



## PIKES PEAK MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 1982

We want to thank the great turnout we had for Tom Flynn's program last month. As usual, he does not go into anything half-way. He has become an accomplished photographer, along with his family, as the fabulous examples he gave us attested, so brilliantly. That gives us all something to strive for while hunting and photographing our finds this year. We feel very grateful that Tom will take the time to come all the way from Boulder to share his enthusiasm for mycology with us.

JUNE MEETING - By way of talent, our club may be small, but it is loaded. The June program will be given by Lee Barzee. In the event you haven't had the pleasure, she is the one with the gorgeous silver hair (premature). She has spent so much time studying of late that we haven't seen as much of her. She is the wife of a retired military man, mother of seven, and a few of the grandchildren are visiting this summer. She has been doing graduate work both here at UCCS and in Denver in such fields as mycology, botany of Colorado and Entomology. She works with the Science Department of UCCS in their permanent collection of insects. We are very proud of her, because she and George Grimes are the leaders in getting this club started.

Lee will present a slide program (one projector) on Look A-Likes. This will include both edibles and poisonous mushrooms. Since we have had separate programs on each subject, perhaps with seeing the look a-likes together we can more easily discern them.

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Dennis Craig and I took a trip to Indian Creek Campground to check out the fungi. Guess what we found! I am happy that we have chosen for our Foray Chairman someone who actually knows what morels look like, and where to find them. Actually, when he returned last week to hopefully find more, it was too dry. Claude and Clyde McKee were also going up to check it out. I never had expected to find them in Colorado,



"Common Morel"  
*Morchella esculenta* Dorothy Beebe

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so I was thrilled beyond measure to be along. They were so much like the mulch under the Aspen trees that I could hardly see them. Lee says that the ones found in our region come a little later. It always seems to help me, once I have seen them identified for sure, it is easier to recognize the next time. Let's all hope for a next time. Don't forget Tom's mention of the flower beds. That compost can bring forth real treasures. Dennis and I identified our find as *Morchella angusticeps*. He suggested soaking in salt water to get rid of debris, then deep frying in a stiff oriental batter. Wow! It was sensational. I'm convinced.

FORAYS: Sunday, June 27th. Joint foray with Denver. Meet at the Zuider Zee, North Academy at 8:00 to carpool. Indian Creek Campground by 9:30. Bring family and your picnic lunch. Foray Leader, Dennis Craig - 598-9234. Map on back,

July 3rd, Saturday - Emerald Valley, Dave and Sue Smith Foray Leaders - 495-4067. Meet at old Broadmoor stables at 8:00.

July 10, Saturday - Star Ranch, Barbara Laura Foray Leader - 633-9447. Meet at 4 Seasons parking lot at 8:00.

July 18, Sunday - Pickle Gulch. Denver has asked us to join us on their foray. This is a reserved picnic area. Try to go. Call Dennis for details if interested.

July 24, Saturday - Rampart Range. Dennis Craig leader - 598-9234. Meet at Red Rocks Shopping Center W. Colorado and 31st st., at 8:00.

August 7 - Crags Campground

August 21st Mushroom Fair in Denver.

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FORAY LEADERS NEEDED

In order to relieve the Foray Chairman of having to keep all his weekends free for the entire summer, we would encourage you to fill out the enclosed form and indicate which day (Saturday or Sunday) which week (even if we have one already scheduled). This would be appreciated at least through September. Our forays have been rather large, and having two for one day would keep our numbers smaller and give us more variety; i.e. going to new places etc.. Thank you for this effort.

THANKS FOR REFRESHMENTS

Besides Nannie Lee's usual contribution, we also had cookies from Claude McKee and Rosalie Roberson. We appreciate it. Keep it up.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Club: Rebecca Holmes - 3103 Brenner Place 80907      591-8412  
and Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Bedinger - 440-A West Rockrimmon 80919      593-7636

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING.

