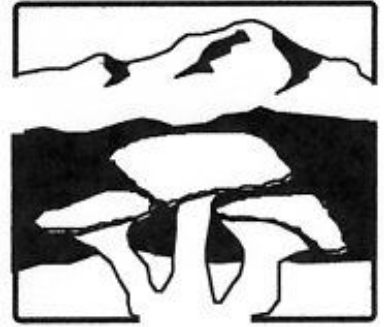


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## MONTHLY MEETING:

**WHEN?** Monday June 26, 2006

**WHAT TIME?** 6:30 PM; the 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. You may use either. The room is on the second floor near the head of the stairs.

### **PROGRAM:**

Dr. Robert Noyd will present a program on native plants.

**PRESIDENT'S NOTES:** by Bud Bennet

Freia Bradford's presentation on mushroom preservation last month had a lot of good information that was new to me. I blanched a few times, but overall I was steeped in interesting approaches to keeping and cooking mushrooms. If it ever rains enough to produce a mushroom this season I will definitely be trying out some of her suggestions.

The snow banker's foray was a complete success this year. We went a bit earlier in the month, due to the recent spate of hot and dry weather that has caused the premature snowmelt in the mountains. It appears that we timed it just right because the snow banks were still there but melting fast. It is one of the more unusual forays in that the participants really don't have an expectation to eat anything that they may find.

Armed with cameras and books we logged conquests with notebook and camera. Renee came mostly for the flowers and she was not disappointed either. If you have the time next year (it requires a full day in the middle of the week), I highly recommend it.

The following mushrooms have been found during the foray. The list has been compiled by Lee Barzee .

1. *Caloscypha fulgens*
2. Tiny *Mycena* sp.
3. *Discina perlata*
4. *Mycena overholtsii*
5. *Lyophyllum montanum*
6. *Guipiniopsis alpinus*
7. *Plectania nannfeldtii*
8. *Albatrellus confluens*
9. *Gyromitra gigas*
10. A slime mold (unidentified)
11. *Hygrophorus marzuolus*
12. *Oligoporus leucospongia*
13. *Calvatia fumosa*
14. *Trametes versicolor*

This coming meeting will be the last time that I will swing the gavel. If you have any interest in taking over as PPMS President, then please let me or another club officer know. Continuity is a good thing.

### **PLEASE PAY YOU DUES:**

In accordance with the By-laws dues are payable on or before the **April monthly meeting**. Please pay at the meeting or mail the payment to **PPMS, PO Box 39, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-0039**. Your prompt attention to this helps us know how many members we will have for the coming season and how we can best serve the needs of our membership.

## Mystery mushroom

Jeannene Havelka has correctly identified last month's mystery mushroom to be *Heliocybe sulcata*. See photo of it below.



June 7, 2006 snow bank mushroom foray  
Photo: Bud Bennett



*Caloscypha fulgens*  
Photo: Bud Bennett



*Plectania nannfeldtii*  
Photo: Bud Bennett

### **The Crested Butte Wild Mushroom Festival**

Set to take place Aug 17-20, 2006. To register go to [cbmushfest.com](http://cbmushfest.com) and then to sign up page and follow directions from there.

There will be workshops on preserving mushrooms, medicine and mushrooms, and identification, and one on amanitas (From Deadly to Delicious).

There will be several chefs who are going to lead the "Cooking with Wild Mushrooms Workshop/Luncheons" and a chef who will cater the mushroom appetizer and fine wine event.

Night of Jazz will be a part of the Wild Mushroom Festival. Ken Walker Sextet will be performing.

If you are planning to go please register as soon as possible to ensure space in some of those events as they tend to fill up fast.

### **Mushrooms??? Where do we find them?**

I have seen a bunch in my neighbor's strawberry patch. She called me to see if I could identify them. They were MBM (medium brown mushrooms), numerous for sure. I was confident as I carried two specimens home. Those mushrooms could provide several meals for us and all of our neighbors. After carefully looking through various books and taking a spore print my confidence took a nose dive. It seems they were some kind of *Agrocybe* sp. Not exactly the mushroom for a safe meal.

### **Bits and Pieces**

Our thoughts and prayers go to Dennis and Trena Craig. As a result of an automobile accident Trena remains in a medically induced coma.

If you have not paid your dues this will be your last newsletter.

To all of you who may be future mystery mushroom writers, please write only about mushrooms that grow in Colorado.

For those of you still getting a hard copy of this newsletter please let me know if you would like to receive electronic copy.

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**Mystery Mushroom** by Jeannene Havelka

I'm in the same family as The Blewit. My cap is 3-8 cm broad and my gills are crowded, at times forked; narrow, long decurrent; white to pale buff. I smell of almonds -- my spores are white and I prefer July and August. What am I?

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

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