in fungi—culinary, medicinal, artistic, scientific. Please let us know some of your favorite books on fungi (slime molds and lichens, also), along with a brief note on

why you recommend the book. Please send your recommendations to me at [360nmatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:360nmatreasurer@gmail.com). Thank you!

## **Dues are going up**

Dear Fellow Mushroomers,

Once in awhile, we look up from our foraging and realize we need to change with the times.

The Board strives for frugality with group expenditures, but we now have to rent park shelters for our forays, and the costs of renting meeting venues, classroom venues and speakers have all risen. An increasing number of venues are even requiring clubs like ours to carry general liability insurance to rent a space.

So, after decades of maintaining annual membership fees of \$15 per individual or family, and \$10 per student, effective March 25, 2018, annual membership fees will increase to \$25 for individual and family memberships and \$15 for student memberships. This is the first increase ever since the club's founding in 1989.

It is our sincere hope that you understand this decision by the Board was made to allow us to continue to provide and to improve the services that we all know and love.

# 29 Years of the Northwest Mushroomers Association: A Brief History by Vince Biciunas

Take yourself back to the years of 1988 and 1989 in Bellingham. We seniors were younger, went on more hikes, and started studying the mushrooms that we found both in the woods and around town.

This author had taken mushroom identification classes with teacher Dave Jansen in the evenings at Northwest Freedom University at Western Washington University. It was an informal class structure at the time, where Dave brought in a camp stove, cast iron pan, and some butter for cooking, and encouraged students to taste the wide variety of edibles he'd collected earlier that day. Dave encouraged his students to join Puget Sound Mycological Society (PSMS) and visit their fall wild mushroom show in Seattle, which this author did, and then joined their club. I've been a member ever since.

Meanwhile, Professor Fred Rhoades was teaching mycology as a for-credit class at Western Washington University, where Kathi Marlowe and Lee Whitford were students. Buck McAdoo remembers that fast friends Kathi and Lee met him on the sidewalk downtown one day and suggested starting a mushroom club, inviting the students of both Fred's and Dave's classes to join. Lee says she found Vince's address and phone number in the PSMS membership list, and sent an invitation. The rest is history!

Northwest Mushroomers Association (NMA) was incorporated in the State of Washington on August 21, 1989.

The purpose of the association, per the By-Laws was: to encourage and develop the understanding

of mycology. In furtherance of this goal, the Association shall provide for the collection of data and the dissemination of information to the scientific community and the general public. The Association shall also promote an educated approach towards the collection and consumption of edible mushrooms.

The first meeting was held in June, 1989, at Bob and June Mooers' home, with eleven attending. The name of the organization was voted on at that meeting:



Meeting of the newly formed Northwest Mushroomers Association at Sam and Ada Leathers' home. Photo by Bob Mooers. Lee Whitford, first president, is at center. Buck McAdoo is kneeling, far right.

Northwest Mushroomers Association—7 votes, Fourth Corner Mushroomers—3 votes, and Whatcom County Mycological Society—1 vote. NMA it is.

The second meeting was held July 11, 1989, at Sam and Ada Leathers' home, where officers were first elected: Lee Whitford, President, Buck McAdoo, Vice President, Kathi Marlowe as Treasurer, and Cheryl Roberts as Secretary, Bob Mooers for Trustee/At-Large. The decision was made at that meeting to plan for and hold a Wild Mushroom Show in October, loosely based on the style of Seattle's PSMS show. Their bylaws were also the basis for the NMA bylaws

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Besides meetings, forays, and the fall Wild Mushroom Show, we've added Mushroom ID classes in recent years, with great success.

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adopted that summer. The membership list numbered 16 households by September. See the photograph from that afternoon meeting, taken on the patio of Sam and Ada's home.

Regular meetings and forays were scheduled starting in September, for the second Thursday of the months of September, October, November, and December, taking up again in March, April, May, and June. Forays were scheduled for the Saturday following each month's meeting. In later years, the December meetings and forays were cancelled.

A club-members-only potluck supper named Survivors Banquet was scheduled for February or early March, which served as the General Meeting of each year, featuring election of Officers and planning for the coming season.

