

Spore-Addict Times

The Newsletter of the Pikes Peak Mycological Society

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The bear facts

by George Davis

Having just listened to yet another report of a bear sighting in the city, I am reminded that someone on a foray will someday be confronted by a bear in the wild. Perhaps a few words on how to react to that situation are in order.

Although bears do eat meat, the naturalists assure us that they do not look upon humans as food...usually. In fact, humans are as delectable to them as a sauteed stink horn is to most of us. But some people do eat stink horns, or so I am told.

If you meet a bear, do not (from force of habit) drop to one knee and yell "BINGO!" This will not please the other foray members.

Bears do not like humans and will try pretty hard to avoid contact. Don't mistake that for fear. They are not afraid of you. Do not make yourself big and move toward the bear making growling noises. This would be a really bad idea, especially in the mating season. Just back meekly away. You can create your own bravery in the telling and re-telling of the incident later.

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Those Delectable Wild Mushrooms

Oh, see the mushrooms in the wood
They look so clean and fresh and good
Let's pick a basketful to eat
They'll make a most attractive treat
I'll cook a couple of gourmet dishes
With mushrooms they'll be just delicious
So it was done
And it was fun.
But wait! It's now a later hour
That gourmet dinner's turning sour
Do those moans come from Mama Dear?
Are those poor Papa's groans we hear?
Alas! Alack! 'Tis but too true
With this sad life they both are through.
We'll have it carved upon their tombs,
"They Didn't Know Their Wild Mushrooms."

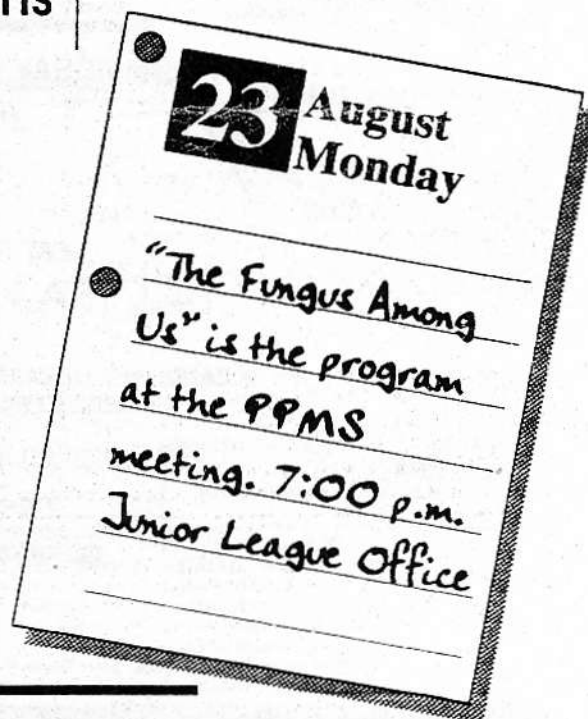
Clyde M. Christensen

[Phytopathology News, August 93]

Meeting News

The program on 23 August will be Ken Pals' updated version of "The Fungus Among Us." Ken is the Superintendent of Interpretive Services with the El Paso County Parks Department, and does very entertaining and informative programs. He is also an accomplished photographer, so the slide show promises to be a good one. Don't miss it!

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The meeting place is the Junior League office at 2914 Beacon Street.



Overnight foray update

Participants in this year's PPMS overnight foray should plan to travel to Creede on Friday, 27 August, so that they may attend Saturday morning the Creede Mushroom Foray on described in the

flyer reproduced below. If you have questions about how to get there or where to stay, call Dan or Caren Lacy at 636-2470.



