



PIKES PEAK MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Welcome everyone to a new mushroom year. It's been a little dry to start with, but maybe that means we'll have a nice wet spring. Keep your fingers crossed.

MUSHROOMS AROUND THE WORLD. This is the topic of our next meeting to be held this Monday, March 2, at 7:30 pm at Rastall Center (Room 212) on the Colorado College campus. For you newcomers, the Center is on the Northwest corner of Cascade Ave. and Cache La Poudre. George Grimes will be coming down from Denver to talk about his recent mushroom forays in Austria and Yugoslavia as well as his experiences at a mushroom conference in the San Juan Islands in Washington state. Don't miss this meeting and please bring anyone that might be interested.

QUESTIONNAIRE and DUES. Included with this newsletter is our second annual questionnaire. Here's your opportunity to tell the club officers what you liked and what you didn't care for during the past year. Make any suggestions you want - you don't even have to sign your name. If you want to be an officer or just help out, the straw ballot is your chance to do just that. Put your name in one of the spaces or just tell one of the current officers. Fill in the rest of the blanks with people you think would do a good job (Also don't take the easy way out by listing the current office-holders). Included is a renewal form for PPMS membership for 1981. Despite inflation, our dues have remained at \$5 per family. You can't find a better deal!

NEW CLASSES TO BEGIN. Beginning April 4, George Grimes will again offer his Basic Mushroom Identification Course. The cost will be \$15 per person and will be held at Irving Junior High. We'll skip Easter weekend this year, so the other three weeks will be 11 and 25 April and 2 May. Everyone will get flyers to distribute with next month's newsletter. This is our primary method of attracting new members, so let's all go out and recruit some mycophiles.

NOT ONE, BUT TWO. As a special treat this year, Linnea Gilman will come down on two of George's class days to teach her Basic Microscopy course. That is, she'll come down if we show enough interest. For the 8 hour class, the cost will be \$15 and will be held on two Saturday afternoons. The specific dates will be announced later. If you're interested or have a microscope we could borrow, let us know on the questionnaire (#5).

CMS. Linnea is the current president of the Colorado Mycological Society. Judy Urban has already met with the officers of the Denver group to do some planning for the coming season. It looks like another year of ever-increasing cooperation between our two groups.

HAS. Our speaker's bureau (of sorts) continues to give talks about mushrooming and the interest seems to be spreading (despite the dry weather). Dave Smith talked to the Horticultural Arts Society over the winter using the slide set we purchased last year, supplemented by some of Judy and Frank Urban's slides and some of his own. What with questions and the interest of the group, the presentation lasted almost 2½ hours instead of the planned 45 minutes. Requests come in periodically and are even scheduled far in advance. If you'd like to share your experiences with others, let Judy or Dave know.

SEE YOU MONDAY!!

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