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PRESS RELEASE

LATE SUMMER WALKS AND PROGRAMS

WEED IDENTIFICATION

URI Agricultural Experiment Station, URI Kingston

Saturday, August 23, 2008 9:00 am -12:00 noon, rain or shine

Got weeds? Don't know what they are? The first step in weed management is proper identification. Come and join Carl Sawyer, Research Associate at the URI Agricultural Experiment Station, and learn how to key out weeds using *Weeds of the Northeast* by Uva, Neal, and DiTomaso. We will key out specimens brought in by participants, look at weed communities at the Station and talk about management strategies. A hand lens would be helpful. Limited to 15 participants.

Leader: Carl Sawyer M.S. in plant physiology and research associate at URI Agricultural Experiment Station.

NOW FREE. Register with Jackie at RIWPS office 401-789-7497

NORTH KINGSTOWN

Saturday, September 6, 2008 10:00 am

Easy paddle

Bring your canoe or kayak to venture a view of *Bidens laevis* (tickseed) in bloom. By paddling around Secret Lake we will get up close to this flower in the Asteraceae family. It will feel like being in a meadow of sunflowers except we will be in the water.

Leader: Sindy Hempstead

Fee: \$5 for members, \$7 nonmembers. Register with Jackie at RIWPS office 401-789-7497

MUSHROOM WALK

Nettie Jones Preserve, West Greenwich

Tuesday, Sept 16, 2008 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Fungus is everywhere but mostly we only notice it when it decides to send out its spore producing fruit, the mushroom. At Nettie Jones Preserve in West Greenwich, the variety of habitats from the mixed hardwood forest, streams and old fields should give us a diversity of mushrooms to look for.

We will pick one of each type to try and identify it to a major group. There is no collecting on this foray. You are advised never to eat a wild mushroom unless you are positive of its species. Many mushrooms look alike, but some are deadly.

Leader: Noel Rowe, an amateur mushroom enthusiast [*but is by no means an expert*].

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For additional information or questions, contact Jackie at the RIWPS office – 401-789-7497.

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