2025 SDMYCO Fungus Fair Poster Contest

We are excited to announce our first-ever fungus fair poster contest! We are calling on all of our artistic members to create a beautiful poster for our annual fungus fair!

Rules
- This contest is open to all of our members! If you want to submit but are not a member yet, please sign up at https://sdmyco.org/membership/
- Entries should contain the official name of the event and applicable copy. Please see the Poster Copy guidelines below.
- Each participant may submit up to 5 entries.
- Artwork must meet certain printing requirements; please see the guidelines below.
- We encourage the representation of distinctly recognizable, real mushroom species. Special consideration will be given to species local to San Diego. A handful of species are listed below for inspiration.
- The artwork used in the poster will also be used for the Fungus Fair marketing and merchandising materials, so please submit both the poster design and the ==artwork== used in the poster. See the Graphic Artwork Requirements below for more details.

Deadline
- All submissions must be received by **September 8th at 11:59 p.m.** Pacific time. The winner will be announced by October 6th.
- Please submit submissions to sdmycopr@gmail.com with the subject: "2025 Fungus Fair Poster Entry." Each submission should include two files:
    - Poster in a vector file format (AI or EPS)
    - Graphic Artwork (represented in the poster) in AI or EPS format. See the Graphic Artwork Requirements below for more details.

Prizes
The artist of the winning design will receive:
- A one-year extension of SDMYCO membership
- A feature in SDMYCO's newsletter, *Sporadic Press*
- One example of each marketing item that showcases the design. This could include a poster, sticker, t-shirt, etc.

Poster Requirements
Copy - The poster should include the following copy:
- San Diego Mycological Society presents
- 2025 Fungus Fair

- Sunday February 16, 2025
- Casa Del Prado at Balboa Park 10am-4pm
- Vendors
- Food
- Speakers
- Live Specimens
- Expert Identification
- Visit sdmyco.org

File Format - Vector (AI or EPS)

Graphic Artwork Requirements

- Designs must be vector art that has been optimized for screen printing. This means the design cannot contain any gradient colors or gradient translucency. Solid colors only.
- To stay within the product production budget, the design must be limited to one or two colors (or three colors by incorporating the shirt's color into the design).
- Vector files such as AI or EPS are preferred.
- Any fonts used must be free for commercial use.

Other Details

- Selection process: All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of 5 artists, who will select the semifinalists (no more than three designs). SDMYCO's board of directors will vote on the semifinalists to select the winning design.
- SDMYCO may, at our discretion, alter graphic elements, fonts, or verbiage on the chosen design.
- SDMYCO reserves the right to use any part of the winning design for commercial purposes in all marketing and merchandising, as well as in any other way the organization sees fit.

Sample of San Diego Mushroom species

- *Omphalotus olivascens* (Western Jack-O'-Lantern)
- *Laetiporus gilbertsonii* (Chicken-of-the-Woods)
- *Amanita velosa* (Springtime Amanita)
- *Lactarius rufulus* (Southern candy cap)
- *Leratiomyces ceres* (Chip cherries)
- *Coprinus comatus* (Shaggy Mane)
- *Phallus hadriani* (Dune Stinkhorn)