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MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN? Monday, August 22, 2005

WHAT TIME? 7:00 PM; the meeting will come to order at 7:30 PM

WHERE? Pikes Peak National Bank, 2401 W. Colorado Ave. (across from Bancroft Park). Enter at the door on Colorado Ave. just west of the bank door. There you will find stairs and an elevator. You may use either. The room is on the second floor near the head of the stairs.

PROGRAM:

Bill Slaughter from REI will present:
"Land Navigation"
by map, compass, and GPS.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES: by Ilse Stratton

Hello Mushroom Lovers!

What is going on out there? Did all of you suddenly join in rain dances to end the July heat and draught and force the forest floor to be carpeted with bountiful mushroom fruitings? I do hope you are rejoicing and finding your favorite mushrooms at your usual hunting grounds and discovering new places and species.

My own excursions to the Crags, Gold Camp Road, and Wet Mountains have been blessed with limited success so far, but a good variety of edible mushrooms and loads of LBMs. Although hoping to return with bags full of

boletes, I have repeatedly carried home good amounts of *Albatrellus* ('Albatrelli' for the Latin enthusiasts) this summer. And surprisingly, they do taste great when substituted in my favorite soup and salad recipes.

Isn't it fun to be able to identify different species of mushrooms and experiment a little instead of being envious of other mushroom hunters who beat you to your favorite spot - again?

Keep hunting and learning!



Photo: Wil Thompson
And then, there is the cleaning...

Mystery Mushroom

The pink spore print was a big clue making it easier to key out the previous month's Mystery Mushroom.

Esther Price, Jeannene and Bill Havelka, Frieda Davis, Lee Barzee, Pat Gustavson and Liz Ras correctly entered *Pluteus cervinus*, the "Deer Mushroom".

Esther won; her riddle is on the last page.

Recipes

This time of the year an abundance of *Leccinum* spp. can be found in this area.

The pretty, firm mushroom with the orange-red cap promises a good meal, at least if *Boletus edulis* can not be found.



Photo: Simone Thompson
Leccinum, Aug. 12, 2005

However, cooking often turns the mushroom into a grayish- black, slimy mess.

You might want to save a bag full in the lowest shelf of your freezer; just in case Shrek invites himself for dinner one day.

All mushrooms are mostly water; when they start cooking, the water is released. It takes some time and patience to fry them into a crispy treat:

Heat butter in an iron skilled until very *hot*.

Throw in a *few* thin slices of mushroom and make sure they won't touch.

Turn them over once, when they are nicely browed on one side. Serve on fresh sourdough bread and with more butter, of course.

If you fry more of them at once, you will get a softer texture that will contrast nicely with some crunchy baby bok choy, serve over rice or noodles.

Another great use for *Leccinum* is a Cream of Mushroom soup, using the following ingredients:

- 1/2 pound fresh *Leccinum*

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- Chopped parsley, to taste

FORAY SCHEDULE

Frieda Davis Aug. 17th nearby mountains
630-7140

Esther Price Aug. 19th TBD
632-5880

Christa Howard Aug. 20th Wet Mountains
We meet 7:00 am at the UMB Bank on Hgw115.
392-1379

Freia Bradford Aug. 26th Winter Park
We will meet in Winter Park town, *not* the ski area, at the *public* park on the right side (coming off the pass) of main street (past Dino's restaurant on the right of the highway). We will leave as a group at 10 am.
784-3838



Dr. Else Vellinga and Frieda Davis discuss an *Amanita* species at the CMS Fair, Denver Botanic Gardens on Aug. 13th, 2005.

Mushroom-English Dictionary of Color Words

Submitted by Eva Mattedi
Excerpt from "Mushroom", the Journal of wild
Mushrooming, 2004.

The mushroom names are arranged
alphabetically by the Latin or Greek. In some
cases, the name is based on a classical
concept, and there the concept is given in
quotes, followed by the translation of it into
modern color terms.

aereus "bronze, copper"
brown, coppery brown
aerug- green or blue green
alb- white
alutace- "leather-colored"
beige, tan
argent "silver", grey
armenia- apricot
atro "dark", blackish
aurantia orange
aure- "gold", bright yellow
avellan- grey tinged with pink
bad- "bay brown", a rich, reddish brown
brun brown
caerulea "sky", blue
candi- white
castan- "chestnut", a rich, reddish brown
chalc "copper"
chloro green
chrys "gold", bright yellow
ciner- "cinder", grey
coccin- scarlet
croc- orangish yellow
cyan blue
ferrugin- rust-colored
flav- yellow
fuligen "soot", deep black
fulva "fox-colored" or "lion-colored" reddish-
brown or yellowish brown
fuscus smoky
gilvus mustard-colored
glauc- like sea foam, pale bluish green
io(d) purple
laterit- brick colored
livid "lead", grey with perhaps blue tones
lute(o) yellow
myo- "mouse", grayish brown
os- "bone", white

nited- "shining", white
niv- "snow", white
persicin- "peach"
plinth brick-colored
plumb "lead", grey
rhod(o) "rose", pink or red
ruf- red
spad- "date-colored", bright brown
tephr- "ashy"
thej- (thei-) "sulfur", yellow
umbr- "shadow", dark brown
vin- "wine", reddish purple
virid green
vitel- "egg-yolk"
xantho (sometimes "zantho", which is how it's
pronounced) yellow

Following is a list of English colors, so that you
can identify possible names for perhaps a yellow
mushroom you have found.

black atro, fuligen, fuscus
blue caerulea, cyan
blue-green aerug, glauc- (very pale)
brown brun, myo, spad-, umbr-
light brown alutace
orange-brown aereus, fulva
rich, reddish brown bad-, castan-
yellowish brown fulva
green chloro, virid
grey argent, avellan, ciner-, livid, plumb, teph-
orange aurantia
peach, apricot persic-, armenia-
purple, violet io(d), purpur-, viol-
reddish purple rutil, vin-
red coccin-, rhod(o), ruf-
brick-red or rust -red ferrugin-, laterit-, plinth
white albo, candi-, nitid, niv-, os-, pall-
yellow aure-, chrys, croc-, flav-, gilvus
(mustard), lute(o), thej- (thei-), vital, xantho

FUNGI NEWS:

Jean and Mike Chladek report an unusual
fruiting of a *Coprinus* spp. in the crawl space
under their son's house. Inky caps are known to
fruit in odd spaces, such as cellars or on road
sides. Apparently the mushroom liked the
moisture next to the sump pump.

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Mystery Mushroom

by Esther Price

I am descending through order Aphyllophorales, family N....., genus C..... and species I.....

I am a decomposer. I have no gastronomic value. You sometimes need a magnifying glass to see me well. My spore dispersal is unique. In my peridium peridioles develop.

When the epiphragm breaks, the peridioles are ejected to be spread *very successfully*.

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Submission of ideas, articles, reviews, letters, artwork and recipes are welcome.

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