

Spore-Addict Times



MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN? Tuesday, May 26, 2015 – One day later than usual due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

WHAT TIME? 6:30 pm; The meeting will come to order at 7:00 pm.

WHERE? Bear Creek Park, Administration Building

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PROGRAM:

LeRad Nilles will present Tree identifications and their associations and symbiotic relations with specific mushrooms. We will be using leaves, needles, cones, Bark, photographs, and other methods of identifying these forested friends.

Last Month's Meeting Notes:

Hoa Pham has produced a compact booklet that includes the Kit Scates guide as well as mushroom identification forms. They will sell for \$5, and tree identification cards are \$2.

Vera Evenson will do the program at the June meeting and sign copies of her new book!

The August program by Britt Bunyard, editor of Fungi magazine, will be on morphing mushrooms.

Brian Barzee's program covered a potpourri – from urban mushrooms the founding of the club and photos of past forays and other PPMS events from the 1970s to present.

Foray Report

by *Hoa Pham*

Sunday May 3, 2015 @ Beaver Creek Wildlife Area:



Sixteen members participated.

Michael Damelio and I found a cluster of morels, new members Beth Toulon & Bill Leake found over 2 dozen, the rest of the group found a couple here & there. Joanne Williams had a little run-in with a giant snake (I was not there to witness - but heard the commotion).

Thankfully no one was hurt.

2nd & 3rd site were much less fruitful in terms of morels, with only Lucas Lamka finding a morel, and Lerad Nilles and Tom Abbot finding some oyster mushrooms (most likely *P. populinus*). It started raining around noon so we hunkered down for a little bit and had lunch in our respective cars. The last site we visited yielded some unique mushrooms.

The official foray ended around 2pm, but a majority of us wound up at the first site and chatted a little while before disbanding. Michael and I stayed back to explore the other side of the creek where we found a lot of Coprophilous fungi and some dried out oysters on dead cottonwood.

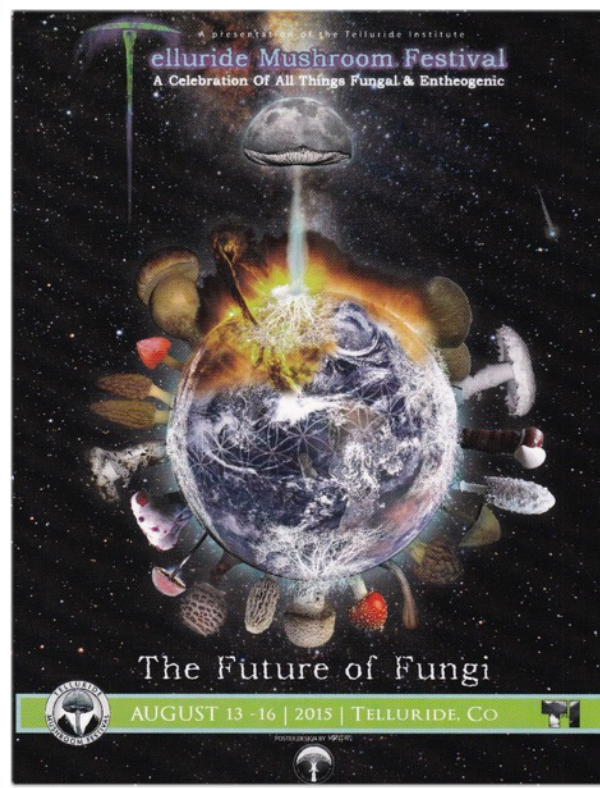
Mushrooms found overall: *Morchella esculenta*, *Pleurotus populinus* (sp?), *Panaeolus semiovatus*, *Agrocybe praecox*, *Coprinopsis* sp., *Panaeolus foenseccii*, *Stropharia semiglobata*, *Verpa conica*, *Polyporus auricularia*

It's Official:

Reuter's, and other news agencies, are reporting that an El Nino event has begun in the pacific ocean. Previous El Nino events have brought increased rain to the southwestern U.S. The magnitude of the El Nino won't be known for a while, but it is expected to last until at least September.

Telluride Mushroom Festival

The 35th annual Telluride Mushroom Festival is August 13-16. For more information on speakers, workshops, and to buy tickets, please visit: www.telluridemushroomfest.org



You can get a \$20 discount for the 4-day festival pass - contact Mike Essam for the code.

Photos of the Beaver Creek Foray

(Photos by Hoa Pham)



Lerad with a find.



Auricularia auricula

Verpa conica



Polyporus auricularia

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Last month's entry was *Lactarius rubrilacteus*

Mystery Mushroom

It is April. I'm happily growing out of a Gambel oak branch. My 1 inch diameter cap is golden with a fringe of sharp hairs. No gills have I – the underside of my cap has hexagonal tubes. My stalk is pretty much the same color as my cap and is an equal 5 mm thick all the way to the base.

What am I?

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