

The Mycorizon

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A word from your editor

Thank you for allowing me to exercise my passion. I consider publishing this newsletter a privilege and hope to exceed your expectations.

This is your newsletter, so please feel free to participate in the creation of each issue. Chances are that if you find something interesting others will too. So share your thoughts, suggestions, pictures and experiences.

You do not have to be writer or especially creative, just submit and leave the rest to your editor.

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Wishing you a bountiful new year!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Iwould like to welcome you to a new year of participation in NMMS and invite all to attend the upcoming first meeting of the year at the Museum of Natural History.

Let me take a moment to talk about some of my goals as your new president. I plan to maintain and further solidify the strengths of NMMS and its previous direction, to try to shore up and develop solutions to our weaknesses.

As with all transitions, there will be some differences and I do request your indulgence as I try to feel out the right balance in my position. I view NMMS as a work in progress and plan to adapt to and foster things as they evolve. I would like to encourage dialogue from the members as to what is great about the experience as well as what is not. I favor input at all levels and will strive to direct and improve the focus of the organization based on what the membership needs and wants. For this to occur, feedback is essential.

Some specifics about things already in motion are in order. We are striving to increase the depth and scope of our upcoming programs, to make them more interesting and informative. I am creating introductory packets which will cover who we are, what we do and some basics to aid members, especially new or prospective members.

I will try to limit the business part of the meeting to 30 minutes or less, to have the rest of our time for general dialog among members and for the dedicated program. I especially beg your indulgence if I seem to be running the business portion differently. It is not my intent to curtail dialog or input, but to direct things to their proper places, so that there is minimal digression from the business required and maximal time for the other things.

Some of the topics for upcoming programs we are trying to secure include: mushroom poisoning, dyeing and color from mushrooms, slide or video identification and other informational types of programs.

Again, I encourage your feedback so that we can best select and develop NMMS presentations according to your interests.

Looking forward to a productive, interesting and informative year,
sincerely,

John Rahart

General Meeting Minutes

11/5/02

19:30pm; President Dave Wallis called meeting to order at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History Multi-Purpose Room.

Attendees - 7

Old Business

1. We discussed, for those members who were unable to attend, Carlo's cooking demonstration presented in October.

Dave and Terri Wallis reported on the NAMA foray held in October at Diamond Lake, Oregon. The most popular mushrooms on the field trips were Matsutake and Chanterelle. The Umpquah National Forest required picking permits for recreational, as well as for, commercial pickers. Recreational pickers were limited to 15 Matsutake per day and were required to slice the Matsutake longitudinally down the stipe.

Tom Volk (Polypore), Jim Trappe (Truffle), and Marilyn Shaw (Toxicology) were among those delivering outstanding presentations.

NAMA plans to increase the number of regional forays it holds.

New Business

1. Elected, by acclamation, the following officers for 2003:
President - John Rahart
Vice President - Ann Floyd
Treasurer - Sharon Chong
Secretary - Mark Kalin

2. Dave reviewed the composition of the NMMS Board of Directors: Four officers, two immediate past presidents, one member-at-large appointed by the President.

Ann Floyd agreed to act as

newsletter editor.

Program

Dave presented a collection of slides from the NMMS 2002 foray at Sipapu, New Mexico. Meeting adjourned at 21:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Kalin

Board Meeting

01/17/03

Attendees:

President John Rahart
Vice President Ann Floyd
Treasurer Sharon Chong
1st Past President Dave Wallis
2nd Past President Ellen Reed
At-Large Member
Peggy Gorresen
Secretary Mark Kalin



Club Dues

NMMS dues are \$20
NAMA dues are \$32
(NAMA membership is optional)

THANKS to all those faithful members who have already paid!

For those with dues still unpaid consider the benefits of being part of NMMS. Then take a moment and write that check. Bring it to the February 4th meeting or mail it to:

NMMS Treasurer
6336 Mendius NE
Albuquerque, NM
87109-4126

Moved and seconded newsletter name: "Mycorizon"

Newsletter will be mailed by the 20th each month. Submission deadline is the 13th. After 4/1/03, only honorary and currently paid-up members will receive the news letter.

Concurrently, Dave will continue to send e-mail alerts and post information on the web.

