

Invite Melany Kahn to Present Her Children's Picture Book and Interactive Mushroom Art Activities, Family Fungal Foray, or a Mushroom Culinary Class

## *Mason Goes Mushrooming*



**I**n *Mason Goes Mushrooming* a first-of-its-kind children's mushrooming adventure book, future foragers are invited to accompany a third-generation mushroom hunter, Mason, and his four-legged pal Buddy on their woodland treasure hunts in search of edible mushrooms. The book's premise is simple: four seasons, four woodland adventures, four wild mushrooms, and four delicious recipes. Mason teaches us it's never too early to learn, and never too late to start foraging. Author (and Mason's mom) **Melany Kahn** quells common fears and puts the "us" in mushrooms by weaving simple education and science through a playful, fungi-finding adventure. An easy identification guide is included at the end for new foragers. The kid-friendly recipes are easy and bring out the mouthwatering flavor notes of the mushrooms. While this is a book for kids, adults love it, too!



Press the button below to watch Melany's TEDx Talk:

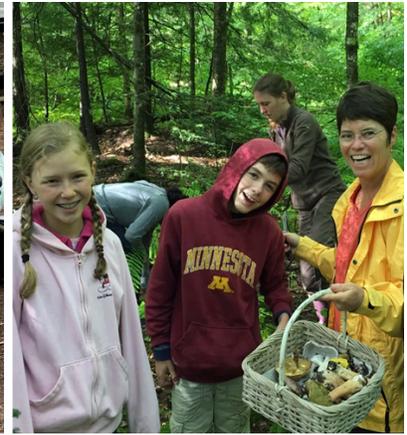


## ~ Event details! ~

- Melany can lead a family friendly foray, or she can bring a selection of wild and cultivated mushrooms for an ID session and describe features of fungi. The session is interactive, kids will be able to touch, smell, observe the details of mushrooms, and then use them as still-life models for their own illustrations and artwork with watercolors.
- She can lead an interactive mushroom cooking demonstration or tasting.
- Melany brings her own art supplies to present a clay art session where children shape and paint their own mushroom to take home.
- A Read Aloud – Melany offers an animated reading complete with commentary which lasts about 8 minutes followed by an interactive Q&A with the parents and children which lasts about 20 minutes



**Melany Kahn** is a first-time author, but a long-time forager. She started hunting for mushrooms in Vermont in 1968 at age four when her family bought a farm in West Brattleboro, VT. Her father, the painter Wolf Kahn, is the OG forager. For over 22 years Melany has shared her passion for the outdoors teaching children at nature centers and schools during woodland walks to gather and identify wild edible mushrooms. Hunting for mushrooms is growing in popularity worldwide. Learning 1-2 wild edible mushrooms will offer families and friends the opportunity to forage together and create a gourmet feast a few times a year.







***"Mason Goes Mushrooming captures the wonderful experience of mushroom hunting, a magic that touches both children and adults."***

***~Eugenia Bone, author of *Mycophilia* and the *Fantastic Fungi Community Cookbook****

**"The buzz from your day here continues to resonate! The children would like to send you a thank you note for your generosity of spirit and enthusiasm to share your knowledge and passion with the students. They had a fabulous time."**

**-Ted Stonbely, Director, Admissions & Communication at St Helena Montessori, CA**