

# The Mycorizon

## Newsletter of the New Mexico Mycological Society

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### Presidents Message

I would like to expound and give some updates of things in progress. I have been a strong advocate for a NMMS library. We are looking for a librarian, in the interim I am trying to organize, reformat and to preserve materials.

While attending Colorado Mycological Society meetings, it impacted me greatly, that the book table was always the buzz and congregating location where much discourse between members took place. On the few occasions when the table was not there it was a very different atmosphere, no matter how interesting the program. It felt as if an important stimulating, social, and unifying energy had been lost.

By offering a library, sales and general interest table, I would bring a new dimension to the NMMS meetings.

We are placing priority on interesting presentations for our meetings. Hand in hand with this I would like to make the resources that NMMS currently possesses, easily available to the membership, rather than keeping the materials archived. To foster this, I am presently trying to work out some bugs in the software that will allow me to copy the clubs VCR tapes of past speakers, programs, forays and other events onto DVD and CD formats.

The bad news is that it will take some time to accomplish all this and spin up to our goals. The good news is that work is in progress as you read this message. Many good things are coming to NMMS. As always, I ask for your feedback.

*John Rahart*

#### I AM THE VERY MODEL OF A MODERN DAY MYCOLOGIST

By Gary Lincoff, 1985

Sing to the tune of the Gilbert and Sullivan song  
I am the very model of an amateur mycologist  
And often tend to think myself a good agaricologist.  
I know mushrooms that are good for you and others that are magical,  
And how to tell the good from bad and bad from worse and tragical.  
I'm very well acquainted too with matters microscopical;  
I understand cystidia, both pleuro and dermatical.  
In mushroom cultivation, too, I claim as well to know my share,  
With many secret formulae for growing mushrooms in thin air.  
I'm very good at doing taxonomical analysis.  
I know the scientific names of mushrooms that are poisonous.  
In short, if you're in need of a good agaricologist,  
I am the very model of an amateur mycologist.  
I know the names and dates of all our eminent mycologists,  
And who discovered who with whom & who got slapped & who got kissed,  
And who knows Latin well enough to know the latest idiom,  
And the idiots who can't even tell their ascus from basidium.  
I know who stole what from whom and who once fixed a club election,  
Who stomps on others mushroom finds and who once ate a type collection.  
All these things and more I know, and now of mushroomers I sing  
Of the ins and outs and ups and downs and goings on in Fairy Rings.  
I know who's named what and who's had mushrooms named after them,  
And who the mushroom splitters are and their every evil strategem.  
In short, if you're in need of a good agaricologist,  
I am the very model of an amateur mycologist.

*Submitted by Pat Brannen, provided by Maggie Rogers*

**2/4/03 NMMS**  
**abbreviated Meeting Minutes**

**Old Business**

Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$4957 plus the CD. To date 30 members have paid dues for 2003.

**New Business**

The following documents were available for all attendees:

NMMS bylaws.

“The Mycorizon” newsletter.

First draft of an introductory pamphlet for new members.

Request for volunteers:

To provide rides for members.

To serve as NMMS librarian.

To review published materials, tapes and CDs.

Newsletter:

Members were encouraged to submit items of interest and articles to the editor. The newsletter will be mailed on the Tuesday before the 1st Tuesday each month and deadlines for submissions will be published.

Library:

Books for sale, converting club prints/slides/VHS tapes to CD

**Mushroom books  
make great gifts  
for novice & veteran  
Mushroom hunters alike!**

The club currently has the following books for sale, look for them at the next meeting or contact any Sharon Chong at:

823-2704

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

era Stucky Evenson's  
*Mushrooms of Colorado and  
the Southern Rocky Mountains*  
\$25.00

and the need for a librarian were discussed.

Other:

John and Cynthia Sparks donated two posters to the club.

Recognition for outstanding service:

NMMS presented a plaque to immediate past President Dave Wallis.

Program:

Ruth Bronson showed a Power-Point presentation entitled *Mushrooms of New Mexico*.

Respectfully excerpted from Mark Kalin's report.

**Submission Deadline**

**For the March issue is**

**Thursday March 20th 2003**

**Club Dues**

NMMS \$20

NAMA \$32

(NAMA membership is optional)

**THANKS**

**and welcome back**

to all who have already paid their dues.

If you have not paid your dues yet consider the many benefits, including this newsletter, of being part of NMMS. Take a moment and write that check. Bring it to the April 1st meeting or mail it to:

NMMS Treasurer  
6336 Mendius NE  
Albuquerque, NM  
87109-4126

**Bing's  
Review**



**GOOD NEWS:**

Bing Leroy has graciously accepted the role of NMMS reviewer.

We hope to give members valuable information about mushroom books, CDs, tapes, etc. Opinions on content, value in the field, best place to buy, and such will be offered.

Occasionally Bing will be looking for members with a different experience level than her own to help. Please let her know if you would like to contribute to her efforts.

