

# Spore-Addict Times



## MONTHLY MEETING

**WHEN?** Monday, June 25, 2012

The 4th Monday of the month.

**WHAT TIME?**

Mushroom identification 6:30—7:00 pm.

The regular meeting will come to order at 7:00 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. Use either to go to the second floor. The meeting room is on the second floor near the head of the stairs.

**WEBSITE:** [www.pikespeakmushrooms.org](http://www.pikespeakmushrooms.org)

**Membership dues** \$20 **\*\*Due by July 15th\*\***

(\$25 includes printed/mailed newsletter).

Send check to PPMS, c/o Frieda Davis, 10 Swallow Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80904

### June Presentation

Presenter: Lee Barzee

#### Look-a-likes

#### Identifying mushrooms with similar appearance

If you forage for wild mushrooms or are curious to learn more about the mushrooms around our area, this program is for you! Have you ever wonder if the mushroom you found while out hiking could be for dinner? Or is there a similar looking mushroom that actually may cause stomach upset or worse?

Lee Barzee will present a slide show demonstrating characteristics that distinguish similar looking mushrooms.

*Please pay membership dues by July 15th to continue receiving the Spore Addict Times!*

## Share your mushroom hunting PHOTOS and stories on our Member Website!

Visit the blog on our website <http://pikespeakmushrooms.org> under the Members Only tab. You'll need the password to sign in.

Contact [ppmsmail@gmail.com](mailto:ppmsmail@gmail.com) for additional information

### SNOW MOLD



The "cobwebs" hanging from this branch and reaching down to the melting snow are actually mycelia, a type of snow mold. Once the snow melts, the mycelium may cover the ground, but only for a short time, before it dries up and disappears or infects a lawn with mold.

Monarch Pass June 2012



Photos courtesy of Ashley Anderson

# Foray Reports

May 10, 2012

## Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area Foray

Six member of Pikes Peak Mycological Society participated in the foray, finding numerous old or aged *Pleurotus*, two *Coprinus* spp. and one *Morchella*. The group also reported sighting many of grape vines in the area.

Report and all photos courtesy of Mike Essam.



**Coprinus**



**Moral**



**Finding Oyster Mushrooms**



June 14, 2012

## Annual Snowbank Foray, Monarch Pass

Five members and one flower hunter met at 10:30 near Monarch Pass on a bright and dry morning for the annual mid-June snowbank foray. In past years, the snow has been up to waist-deep with impassible roads in this area. This year, hardly a trace of snow was found! Old Monarch Pass, usually closed this time of year because of the snow, was open and dry! As sparse as the snowbanks were to search for mushrooms, a few [alpine wildflowers](#) were seen, including white and pink Indian Paint Brushes (*Castilleja coccinea*) and the small alpine violet.

The only fresh mushrooms found were a jelly fungus and a single LBM (Little Brown Mushroom). Mycelium was found on most of the remaining snow, little there was, but no fruiting bodies were seen. Snow mold (white and soft as cotton) was found covering a patch of Douglas Fir pine cones.

Report and photo courtesy of Ashley Anderson



(left to right) Frieda Davis, Lee Barzee, Esther Price, Bud Bennett, Ashley Anderson

## Mushrooms Are Where You Find Them

**Story Contributed by Robert (Bud) Bennett**

**A Report from the Wet Mountains**

I live in a fairly arid environment. Only about 12 inches of precipitation falls on the property yearly.

I don't expect to see any fruiting fungus here unless it is in the irrigated garden near the house. But on May 12<sup>th</sup>, after a 12" snowfall and a day of rain, I was walking our dog, Lucy, near our front gate when I noticed something odd under the lone juniper nearby.



So, I turned to the juniper and found that it was the source of these things. The tree looked like it was blooming as well.

Upon closer inspection the "flowers" appeared to be some sort of jelly fungus that had enveloped some parts of the juniper.

I have seen this type of fungus before in juniper on the Rainbow Trail. It appears after a heavy rainfall and disappears quickly afterward. I was not able to key this out – both Arora and Vera have a dearth of info on jelly fungus.

Give it a try yourself.



Small amber "flowers" seemed to be blooming underneath the juniper. Upon closer inspection, I determined these to be some kind of fruiting fungus. I retrieved my camera and quickly returned to get some photos.

I photographed a few of these ground bloomers before I attempted to pick one.

When I did pick one I noticed that they were not attached to anything.

Curious indeed!



The Pikes Peak Mycological Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of mycology. Membership is open to anyone wanting to study mycology. Annual dues are \$20 (\$25 includes a printed newsletter Apr to Sept) for individual and family memberships and may be paid at the meeting.

Submissions of ideas, articles, letters, artwork, and recipes are welcome. Photos and stories may also be submitted to be posted on the website.

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## MYSTERY MUSHROOM

*This riddle is offered to encourage everyone to practice their mushroom identification skills. Bring your answer to the meeting!*

I grow underground mostly,  
I'm round or mostly round, 2-8 cm across,  
my exterior is fuzzy or with velvety hairs.  
I'm somewhat smooth to furrowed, found  
near conifers from July to September, but  
somewhat difficult to find. I have a smell of  
fermented cider. No, I'm not a young stuffed  
mole, because I have no legs.

WHO AM I?

May's mystery mushroom was *Geopora cooperi*, guessed correctly by Dennis Craig.

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