CREEDE MUSHROOM FORAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 • SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

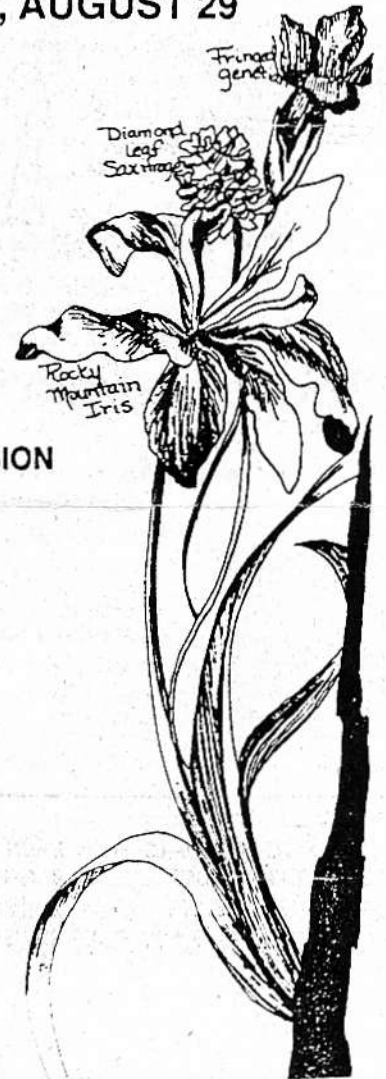
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ELKS HALL IN CREEDE, COLORADO

———— SATURDAY: ————

- MUSHROOM FORAY • LECTURES
 - SLIDE SHOWS
 - QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS with EXPERTS
- Bring a sack lunch

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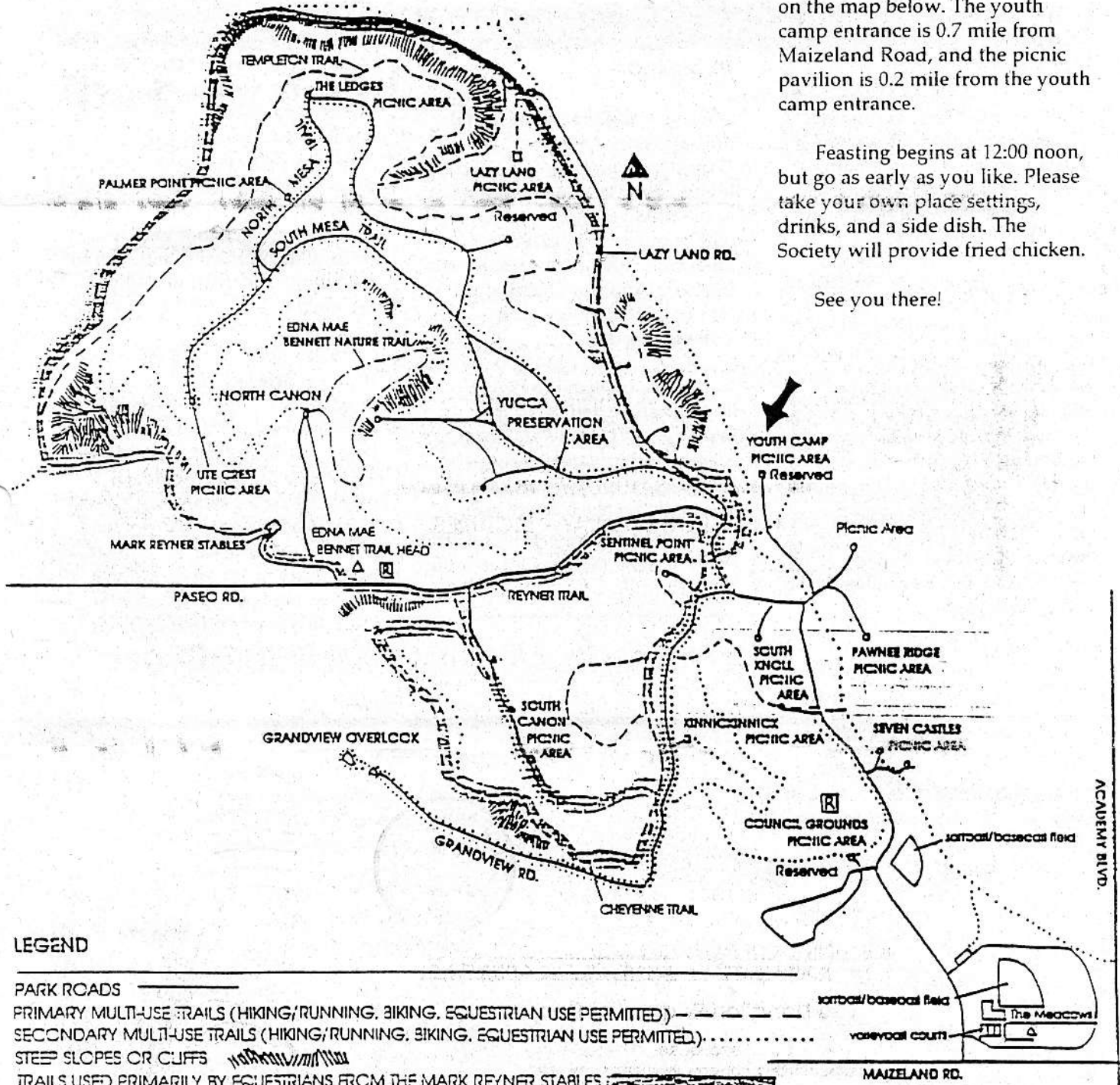
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PIKES PEAK MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

