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## MONTHLY MEETING:

**WHEN?** Monday, October 25, 2010 – The fourth Monday of the month.

**WHAT TIME?** 6:30 pm; The eating 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.

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

## **PROGRAM:**

Our end of year program will be the traditional pot luck dinner and social event. There are no assigned dishes, so bring a main dish, salad, a dessert or whatever you wish to share with other members. Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own paper plates, flatware, and serving utensils.

## **Nominating Committee for 2011 Officers**

The nominating committee includes Martha Zenger, Judy Willey and Dennis Craig. They will have a list of all members to be nominated when they give their report in March 2011. If anyone else wants to be on the nominating committee please notify Judy Willey.

## **Newsletter Editor Sabatical**

Your Newsletter Editor has been at it now for three seasons. I need a break from the hustle and bustle of the monthly deadline and the search for stories of fungal fantasy and the like. If you have the talent, expertise and time available to take over the production of the *Spore-Addict Times* then contact the Nominating Committee and volunteer. I'm only asking for a year break so don't think that you'll be roped into

this assignment for life. If you have questions about what's involved, just give me a call.

## **Last Month:**

We are selling t-shirts for \$8.00. The unusual design was drawn by Vicky Brewster from an argillite plate carved by Charles Edenshaw around 1890. It depicts the importance of forest fungi to the indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest.

We voted against the calendar idea.

We voted to shorten the season next year and have the potluck in September. Favorable mushroom hunting weather conditions next year may change that decision. We have had a scant amount of rain in the past two months.

Debra Fenton asked if anyone has grown mushrooms themselves. Don Pelton brought an issue of Mother Earth News that has a great article on mushrooms including how to grow them. Pat Gustavson has grown, among others, *Lepiota rachodes* or, Shaggy Parasol, a choice edible mushroom.

Esther Price reported on the 50<sup>th</sup> North American Mycological Association conference held in Winter Park, Colorado this past August where Annette Campbell one of our members, won a trophy for finding the most non-identified mushroom species. As Vera Evenson mentioned in July, the White Bark Pine ecosystem is in peril due to beetle infestations. This timberline area, at 10,800 feet is home to the five-needle pines Bristlecone and Limber Pine. The mushroom *Suillus sibericus* is important in the reforestation of these pines. It has been noted that transplant trees benefit greatly from a mycorrhizal connection with this mushroom. Inoculation of seedlings with *Suillus* helps them to survive diseases. Also playing a part in the survival of the trees are the Canadian Jay and tassel-eared black

squirrel because they bury the seeds of the pines. Esther also wants to thank Dan Lacy who volunteered to run the AV equipment at the conference. She highly recommends attending because there are so many presentations to chose from and many experts. Next year NAMA will be held in Pennsylvania.

Frieda Davis presented a video called Who's My Daddy? Naming Mushrooms. This movie explains how genetic testing of mushrooms has changed how we categorize many mushrooms.

## Photo Gallery:



*Clavaria purpurea*. Photo by Bud Bennett



Gwyn Quillen's Grandchildren, William and Mia, with almost too many puffballs to handle.



*Cantharellus cibarius*. Photo by Mike Essam.



Photo by Freia Bradford



*Lycoperdon perlatum*. Photo by Mike Essam

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September's Mystery Mushroom was *Scleroderma areolatum*, or Earth ball, as it is commonly known. Pat Gustavson won. The Mystery Mushroom contest will resume with the April 2011 issue.



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