Bing will also be looking for your input and feedback in this endeavor. So, if you know of any interesting mushroom books, tapes, CDs or have an opinion to share, call her at:  
(505)-296-4575  
or send e-mail to:  
leroy@aps.edu

We currently have a CD from the UK. The author has provided it free of charge in return for a review:

*An illustrated key  
for identification of  
wild mushrooms,  
fungi and toadstools*  
by Shimon Tzabar

It is advertised as a “A key for everyone, even for beginners “ it contains nearly 500 water-color illustration by the author. Look for the review in the March issue.

**NMMS Board Meeting**

Saturday March 1, 2003  
Time & Place  
3:00pm [Flying Star Café](#)  
3416 Central SE  
Albuquerque

**Attendance by**

**Non-Board Members:**

Members are invited to observe (but not to participate as surrogate board members).

Members presenting a topic for discussion must submit it to a board member in advance. If a member's topic is on the agenda, he/she may introduce the topic at the board meeting.

Since not all board meetings are held in public places, members intending to attend a board meeting are requested to advise the board ahead of time, as a courtesy to the host/hostess.

***Don't miss a meeting—CATCH A RIDE!***

In Albuquerque call:  
Sharon Chong at 823-2704 or  
Mark Kalin at 883-1639 or 284-4341  
For rides from/to Santa Fe call:  
Ted Stampfer at 505-983-3116

Given a bit of notice, these generous folks will be glad to give NMMS members rides to and/or from meetings.

We would like to expand this service to include rides to and from other functions, like field trips, forays and such. To make this work without putting too much burden on a few, we need to increase our pool of ride-givers. If you are willing and able to help with this, please contact any board member.

**CD Review**

by Ann Floyd

*The Secret Lives of Mushrooms*  
Toadstool Workshop  
PO Box 1853  
Flagstaff AZ 86002  
\$18 +\$2 for shipping

This is fun and interactive; it requires Windows 98 or later. I found it useful. Especially helpful was being able to hear mushroom names pronounced correctly by non other than Scott Bates from the Arizona

↗ Mushroom club. Another nice feature is the "growing" of mushrooms to see them at different stages. Thanks to Ted Stampfer for sharing this!

***CASPER STAR TRIBUNE***  
Wyoming 2/21/2003 headline:

Bumper crop of Morel mushrooms expected after wildfires

U.S. Forest Service officials are bracing for an onslaught of mushroom gatherers who might be drawn to the Western Slope by an expected bumper crop of fungi induced by last summer's wildfires. Randy Wilkerson, a Forest Service spokesman in Denver said: "We won't know for sure until it happens, we could have a really wet spring, or not enough moisture, and not get the mushrooms. But we need to be prepared in case 500 people are standing outside our door some morning, waiting for a permit." In 2001, the Bitterroot National Forest in western Montana sold 1,500 mushroom gathering permits.

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★ on the Web at ★

★ [www.mycowest.org](http://www.mycowest.org) ★  
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**CORRECTED NMMS MEETING DATES**

**NO MEETING IN MARCH and JULY**

- April 1st
- May 6th
- June 3rd
- August 5th
- September 2nd
- October 7th
- November 4<sup>th</sup>

December date for the annual holiday get-together to be determined.

Meetings begin at 7:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the NM Museum of Natural History at 1801 Mountain Rd NW Albuquerque.

Enter through the front doors on the east side of the main building (facing 18th St).

Once inside the first set of doors, turn immediately left.

**BRING A FRIEND!**

**Gardener's Moving Sale**  
**9 March 2003**

Sunday Mar 9, 10am - 4pm.  
NO early birds, but NMMS folks  
can call beforehand for info  
about species available

Laurie Lange, (505) 294-2210  
10440 Oso Grande Rd NE,  
Albuquerque  
(by Spain & Morris)

**Taylor Lockwood's**  
**DVD is out!**

"Treasures from the  
Kingdom of Fungi"  
Price \$20+\$2 postage

To order write:  
Taylor's DVD,  
P.O. Box 1412,  
Mendocino, CA, 95460 USA  
Or call (707) 937-2004  
for credit card orders

**THE CULINARY CORNER**



**Oyster and Shitake (or Agaricus)**  
**Mushroom Soup**

6 cups chicken broth  
1 cup white wine  
½ lb oyster mushrooms  
½ lb shitake mushrooms  
2 Tablespoons butter  
2 Tablespoons chopped shallots  
4 Tablespoons sherry  
2/3 cup cooked rice  
salt and black pepper & chopped fresh chervil or chives for garnish

Melt butter in fry pan, add shallots, chopped mushroom trims, sliced oyster and shitake caps, salt and generous pepper. Cook about 6 to 10 minutes. Add 2 T sherry and reduce. Puree rice and half of the mushrooms with some of the broth. Place broth, wine, pureed mixture and remaining sherry in pot. Simmer about ½ hour. Add remaining mushrooms, cook for 5 minutes. Garnish each bowl with chervil or chives.

*Submitted by Marjorie Lutz*

Return address:

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*January brought some rain and snow!*

*Let us hope hard for*

*"All that the rain (and snow)*

*promises..."*

*(David Arora)*

Send to:

