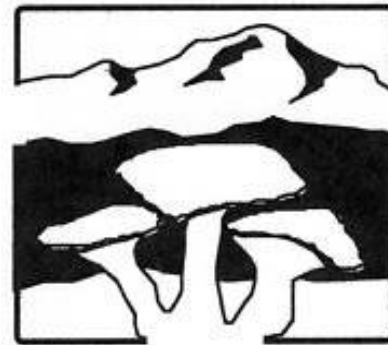


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MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN? Monday, October 22, 2007 – The Fourth Monday.

WHAT TIME? 6:30 PM; the meeting will come to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 22, 2007.

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:

Our end of year program will be the traditional pot luck dinner and celebration of fellowship. There are no assigned dishes, so bring a main dish, a drink, a desert or whatever to share with other members. Also, all members are encouraged to wear their club T Shirts (T Shirts are available by contacting Pat, see T SHIRTS, etc. below). And, during dessert, Eva Mattedi will offer a short program on her recent mushroom hunting trip to Eastern Germany.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Do all of you realize what a great year we have enjoyed. The programs have been outstanding, with members stepping in to fill in the blanks. We began with Lee Barzee and Frieda Davis on spring mushrooms and then Lee with the Snowbankers. We were so fortunate to have Vera Evenson speaking on the proper way to collect and leading a teaching foray, my

personal favorite foray ever. Then, we enjoyed Ken Pals' Jeopardy and Lee Barzee's sexy French mushroom quiz. It will be hard to match these programs for next year, and it will take all of us working together to make 2008 memorable.

The forays were great fun, starting with an enjoyable morel season and tapering off into a dry late summer with few boletes and chanterelles. But, the overnight foray to Buena Vista was the highlight of the summer!

Of course, the highlight of the fall for the Pikes Peak Mycological Society is our pot luck dinner and celebration of fellowship, and, of course, the food. See you there and wear your T Shirts (please, see comment below from Pat on T Shirts).

Our finances are in good order thanks to treasurer, Frieda Davis, and we are contemplating a club pin. At our last meeting, we all admired several handsome designs on wood made by Don Pelton.

A nominating committee has been selected, and please help them when they call on you. We are sorry to say that we will need new editors for our Spoor Addict Times. Mark and Aericha will be involved with building their cabin next summer, and we will miss their fine work on the newsletter. This position must be filled, as the Times is vital to our organization. Please consider volunteering.

SEPTEMBER 2007 MEETING RECAP:

Another large turnout of members and guests attended the September meeting. President Elsie was recovered from her close encounter with the hornet. Frieda reported that all is well with the club treasury. Frieda also

gave a short report on the Mendocino Foray in California – details are available from Mendo@mssf.org and Eva Mattedi also has some information as well as some experience with this foray.

People are now being solicited to be on the nominating committee. There will be a meeting after the first of the year, likely in February, with a report to the board in March. Please contact Elsie Pope, 596 4901, to volunteer your assistance.

Thanks to Willi Walker and Elsie Pope for the great meeting refreshments.

The Mystery Mushroom for September was *Catathelasma imperial*. Frieda Davis won the drawing among those with the correct answer.

GLENN LORANG UPDATE:

Frieda Davis reports that Glenn Lorang had a severe heart attack recently. He is in good spirits now, however, and he is recuperating at The Center at Centennial Nursing Facility. Glenn is expected to be there for one or two weeks, and Frieda believes that he would be delighted to hear from his fellow members. Glenn can be reached at 685 8811.

T SHIRTS, WONDERFUL BOOKS, AN OPPORTUNITY AND A MISSING BOOK:

Some announcements from Vice President and Librarian Pat Gustavson are provided below. Pat can be contacted at 495 4344.

PPMS T Shirts: Christmas is COMING!!! We only have the following sizes left in T Shirts!!! Size Large, 5 each and size X Large, 8 each. Pat also has one PPMS hat available. Give her a call, as quantities are limited.

Wonderful Books: There are many excellent books pertaining to mushrooms available through the club library. These will make good reading over the winter months. To

check some of these out, see Pat during the next meeting.

An Opportunity: Pat is relinquishing the position of Librarian after serving for 20+ years. Give Pat a call if you have an interest in taking over as PPMS Librarian.

Missing Book: The library is still missing its second copy of “Mushrooms of Colorado” by Vera Evenson. It went missing in mid summer, at the same time Esther’s copy went missing (which was found). Please let Pat know if you have any information about this book.

POETIC ODE TO MUSHROOMS:

Doris Bennett provided the following poem by Christine Graf for our enjoyment.

Mushroom

Off with your head,
little chef’s hat;
slide down into the olive oil,
swim with garlic kernels
as the hot liquid wakes you
from your black sleep.

