

# FIKES PEAK MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER JUNE 1979

Hi to all! It looks like it's going to be a good mushroom year. Let's all hope for continued wet weather (although I'm not so sure about the snow we had out here on Saturday). This newsletter is being sent to everyone on our mailing lists. It isn't too late to become a member. Dues are \$5 for a family for the year. I've added a membership blank at the end of this letter or you can take care of it at the next meeting. Anyway, member or not, you are all invited to take part in the next meeting and foray or to call me for more information if you can't make it otherwise. My number is 495-4067 and my number at work is 591-4142.

I'm pleased to announce that our speaker for the next meeting will be Larry Johnson, who will talk and show slides about edible wild plants. Sue and I took a class from Larry about seven years ago and thus, began our interest in wild mushrooms. The meeting will start at 7:30, Monday, June 18 and will be in Room 212 (WES Room) at Bastall Center on the Colorado College Campus. If you're not familiar with Bastall, it's on the Northwest corner of Cascade and Cache La Poudre. We'll also display and identify mushrooms found on Sunday's foray.

I guess this is as good a time to talk about Sunday's foray as any. I plan to go up off of Gold Camp road, but I'll have to go scout out the area on Saturday. Don't worry, we'll leave some for the rest of you! We'll meet near the Pizza Hut in the Red Rock Canyon shopping center near the corner of Colorado Ave. and 31st street at 9 AM Sunday, June 17. We'll see you there rain or shine (or snow?).

We plan to have at least one foray a month on the Sunday before the monthly meeting (third Monday of the month - in case you've forgotten or didn't know) and will always meet at the Red Rock Canyon shopping center at 9 AM although the location of the foray will change. If anyone would like to lead additional forays, please give me a call, and if anyone would like to be Foray Chairperson, I will be forever in your debt.

I'm really excited about a joint foray with the Denver club scheduled for July 8th. We'll meet them at Jefferson, Colorado at 9 AM and go from there to the Madison Creek Campground to begin our Study-Lecture foray. I've never been on a foray of this type, but I can't imagine a better way to learn about mushrooms. We'll begin with a normal foray to be followed by informal lectures and identification sessions - so bring books, notes, pencils, and of course, your mushroom baskets. If you want to carpool or just follow someone else up, we'll meet at the Red Rock Canyon center at 7 AM (I'm not too excited about the time, but I'm certain it will be worth it).

For those of you that missed the last foray to the Hannah Ranch, it turned out to be fruitful. First of all, it didn't rain on us although it looked like it might for a lot of the morning. It was surprisingly dry despite the wet weather and the river was so high that it looked like a lot of the **best mushroom hiding** places were in two feet of water and mud or had been washed away. A sample of what was found:

Agaricus campestris  
Coprinus micaceus  
Coprinus atrimentarius  
Panaeolus campanulatus  
Pluerotus ostreatus  
Volvariella speciosa  
several Tricholoma species  
a unique specimen of "Cow"prinus

I'm sure I missed some of the other specimens and I don't have my books with me, so I hope I spelled those names correctly.

Once again, you're all invited to join us for the following events:

Gold Camp Road Foray      Sunday June 17  
Monthly meeting            Monday June 18  
- Edible Wild Plants  
- **Mushroom display & ID**  
Joint Foray with Colorado      Sunday July 8  
Mycological Society

GOOD MUSHROOMING

*Dave*

Dave Smith  
President

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Enclosed is \$5 for a family membership in the Pikes Peak Mycological Society.

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Bring this to our next meeting or mail to:

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