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Poetry Corner:

Morel Mushrooms

Softly they come thumb-
ing up from firm ground

protuding unharmed.
Easily crumbled and yet

how they sholdered the
leaf and mold aside, rising

unperterbed, breathing
obscurely, still as stone.

By the slumping log, by
the dappled aspen, they grow
alone.

A dumb eloquence seems
their trade. Like hooded monks

in a sacred wood they say:
Tomorrow we are Gone.

- Jane Whitledge

From The Prophet

For what is it to die but to
stand naked in the wind and to
melt into the sun?

And what is it to cease
breathing, but to free the breath
from its restless tides, that it may
rise and expand and seek God
unencumbered?

Only when you drink
from the river of silence shall you
indeed sing.

And when you have
reached the mountain top, then
you shall begin to climb.

And when the earth shall
claim your limbs, then shall you
truly dance.

- Kahlil Gibran, 1923

Meeting News

The PPMS will meet at
7:00 pm on the 25th of April in the
UMB Bank, corner of Hwy 115
and Cheyenne Mountain Blvd.
New members benefit from the
combined knowledge of our
membership, which totals over
four centuries in the collection and
preparation of delicious exotic
mushrooms. Our forays provide
an unparalleled recreational activ-
ity in the splendor of Colorado's
outdoors. Society president, Lee
Barzee, will present the NAMA
slide show: "Best Edible
Mushrooms and their Poisonous
look alikes," at our April meeting.

In Memory

We were saddened to hear that one of our PPMS members, Rose Trzyna, passed away on the 25th of February, 1994. She was an active member in the PPMS for many years and will be missed by everyone. Our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathy to her devoted husband, Casimir Trzyna. Services were held at the Air Force Community Center Chapel on the 2nd of March, 1994.

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Stems & Pieces

Telluride Mushroom Conference

The fourteenth annual Telluride Mushroom Conference will be held in Telluride, Colorado, 25-28 August, 1994.

Daily forays will be held in the surrounding mountains which produce a wide variety of wild edible mushrooms, especially Chanterelles and Boletus species.

Johnathon Ott, eminent author and lecturer will address a plenary session of the conference on Ancient and Modern use of the divine mushroom.

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Dues Are Due

Plan to pay your PPMS dues at the April meeting. They're still only \$10 for individuals or families.

Picnic Scheduled

This year's PPMS picnic is scheduled for Saturday, 20 August, at Fox Run Park. Plan to be a part of the fifth occurrence of this annual tradition.

A Trifle about Truffles

William Griner of Mendocino County, California, claims to be cultivating the prized black diamond truffle, in an orchard of 39 trees inoculated with Truffles 12 years ago. His orchard yields 12 pounds (\$10,000) of truffles a year.

Truffles must prefer the company of pigs and peasannts. In 1910, truffle production was 400 times greater than present levels.

Modern Doctors of Microbiology typically achieve Bankruptcy one year after launching a Truffle venture. I.Q. and Truffle yield must be inversely proportional.

Mr Griner is getting truffle yields ten to thirty times greater than world averages and \$900/lb, which is three times the world market rate.

Mr Griner's secret uses mindless superstitions and pointless rituals, to include rabbit manure, new age crystals and "the most obvious thing in the world."

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