Chopped, you multiply
like the dancing brooms in “Fantasia.”
Tossed with artichokes in the pan,
your cap, a water filled canteen
whose juices soften into a meaty center.
Sliced thin, topped with grated Parmesan
your silhouetted umbrellas mix with white rain.

FORAY REPORTS:

Although the foray season has been winding down in Colorado, there is still some news to report on that front.

October 3rd Foray: Elsie Pope and Midge Schulze went on an impromptu foray to Pueblo Mountain Park, which is just beyond Beulah. They really didn’t expect much success, but they

were hoping to find a few mushrooms. The first, and in fact, the only place they stopped was a picnic area where they walked about 50 feet before crossing a little stream. They worked their way up a hillside, noticing that the hillside was barren of trees. They looked around and soon discovered a cut off stalk on the ground, about the size of a dime and the remains of a cap on top of a stump. They started looking further, all within a 20 foot area, and they found cluster after cluster of *Armillaria ostoyae* (Honey Mushroom). After reading the book (and checking it twice – at least), they decided these were indeed *A.ostoyae* and started digging. Altogether, they harvested several clusters before heading back home. On the way home, they drove through the little town of Beulah, and off into the countryside, where they stopped and talked to some totally unafraid deer, which were munching apples growing on trees along the side of the road. All in all, Midge and Elsie report it was a beautiful and a fruitful day.

September 24th Foray: Bill and Jeannene Havelka have been traveling through the northwest and sent this first of two reports. They reported by e mail that a beautiful day was enjoyed by them in the Bavarian town of Leavenworth, WA. It was sunny and warm on that side of the Cascades, as they set off over the mountain pass for Chelan, WA, one of the top fruit and wine centers in the state. They looked for but didn't find any chanterelles during several stops along the way. They report that lots of Matsutakes are being sold at the Asian market in Seattle at around \$20 per pound. Bill speculates that it must be a good year for chanterelles, as they are being sold for less than \$10 per pound in the Seattle markets.

October 5th Foray: Bill and Jeannene next checked in by e mail to advise that their trip was continuing to go well. They had the unique experience of teaming up with a group of Canadians in the small town of Sicamous, British Columbia. Together they ventured into some real mushroom looking territory .../ searching for thick heavy moss ... and fir trees, vice cedar. With a little help ... and lots of foraging ... they

captured a box of “white chanterelles” ... very heavy, robust mushrooms weighing at least eight ounces or more. They report that when a clump is found ... you immediately fill the bag. Their Canadian hosts provided Bill and Jeannene with a hot soup/sandwich lunch along side a beautiful waterfall ... all in all, a fun time. Bill and Jeannene send their greetings to all of their fellow mushroom hunters. I'm sure they will have even more tales to tell when they return.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR JOB OPENING:

As reported in Elsie's notes, Aericha and I will not be able to act as your newsletter editors in 2008. We plan to *seriously* get going on a cabin at our Gore Pass site – near Kremmling, CO, halfway between Silverthorne and Steamboat. We'll be using our motor home to provide basic amenities while we stay up there.

I went up to the site last week, and a very persistent black bear (about 350 pounds and cinnamon brown) kept my neighbor and I on alert both days. The first night, he, or at least his two big bright eyes came to within 10 yards of my truck after dark, as I was trying to fall asleep. My neighbor had blasted his air horn to alert me that the big boy was headed my way, so I got to watch him approach and do his figure eight thing with his head (up and down, then left and right) as he tried to scope me out in the dark. But, he turned around and left without incident. The next evening, as I was preparing to leave for home, he suddenly appeared out of the woods about 20 yards away on my road as I was locking my shed. He eyeballed me for a full three minutes, more out of curiosity than aggressiveness, and then ambled away – it was a very long, but quite interesting, three minutes.

The newsletter editor is responsible for putting out seven monthly issues, from April to October. It takes a good afternoon to write out the first draft, and then you tweak it. We have about 30 members who get e mail versions and 20 members who get U.S. Mail versions. A knowledge of basic Word is all that is needed.

I'm grateful for this opportunity over the past year, as it was very satisfying to help out.

The Pikes Peak Mycological Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of mycology, publishes Spore-Addict Times monthly from April-October. Membership is open to anyone wanting to study mycology. Annual dues are \$ 15 for individual and family memberships. **Submission of ideas, articles, reviews, letters, artwork and recipes are welcome.**

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MYSTERY MUSHROOM

The mystery mushroom for September 2007 was a *Catathelasma imperial*, and it was correctly guessed by several people. Frieda Davis was picked as the winner.

MYSTERY MUSHROOM

For October 2007/April 2008 - By Frieda Davis

It was decided to give everyone's brain a rest over the winter, so Frieda will spend the coming snow season thinking of how to stump us next spring.

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