

# Spore-Addict Times

The Newsletter of the Pikes Peak Mycological Society

August 1992

# Foray outlook improving

There have been no official PPMS forays in the past month because dry weather has produced few mushrooms. However, recent scouting trips by Society members indicate that the situation is improving.

George Singer collected two pounds of chanterelles on Gold Camp Road on 18 August. George also found *Lactarius* and *Hydnum*.

Lee Barzee and Ester Price found chanterelles, *Hydnum*, and *Lactarius* on Old Stage Road on 20 August.

Let's hope this is the beginning of a trend.

## Good eats

The third annual PPMS Fox Run Regional Park Picnic was a pleasant success. The beautiful weather, abundance of good food, and company of thirty-two participants more than compensated for the absence of mushrooms in the dry pine needles.

A few determined hunters did find lobster mushrooms in nearby Black Forest Park.

## Meeting News

If the dearth of local fungi has got you down, come to this month's meeting for a look at mushrooming in Michigan. The program on Monday will be a new video from the Society's library.

Please be thinking about and scouting for the annual overnight foray to begin Saturday, 29 August. Take your ideas for destinations and accommodations to the meeting.

As usual, the meeting will be at the Junior League office at 2914 Beacon Street and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Last Month

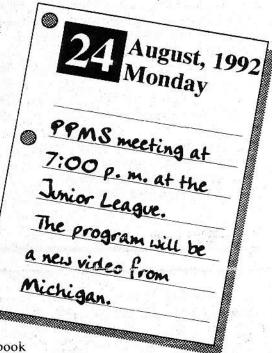
At the July meeting, the Society welcomed two new members.

Mary Will received the book Mushrooms of North America as a gift from the Society in appreciation of her service as President last year.

Plans for the annual picnic in Fox Run park were finalized.

Alternate meeting places were discussed.

The program consisted of the strange and wonderful presentation by Walter Johnson of his experience with *Amanita pantherina* in India.



Editor's Note: This issue of Spore-Addict Times is thinner than what you've come to expect because I've been vacationing for most of the past month.

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The Pikes Peak Mycological Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing interest in, and understanding

of, the field of mycology. Membership is open to all persons interested in mycology. A gastronomic passion for wild fungi is not required. Annual dues are \$10 for individual and family memberships.

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## **Stems & Pieces**

### Help your local environment

The Pikes Peak chapter of the Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (315 East Dale Street) is looking for 100 volunteers to help wth the Tejon wetlands project in Colorado Springs on Sunday, 19 September, 1992, Volunteers will help with plantings, a boardwalk, and wildlife viewing blinds. To preregister call 594-9313 or 471-9711.



#### An autumn escape

The Breitenbush hot springs in Detroit, Oregon, is hosting its tenth annual "Wild Mushrooms" conference. "The greatest foray

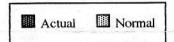
party on earth" begins on 29 October, ends on 1 November, and costs \$195 per person. This price includes lodging, meals, and program. If your looking for a relaxing fall getaway-hot springs, natural steam sauna, geothermally-heated cabins, licensed massage-with mycological scholarship included, this is the place to be.

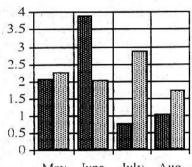
Breitenbush Hot Springs Retreat and Conference Center P.O. Box 578 Detroit OR 97342 (503) 854-3314



# Rain Report

Colorado Springs Monthly Rainfall (inches)





June July May Aug

Totals as of 18 August:

11.57 in. Normal year-to-date:

11.12 in. Actual vear-to-date: (96 percent of normal)

Thirty-day outlook: above normal (through mid-September)

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