

## 2021 - A Memorable Year for PPMS!

by Jennifer Bell



*Packaged enoki mushroom costume and winners of the Telluride Mushroom Festival costume contest. From left to right: Ben Kinsley (PPMS President), Riitta Ikonen, Chen Liang, Jessica Langley (PPMS Newsletter Editor), and Natalie Score.*

2021 was a year for the ages if you live in southern Colorado and are a fungus fan!

So many things converged; lots of late spring and early summer moisture, the end of COVID (or so we thought. . .), the NAMA event being in-state, and the return of the Telluride Mushroom Festival. And, of course, our very own PPMS President, Ben Kinsley, and PPMS Newsletter Editor, Jessica Langley, won the costume contest at TMF for the third year in a row!



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## 2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

Our final October meeting is usually a potluck for all members (mushroom themed, of course!). Due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns, we have decided not to host a club potluck this year. We want to ensure that we protect our PPMS members, as well as the health of our community and front line workers.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!

***“Clothes I wear for mushroom hunting are rarely sent to the cleaner. They constitute a collection of odors I produce and gather while rambling in the woods. I notice not only dogs (cats, too) are delighted (they love to smell me).”***

***- John Cage, M: Writings ‘67-’72***

## MEMBERS CHECKLIST:

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## ANNOUNCING INCOMING PPMS PRESIDENT FOR 2022: JENNIFER BELL!



## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We mean it!! We can't do this without you. Looking ahead to next season, we are seeking volunteers to do a number of things. Please contact Alyssa Hartson, info@pikespeakmyc.org, or Ben Kinsley, president@pikespeakmyc.org if you are interested in:

- coordinating forays
- writing for the newsletter
- newsletter editor
- herbarium liason
- record keeping on forays
- leading a foray
- hospitality
- audio/visual assistant

**WE ARE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF A NEWSLETTER EDITOR! IF YOU HAVE DESIGN EXPERIENCE OR EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH ADOBE IN-DESIGN, PLEASE REACH OUT! IF YOU DO NOT HAVE DESIGN EXPERIENCE, BUT ARE STILL INTERESTED, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO INQUIRE!**

## A Dry End to a Wet Season: Plenty Still To Be Found



*foray on the back of Pikes Peak in mid-September*

### Species list 9/11/21

Agaricus didymus  
 Alloclavaria purpurea  
 Amanita stannea  
 Amanita vaginata  
 Boletus rubriceps  
 Cortinarius glaucopus  
 Cortinarius sp.  
 Crucibulum laeve  
 Helvella elastica  
 Hygrophorus erubescens  
 Lactarius deliciosus  
 Laccaria laccata  
 Laccaria parasite  
 Lactarius repraesentaneus  
 Lactarius rufus  
 Russula aeruginea  
 Russula brevipes  
 Russula rosea  
 Russula xerampelina  
 Tricholoma saponaceum  
 Tricholoma sp.

After a very productive and rainy season in Colorado, James Chelin led a foray on the back of Pikes Peak on a warm and sunny September morning. After multiple scouting missions, James was hopeful that the club would find some interesting specimens, but remained fearful that the club members would be disappointed if they didn't come home with a basket full of choice edibles. The weather had dried up, and the cool temperatures were looming on the horizon. Having come fresh from the NAMA Foray and the Telluride Mushroom Festival, some club members and officers were a little maxxed out on *Boletus rubriceps*.

-- Jessica Langley, Co-Editor



*club members on a foray on the back of Pikes Peak in mid-September*



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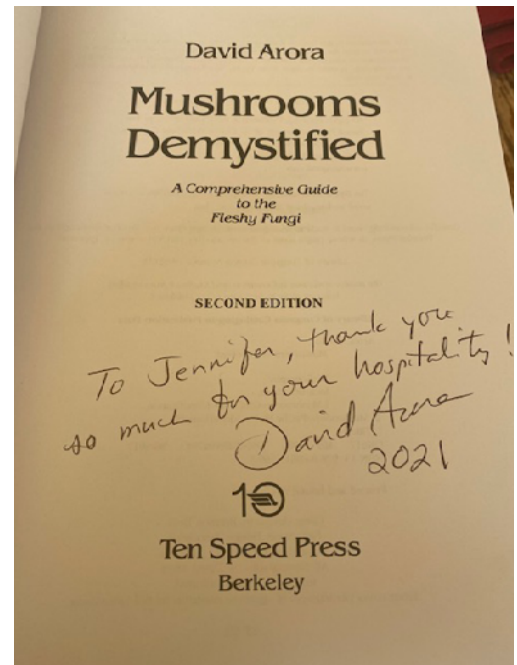
James Chelin is our new foray coordinator and he organized a PPMS camping trip to the Wets where boletes were beyond abundant. David Arora and his lovely wife Wendy So spent part of their honeymoon in my downstairs apartment collecting interesting agaricus specimens and sharing pickled mushrooms with us. Colorado Mycological Society reached out to us to lead a foray at the NAMA event at Grand Lake. Brian Barzee, James Chelin and I took a busload of thirty-five flat-landers on a five mile hike up to ten thousand feet. Nobody died!

