

PIKES PEAK MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER - JULY 1979

Hi! Hope you're all well and finding lots of mushrooms. First, my apologies to the 1979 graduates of George Grimes' "Basic Mushroom Identification" class. I promised you all a newsletter about the first meeting and forays. I thought I had all the non-members on the list, but I just found out that I missed you. This newsletter is also going out to people who have taken classes in the past or have shown an interest in mushrooms and are on our lists. Also, I'm sending this to four North American Mycological Association (NAMA) members that live in the area, but might not be aware of our club.

I'm glad to hear that Glen Roberson is doing so well after his recent surgery, but I find it hard to believe he went for two whole weeks without talking! Hope to see you at the meeting, Glen.

The topic of the meeting will be "The Range and Diversity of Mushrooms" by Coleman Leuthy. This is a slide and tape program that is put together by NAMA's Education Committee. There are over 100 slides and the program will last about 50 minutes. For you newcomers, the meeting will be Monday, July 16 (always the third Monday of the month) at 7:30 PM. It will be in Room 212, the WES room, of Rastall Center on the Colorado College campus at the northwest corner of Cache La Poudre and Cascade.

In order to have some fresh specimens for our identification table at the meeting, and in response to requests for a Saturday foray, there will be a foray this Saturday, July 14, to Emerald Valley. Sue and I were there on the 4th of July hiking with a group. They moved along pretty quickly so we didn't have much time to look around the area. In spite of this, we still found several specimens of Amanita muscaria and a specimen of Tremella mesenterica. It looked like it should be good over by the river, but we didn't get an opportunity to look. Viola Garrett will be the foray leader and will meet everyone at 9 AM at the regular meeting place - just West of the Pizza Hut in the Red Rock Canyon East Shopping Center on Colorado Avenue near 31st Street. Don't forget to bring your catch to Monday's meeting.

Because of the apparent lack of interest in the Sunday forays before the monthly meeting, there won't be a foray this Sunday, but, if anyone is interested in going on Sunday, please call me at 495-4067 and maybe we can still work out

an impromptu foray.

If you have a copy of the club by-laws included with this newsletter, then you are on our current paid-up membership list. If you just have the newsletter, don't fret - it's not too late. Just fill out the membership form at the end of this letter and send it to Verna or bring your dues to the Monday meeting. If you don't do either one, then this is probably the last you'll hear from us this year.

I have a friend working on a logo for the club and also membership cards. With a little luck, they might be ready by this coming meeting.

George Grimes is checking his calendar to find a convenient time to present his "Beyond Basic" course here in the Springs. George has also agreed to present one of our fall programs. I'll tell you more in the next newsletter.

Just a word about the future. Tentative plans for August are as follows: As in past years, we probably will not have a local meeting in August, but will go to the Denver meeting instead. They normally have a guest speaker from the Aspen Mushroom Conference. Also, the Denver club (Colorado Mycological Society or CMS) has invited us to support their annual Mushroom Fair by having a local foray the previous day and then bringing up our specimens the morning of the Fair. They will help us to identify any we are having trouble with and will help us (and we them) set up the display for the Fair that afternoon. Tentative dates are:

August 13 - Joint meeting

August 18 - Local foray

August 19 - Mushroom Fair

I'll have details in the next newsletter.

The joint foray with CMS at Michigan Creek Campground near Jefferson went very well. Among the outstanding species found were: Morchella angusticeps, Leccinum aurantiacus, and Auricularia auricula. Many other genera were found. I'm sorry not too many of you could join us. Maybe next time.

HAPPY MUSHROOMING!!!

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