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APRIL MEETING will be held at Rastall Center, Colorado College at 7:30 p.m. on Monday the 22nd. Our program will be a roundtable discussion and identification of fungi. We ask that you bring your study aids, Miller and Smith books, identifying keys you are familiar with and those you would like to be familiar with. We will use the club's slide collection and discuss mushrooms you would like to know more about. These discussions have been most "fruitful" in the past and it will give you a chance to air your knowledge or pose your questions. Do come and participate.

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Many thanks to NOEL DAMON who gave a splendiferous presentation on identifying trees. We congratulate Noel on his tremendous research and "show and tell" tree and leaf examples. We really needed to give him more time. Thanks again Noel.

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As discussed at the meeting, Marilyn Shaw of the Colorado Mycological Society will present a series at the Denver Botanic Gardens. It is MUSHROOM IDENTIFICATION FOR BEGINNERS, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. Wednesday, May 8, 15 and 22nd. Cost is \$24.00 for Denver Botanic Gardens members and CMS members and \$26.00 for nonmembers. Please contact Barbara Laura - (w) 578-1048 for further information. This is definitely an elementary course, but Marilyn is a very qualified speaker. The club is still working on possible classes in Colorado Springs.

If you have been successful in locating any spring mushrooms, please bring them to the meeting. Dennis has already found *Flammulina valutipes*. It is Morel time.

DUES. It was voted by the membership at the March meeting, that the dues would be increased to \$7.00 for single member or family membership. These dues will be for the calendar year. We would appreciate your taking care of this at the April meeting, or if you cannot make the meeting, please forward to Pat Gustavsen, Treasurer, 4460 Arrowhead Drive, C.S., CO 80908. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PIKES PEAK MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY, it is a small but very select group.

Some excerpts from Mycena News, April 1985. MOREL MANIAMorchella angusticeps, or black morels, gravitate toward spruce and pines, sandy soil and the fresh carbon of burned wood. They have pitted, elongated and conical caps which have a darkened tinge to them as if they had been in a fire. Like all morels, they are hollow. M. angusticeps is mainly prevalent in higher elevations and essentially fruits right after the snow melts until June (in the Sierras), following the melting snow up mountain ranges. Citified morels sometimes appear in beds of soggy sawdust and cardboard.

Concerning the black morel, Vincent Marteka in his book, Mushrooms Wild and Edible, says "Perhaps the mushroom's most interesting preference is for areas that have just been burned. Each spring in the West, experienced morel collectors congregate in any area that was swept by fire the previous year. The black morels, looking like charred remnants of the fire, spring up by the bushel in the burn. Although M. esculenta may also be found in the burned area, the black morels are by far the most abundant. This prolific fruiting is best the first year after the fire....Apparently the ashes provide these morels with the right mix of nutrients for proliferation." We hope this gets you in the mood to look. Don't forget the *Pleurotus ostreatus* on the stumps of aspen and cottonwood.

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