Open Board Meetings

Members interested in attending board meetings must submit discussion items to the board prior to the meeting and abide by meeting rules.

General Meeting Programs

Ann has contacted Dorothy Beebee, Tom Volk and Steven Miller about giving presentations and is working on getting slides and videos.

Literature Review Committee

A volunteer from the general membership will be solicited to serve as Review Coordinator for literature, CDs, videos, etc.

Informational Packet for Prospective New Members

John is planning the development of a packet with introductory material about mycology and NMMS.

Excerpted from Mark Kalin's

Books for Sale

These are "must haves" in any collection and also make great gifts.

David Arora's "All that the rain promises..." \$18.00

Vera Stucky Evenson's "Mushrooms of Colorado and the Southern Rocky Mountains" \$25.00

EVENTS

June 1-6, 2003

Higher Fungi of the Sierra Nevada

Contact: Jim Steele, Sierra Department of Biology, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132
Evening phone: 650 -738-1814

July 12-18 July, 2003

11th International Fungi & Fiber Symposium Denmark, Western Australia. For more information send email to: grskillsdmk@greenskills.green.net.au

or regular mail to:

IFFS 2003,
c/o Greenskills
PO Box 577,
Denmark, Western Australia
6333

October 19-26, 2003

Veracruz, Mexico Foray

This is a new tour. In locations ranging from near-sea level to higher elevation coffee and citrus environments.

Contact: Gundi Jeffrey
Mexican Mushroom Tours
APDO #73, Tlaxcala, Tlax.
90000 Mexico
Tel/Fax: (246) 461-8829
Dial access code 011-52
Email: gundi@mexmush.com

August 21-24, 2003

The 22nd Annual Telluride Mushroom Festival

Contact: Fungophile
PO Box 480503
Denver, CO 80248-0503
Phone: 303-296-9359
Fax: 303-297-1026
E-mail: lodomyco@uswest.net
Find out further details about these and other events at www.mycowest.org/events

TESTING

A new Member Service

For those members who have difficulty driving at night or are occasionally unable to attend NMMS meetings for lack of transportation—there is a solution. For now, just call:

Sharon Chong at 823-2704

or

Mark Kalin at 883-1639 or 284-4341

Given a bit of notice, these generous folks will be glad to give members rides to and/or from meetings. However, to make this work on a regular basis, without putting to much burden on a few, we need to increase our pool of ride-givers.

If enough interest and help is available, the club could expand this service to include rides to and from other functions, like field trips, forays and such. A map could be generated showing locations and phone numbers of the nearest available ride-giver or a telephone tree could be set up.

If you are willing and able to help with this, contact any board member.

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MEETING DATES 2003

Meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 7:30pm in Albuquerque at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History. Each regular meeting features a program which aims to enhance members' knowledge and appreciation of the world of fungi. Any interested persons are welcome to attend. (The museum is located at 1801 Mountain Road, NW.)

February 4th

March 4th

April 1st

May 6th

June 3rd

July 1st

August 5th

September 2nd

October 7th

November 4th

December to be determined

**Book, CD,
DVD and
Tape
Reviews**



NMMS is looking for a knowledgeable member who loves to read and critique both printed and audio/visual materials on a regular basis. If this sounds like "your kind of thing" please contact anyone of the board members.

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★ www.mycowest.org ★

THE CULINARY CORNER



Ann's simple mushroom stir-fry

- 1/2 lb fresh mushrooms (experiment to find your favorite).
- 1/4 lb bacon - cut into 1/2" strips
- 1/2 medium onion - sliced thin
- 1/4 cup Bell Pepper (yellow, orange or red) – chopped
- 2 or 3 cups Zucchini squash – julienned
- 1 clove garlic - minced fine
- A bit of butter
- Some good stir fry oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fry bacon to almost crisp and set aside. Discard the bacon drippings.
- Sauté the mushrooms and garlic in a bit of butter over medium heat for about five minutes. Do not overcook. Set aside.
- Stir-fry the peppers, onions and squash over a medium to high heat until crisp-tender.
- Add bacon and mushrooms, continue to stir until heated through.
- Garnish with fresh Italian (flat leaf) parsley.
- Serves 4.

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