PPMS President Ben Kinsley spoke to the NAMA group about our club. Many mentions were made (shout-out to Barbara Ching of NAMA) of how active our club is. Our members have a lot of energy and a great desire to go places and do things and learn stuff.

Britt Bunyard, who is the world's leading amanita expert and the organizer of the Telluride Mushroom Festival, addressed our group and took us on a high elevation foray. How lucky that on the day I found a strange looking amanita he just happened to be there--a scientific witness to what is possibly a new species from the pine forests of Pikes Peak!

I hope that you can make the Telluride Mushroom Festival part of your plans for next summer. PPMS has been invited to organize and lead forays for the event in 2022. James and Brian will add their encyclopedic myco-knowledge to the outings and I will be leading a woman's trek.

Lastly, Ben Kinsley and newsletter editor Jessica Langley corralled a few friends and delighted everyone with their incredible enoki costume for the Telluride parade. They have won the event two years in a row now bringing fame, if not fortune, to the Pikes Peak Mycological Society. Jessica also led two workshops on handmade paper for foraged mushrooms for TMF. Let's see what happens in 2022!



a nice note from David Arora after his visit to the Pikes Peak region



Jennifer Bell (PPMS vice-president) with Eugenia Bone, nature and food journalist, and author of *Mycophilia*



Jennifer Bell dressed "Frida Khaloboletus," the red-pore blue-stainer, bitter bolete that is good pickled for the TMF costume parade

## Recipe: Pickled Mushrooms

By James Chelin

### What you'll need:

- Canning jars, any size, lids and rings
- Large pot or dutch oven
- Ladle
- Water bath or pressure canner

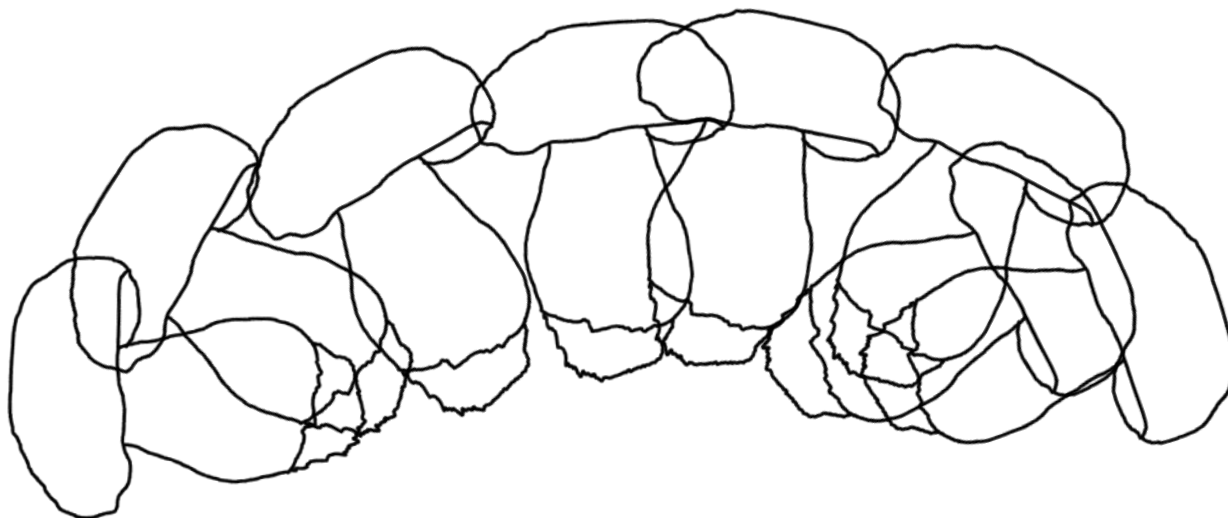
### For each jar add:

- Cleaned and chunked boletes, lactarius, oysters or other stout/meaty mushroom 1/2 inch thick or less
- 2/3 water
- 1/3 Apple cider vinegar
- Onions, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, smashed
- 1 serrano chili cut / split the end
  
- 1 chili de arbol
- 1/2 Tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- Fresh dill
- 1-2 teaspoons peppercorns
- Bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon Mustard seeds
- 1-2 teaspoons sea salt
- Dash sugar
- Splash of olive oil



*David Arora (center) with PPMS board members James Chelin (left), and Brian Barzee (right)*

Sterilize jars in boiling water. While the jars are being sterilized, combine all of the ingredients into a large dutch oven or pot. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium and boil for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and ladle mushroom mixture into hot, sterilized jars. Refrigerate or process in a boiling water bath for 15 minutes.



# Foray Pics!

What an amazing season!!



PPMS fory June 30, 2021



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*Crags foray July 21, 2021*



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Collecting for the Fungal Diversity Project at the Craggs foray July 28, 2021





*PPMS overnight foray in the Wet Mountains July 29, 2021*



*PPMS members displaying their haul of choice edibles found on the overnight foray in the Wet Mountains July 29, 2021*





*Catamount Trail foray August 8, 2021*

