

## From the Editor v. 27, 2018

The season here on the East Coast started as a time for goodbye and a time to reminisce. On March 16, 2018, our local chapter, the New York Mycological Society (NYMS), lost its shining light of 40 years, Gary Lincoff. One of Gary's innovations was the pop-up walk, the mushroomer's equivalent of a flash mob. These often took place in Central Park, which was essentially Gary's backyard, a place he scoured several times a week. Like mushrooms, Gary seemed ubiquitous once you knew what to look for. A mycologist may be identified by his cap. I remember biking across a Central Park transverse a few years back when I caught sight of him patrolling his turf, on the edge of the wild Ravine to the North, wearing his signature safari hat. I glanced his way in recognition, and he avoided eye contact, as if caught in some forbidden act, but I would not let him escape recognition so easily, so I yelled, "Hi, Gary!" as I breezed by. I doubt he recognized me. He made a quick retreat into the woods to commune with the mushrooms. It was their time together.

To honor Gary, NYMS has renamed its season-opening walk in Central Park, "A Walk in Gary's Backyard." The group is also petitioning local Community Board 7 to name the corner of Central Park West and West 95<sup>th</sup> St. "Gary Lincoff Way," where we can meet as we did in the past. This volume of *McIlvainea*, too, celebrates the life and work of Gary Lincoff. It will include submissions of those who knew Gary for far longer and better than I, and can speak eloquently of him and his life's work.

It is a time to remember, but we will not soon forget.

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