Another regular club event was Morel Madness, a weekend getaway to eastern Washington for morel hunting. This was always a popular event, whether it involved camping or not. A Saturday night potluck supper, followed by a Sunday breakfast featuring morels, was always memorable. As of last year, we've renamed this event Mushroom Mayhem, since the morels are sometimes elusive.

Of the 'founding members' Fred Rhoades, Buck McAdoo and Vince Biciunas are still active members in the club. Fred has been our official Scientific Advisor since the very beginning. Buck has been an avid foray identifier, editor, board member, and author. Vince has held every elected office, except Treasurer, over the years.

Others who are still active members since the early years include Margaret and Claude Dilly, Fien Hulscher, Sue Blethen, Stas and Carol Bronisz, Evan Sanford, Pam Anderson, Erin Moore, Harry Ota, Tim Johnson, Maggie Sullivan, and Harold Mead.

The newsletter, "MushRumors" was an early means of communicating with club members, sent by US mail, in paper form. This was years before we had

the internet! Buck McAdoo has written for almost every issue, with a Mushroom of the Month feature article, adding his own wry wit to serious and exacting mushroom identification and study. Newsletter editors over the years, besides Buck, have been Bob Mooers, Ken Davies, Dan Crape, Lee Whitford, Eric Swisher, and Jack Waytz.

Besides meetings and forays, we've added Mushroom ID classes in recent years, with great success. The highlight of every autumn has been the Wild Mushroom Show, an all-volunteer staged exhibit of fresh, wild mushrooms, displayed and identified by scientific and common names, and open to the public for a small entry fee. This event is the club's main income source, besides the nominal yearly dues. When Margaret Dilly (a past president of PSMS) joined the club in the early 1990s, her expertise in organizing the mushrooms for the show took us to a higher level. The Show is still incredibly popular and well attended.

In 2009, to celebrate NMA's 20th Anniversary, we held a special November foray at Cama Beach State Park on Camano Island. We rented one of the larger cabins for our Saturday evening potluck, and many members rented small cabins on the beach. We forayed the many trails in the park. One of the family members who owned and then donated the land and cabins to the State of Washington was a club member at the time, making it all the more memorable.

Today, we can be proud of the educational benefit we have provided to our community, for 29 years, in the study of fungi. We are still fulfilling our Mission. More than that, I am personally grateful for the years of friendships made and kept.



Original NMA logo art by Sue Blethen

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## Mushroom of the Month

# Hohenbuehelia valesiaca (Cesati ex Saccardo) Singer

by Buck McAdoo

What is it about Edward Jones that keeps bringing forth the oddest of fungi? At first it was *Leucocoprinus straminellus* in their Bellingham office under a potted palm. And now *Hohenbuehelia valesiaca* under a Pothos plant. It was found by Niobe Weaver, who works with club member Jeremy Ferrara.

I drove down there close to the waterfront to observe this solitary specimen fruiting on a wood chip. Further back beneath the plant you could see an entire family emerging. The mature specimens of this group are depicted in the photo here.

It looked like a mushroom trying to morph into a hedgehog. The cap was covered with whitish tomentose 'dots' on a gray-brown cuticle. It was shoe horn shaped with a deeply inrolled margin. There was a slit on one side running from apex to base. This general shape indicated the genus *Hohenbuehelia*. I had no idea this genus could be found in a flower pot.

Fortunately I owned a copy of Susan Libonati-Barnes' "Systematics of Tectella, Panellus, Hohenbuehelia, and Resupinatus in the Pacific Northwest," her doctorate from 1981. Unfortunately I do not own a phase contrast lens and so therefore missed the infinitely tiny verrucose spore walls. This sent me careening off into the wrong part of her world key to *Hohenbuehelia*. Throwing in the sponge, I decided to call Ian Gibson of Matchmaker. He immediately suggested Dr. Greg Thorn, a North American expert on *Hohenbuehelia*. Dr. Thorn is out of London, Ontario. After viewing a scan he decided he needed to see the specimen.

