

Spore-Addict April 1994 Times

Poetry Corner:

Morel Mushrooms

Softly they come thumbing 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.

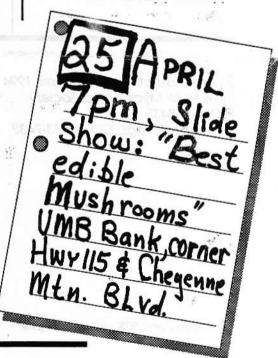
Kahlil Gibran, 1923

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 activity 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 occurence 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 innoculated with Truffles 12 years ago. His orchard yields 12 pounds (\$10,000) of truffles a year.

Truffles must prefer the company of pigs and peasants. 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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