

Thursday Lecture Series at Eagle Hill

**Travels With A Lichenologist
with Irwin Brodo**

Thursday, June 2 - 7:30 pm

Irwin Brodo has been traveling all over North America and sometimes abroad for almost 50 years, uncovering the stories that lichens have to tell us about themselves and the world we live in. On this journey of discovery, he has encountered many beautiful and intriguing lichens. In this talk, Dr. Brodo will share some of these stories illustrated by color photographs, many of them taken by Sylvia and Steve Sharnoff, the photographers for the prize-winning book, *Lichens of North America*.

Although born in New York City and educated in the United States, Ernie Brodo spent almost his entire career (45 years) at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa where he served as a research lichenologist. He received his Master's degree from Cornell University and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Ernie specializes in the taxonomy (naming and classification) of lichens, but also has done research on lichen ecology and the effects of air pollution on lichens. Although still actively doing research on lichens at the Museum, he now spends much of his time teaching, lecturing and writing to the general public in an effort to popularize his favorite subject. He is the coauthor, together with photographers Sylvia and Stephen Sharnoff, of the encyclopedic book, *Lichens of North America*.



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