"Niobe," I said, "If this turns out to be a new



*Hohenbuehelia valesiaca* by Richard Morrison

species, we can't use it as 'the mushroom of the month.'" Her facial expression became unreadable.

Meanwhile I had looked at it microscopically. The pileipellis was a trichoderm. The hyphae of the cap cuticle were vertically oriented. On their apices teetered fusiform and acuminate pileocystidia. This means tapered at both ends and sharply pointed at one end. They were also thick-walled and therefore metuloids. *Hohenbuehelia* are known for their metuloids, so this was a welcoming sight. Both the cheilocystidia and pleurocystidia were also metuloids, just considerably larger.

Greg Thorn emailed me that we had found *Hohenbuehelia valesiaca*, a rare species. In fact, barring a possible find from Quebec, perhaps a first for North America. A combined description from Libonati-Barnes (1981) and Steen Elborne (2012) follows here:

Caps—Up to 5 cm wide and 6 cm long. Spathulate to shoe horn shaped with margins strongly inrolled. Densely white tomentose over a gray-brown to red brown surface. Sometimes appressed-scaly at the margins.

Gills—Long decurrent, crowded to subdistant,

radiating from point of attachment. Ochre with a paler edge.

Stipe—Absent. The cap is orbicular, rising from the substrate in a column.

Odor & Taste—Mild.

Spores—White.

Habitat—Solitary or in small troops on decaying wood. Reported on a spruce log in a mire in Scandinavia. Also found on dead beech logs in Slovakia. There is also a report on line in French accompanied by some microscopic shots. Whether from France or Quebec is anyone's guess.

Microscopic characters: (Includes some observations by myself)

Spores—Ovoid to broadly ellipsoid with finely verrucose walls. 6.5–7.5 x 4.5–5 microns.

Basidia—4-spored, clavate.

Pleurocystidia—Fusiform metuloids 50–72 x 13–19 microns.

Cheilocystidia—Fusiform to lageniform to clavate-rostrate. 20–36 x 4.5–8.5 microns. Pileocystidia—

Narrowly fusoid metuloids with acuminate apices. 46–78 x 5–8 microns. Pileipellis—A trichoderm of thin-walled hyphae projecting 100–300 microns.

Gelatinous zone—Of hyaline hyphae in the cap context. Pileal tomentum—Of encrusted hyphae.

If you google *Hohenbuehelia valesiaca* online you will see several photos showing a more villous cap than what you see here.

On behalf of Northwest Mushroomers Association, I'd like to thank Dr. Greg Thorn for determining the species and Niobe Weaver for alerting Jeremy Ferrera of their presence under the Pothos plants. She also noted that they grew after waterings. A day later they would shrink back into their normal size.

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## **Important Dates 2018!**

Survivors Banquet—Mar 24, 5:30–8:30 p.m., Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

Meetings (Thursdays)—Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8

Forays (Saturdays)—Apr 14, May 12 (Mushroom Mahem), Jun 16, Sep 15, Oct 13, Nov 10

Mushroom Mayhem—May 11–13, eastern Washington, Alta Lake

Wild Mushroom Show (Sunday)—Oct 21, 12 noon–5 p.m.

*Learn more. Visit [northwestmushroomers.org/events](http://northwestmushroomers.org/events)*



### **Paul Stamets: The Mycology of Consciousness**

Paul Stamets—speaker, author, mycologist, medical researcher, and entrepreneur—gives a talk on “Mushrooms, Mycelium & The Mycology of Consciousness” in Vancouver, BC, on February 22 at 7 p.m.

Presented by Host Defense Organic Mushrooms, this “immersion lecture” was recently rescheduled to a bigger space at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Says Stamets, “Our biosphere is quickly changing.... What can we do? Fungi, particularly mushrooms, offer some powerful, practical solutions, which can be put into practice now.” For tickets, visit [picatic.com/PaulStametsVancouver](http://picatic.com/PaulStametsVancouver)

# Have You Seen Me? by Buck McAdoo

For some time now a couple of us have thought about starting a new column entitled “Have You Seen Me?” It won’t be on a regular basis. It will be reserved for those specimens we looked at but could not solve for a variety of reasons. The hope is that someone ‘out there’ might know what the mushroom is.