PICNIC!

This year's picnic will be in Palmer Park at the Youth Camp Picnic Area marked with an arrow on the map below. The youth camp entrance is 0.7 mile from Maizeland Road, and the picnic pavilion is 0.2 mile from the youth camp entrance.

Feasting begins at 12:00 noon, but go as early as you like. Please take your own place settings, drinks, and a side dish. The Society will provide fried chicken.

See you there!



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Stems & Pieces

Cass Recovering

PPMS member Cass Trzyna is recovering well at home after recent surgery to replace both knees. Cass would love to hear from other PPMS members about the results of recent forays.

Unusual Mycology Books

Raymond M. Sutton, Jr. of Williamsburg, Kentucky, has published a catalog of old and unusual mycology books. Among the more than 300 books listed, the catalog includes such entries as *A Treatise on the Esculent Funguses of England* [2nd edition, London, 1863] (\$325) and *Fungorum Agri Ariminensis Historia* [Faenza, 1759] (\$2200). Look for the catalog at the next PPMS meeting.

In Memory

We were saddened to hear that one our charter members, Vi Garrett, passed away on 20 June at home. She was an active member in the PPMS for many years and will be missed by everyone. Her husband, DeRoy, now resides at Colonial Columns Health Care Center, 1340 E. Fillmore in Colorado Springs.

A new book in the PPMS library will be dedicated in memory of Vi. Also Pat Gustavson is accepting private donations of any size toward the purchase of a new radio for the Garrett's son Philip, who lives at Martin Luther Home.

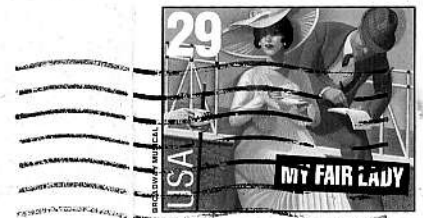


Bear facts, *continued*

Do not fall down and play dead. If you saw a "dead" bear lying in the woods, you probably would approach it to see if it was really dead. Same for the bear. You play dead only if the bear makes physical contact with you. In such a case, assume the fetal position, protect your neck and head with your arms, and wait for the bear to satisfy itself that you are not a threat.

Your mind is your best asset in any confrontation with a wild animal. Don't look it in the eye; direct looks will be taken as a challenge. Do not run because running will evoke the prey-predator instinct. Just move away as calmly and deliberately as you can and don't let the animal see you sweat. Keep thinking about how much fun you are going to have in the years to come telling everybody about your experience.

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