



PIKES PEAK MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER - JULY 1980

OUR AUGUST MEETING? - THE 18th IN DENVER. As is our custom, our August meeting will consist of a trip to Denver to hear their special speaker from the Aspen Mushroom Conference. This year, Dr. Harry Thiers, professor of Botany at San Francisco State University and noted Bolete expert, will discuss some of the more unusual mushrooms he's discovered in his studies. The title of his presentation is "Gems of the Fungus World". The meeting is at the Denver Botanic Gardens at 7:30pm, Monday, August 18th. If you want to carpool, meet at the old Zuider Zee restaurant on North Academy Blvd (just east of the Sheraton near the South gate of the Air Force Academy) at 5:30pm and we'll go from there. If you need a ride from town, feel free to call any of the other club members who live near you.

AN APOLOGY. I want to offer my sincere apologies to the half dozen club members who showed up at Rastall Hall tonight for the normal Monday meeting. I thought I had said there wouldn't be a meeting in the last newsletter and I was waiting for word on the Denver meeting before I put this out. After I heard some of you were down there, I checked last month's newsletter and saw that I hadn't said anything. If you weren't at last month's meeting, you had no way of knowing there wasn't a meeting. I apologize for the lack of information. Dave Smith

MUSHROOM FORAYS. There've been isolated reports of good Leccinum finds recently but our forays haven't produced any spectacular results yet. Maybe the cooler weather and afternoon showers will start things growing. We've got plenty of forays left to check places out. Look at the Calendar in this newsletter for dates, times, and leaders.

MUSHROOM FAIR - AUGUST 17th. The enclosed flyer almost says it all except where to meet if you want to go. If you have mushrooms to take up, meet at the old Zuider Zee (see Denver meeting above) if you want to carpool at 8am. If you want to go to the Fair later, meet at the same place at noon. There aren't any organized leaders for these trips.

FOOD AND DRINK AT OUR NEXT LOCAL MEETING. Because of the Labor Day weekend, our September meeting will be one week later than usual, on September 8th at Rastall Center, room 212. This will be the annual mushroom tasting meeting. Everyone bring a mushroom dish - wild, if you're sure of your identification - otherwise, storebought Agaricus are fine. Also bring your recipe and we'll print it in the following newsletter. In addition, Frank Urban will give his presentation on making wine at home.

A LITTLE BIT OF SCIENCE. Science News magazine recently reported on a study being done by USDA to find out which mushrooms decomposed straw the fastest so it could be used as cattle feed or to make fuel alcohol. The winner - Cyathus striatus, the Bird's nest fungus. In similar tests on wood, the fastest decomposer was Pleurotus ostreatus, our good old oyster mushroom.

GENERIC MUSHROOMS - A BIG, PLEASANT SURPRISE. The next time you go into King Soopers, go down the generic aisle and look for the canned mushrooms. A quote in part, "These mixed pieces and stems are cut from a combination of imported oyster, regular, and straw mushrooms...". Not bad for the cheapest cans available.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES. Remember, this is your newsletter. If anyone has any articles, book reviews, suggestions, or other ideas for the newsletter, please call Dave Smith. Try your hand at some writing. We're only restricted by the amount of material you send.

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP. A co-worker just brought in some delicious looking Boletus edulis that he found near his home in Monument and I heard that Don Berrigan brought lots of varied species to last night's non-meeting. I'm glad you had fun anyway and it wasn't a waste of time showing up.

T-SHIRTS. Mentioning Don's name, just reminded me about T-shirts. I'm sure he thinks I've skipped the country with his money, but actually I only have one other order for a shirt. I need at least four more orders before I can take it to be printed. The price is \$6 in your choice of colors (\$5.75 for children's sizes).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 9 Rampart Range Foray Leader: Verna Bowlby 632-9506
Meet at 8am at Red Rocks shopping center, near the Pizza Hut on Colorado Avenue, just east of 31st Street
- August 16 Double Foray: Emerald Valley Leader: Viola Garret 634-5248
Meet at 8am (for the early birds)
Mount Baldy Leader: Uwe Dahl 591-2957
Meet at 9:30am (for those who like to sleep in)
Both Forays will meet at the old Broadmoor Riding Stables, which are in the dirt parking lot to the west of Broadmoor West and the Broadmoor World Arena
- August 17 Mushroom Fair in Denver - see article for details
- August 18 Denver meeting - Dr. Thiers - see article for details
- August 23 Foray at Hewlett-Packard area near Woodland Park
Leaders: Frank & Judy Urban 475-2361
Meet at 8am at Red Rocks shopping center (see August 9)
- September 1 NO MEETING!!
- September 6 Michigan Creek Campground Foray Leaders: Sue & Dave Smith 495-4067
This is scheduled tentatively to see how many are interested.
Meet at 8am at Red rocks, but call first to make sure we're going.
- September 8 Meeting - Mushroom Tasting and Wine Making
- September 13 Moonlight Foray Leaders: Barb Laine
Time to be set at a later date.

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