The launch starts here with this cunning member of the Coprinaceae.

It was on October 17, 2015, when Jack Waytz, Caleb Brown, and myself arrived at the entrance to the Marblemount campsite to collect for our fall show. The entrance being blocked by a gate, we proceeded downhill on foot. We had reached about the halfway point when Jack and Caleb found the rare *Gloiodon occidentale* on a downed yew log.

Moments later Jack spotted the clump of bear scat seen here in the photo above. I suggested wolverine, but Jack stuck with bear. Later, after viewing this photo, Dr. Gary Laursen, a near life-time resident of Alaska, verified the bear.

The mushroom fruiting on top of it was another story. I carefully removed it and placed it in a small green plastic planter. But I forgot to cover it to keep it moist. By the time we arrived back in Bellingham, all that could be seen of it was a tiny black smudge in a corner of the planter (photo below).

The cap had totally deliquesced, leaving only the



shrunken stem behind. I made a mental note not to throw out that planter. Now, two years later, I decided to follow up on this. Using the tip of a knife blade, I scraped some of the smudge onto a slide. As expected, it was entirely made up of spores.

I only measured six of them. They were dark brown in KOH, ellipsoid to almost almond shaped. The germ pores were centrally located and they measured 14–16 x 8–8.8 microns. This immediately eliminated *Coprinopsis patouillardii*, a known inhabitant of bear scat, whose spores were considerably smaller. There were many other members of the Coprinaceae fruiting on the dung of herbivores. Since the bear is an omnivore, we had this avenue open to us.

Only *Coprinopsis radicans* had this specific spore size. However, it had much longer stems up to 8 cm long and either a downy or floccose stipe surface. As you can see from our photo, our stem is so glabrous as to appear translucent. None of the other candidates were described with bald stems.

The bear dung was probably a few days old. It was unlikely that a heavy rain would have denuded the stem without crumpling the whole carpophore. It is a noteworthy find. Yet, with only the leftover smudge to go by in the bottom of the planter, and until we can find another, it is doubtful we can get any further.



# Mushroom recipe

submitted by Eva-Maria Gold

From: "Medicinal Mushrooms" by C. Hobbs, 1995, Botanica Press, Santa Cruz, CA. (Proving that many mushrooms that are good for you are also delicious!)

## Breakfast Tofu-Mushroom Scramble

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green or red pepper, iced
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- ¼ cup cabbage, chopped
- 1 cup shiitake or oyster mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cake tofu, diced (I sliced and pressed out excess water first, then diced)
- 2 tbsp tamari
- ½ cup cooked rice
- 2 handfuls chard or kale
- 2 tbsp nutritional yeast
- 1 tsp basil
- 1 tsp oregano
- Parsley, cilantro, or green onions

In 3 tbsp olive oil, sauté the chopped onion, diced green or red pepper, chopped celery, and cabbage. Lastly, add the cup of sliced shiitake or oyster mushrooms.

Cook until nearly tender, then add diced tofu and sprinkle with tamari.

When tofu begins to brown, add the cooked rice, two handfuls chopped greens, nutritional yeast, basil, and oregano.

When ready, top with chopped parsley, cilantro, or onion greens.



Addendum: This was tasty with sliced avocado on top. Or try as a hash with a sunny-side egg for a nutritious breakfast!



Oyster mushroom, *Pleurotus pulmonarius*. Photo by Richard Morrison

# Who Am I?

Identify this Mystery Mushroom to Vince (vince.biciunas@gmail.com), and be the first to get it right! Winner gets to choose and submit the next Mystery Mushroom.



## Hint:

The hungry critter is our Northwest native banana slug. And that's a hint in itself to this mushroom! Found in mixed conifer forest upslope from the Douglas Fir Campground. Submitted by Erin Moore.

### Demystified!

Last issue's mystery mushroom was a young, leggy *Fometopsis pinicola*, found on a Douglas Fir in Whatcom Falls Park at midday. The image was submitted by Holly Roger.

