

The Mycorizon

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Presidents Message

Filling in for John and happily reporting that it looks like a late, but productive season after all. At least this true for the northern regions.

Some areas are heavily picked and still they yield fair amounts and varieties of fungi. As for the Sandias, with a heavy heart I have written them off for this year. This after another disappointing search on August 22nd. Conditions are the worst I have ever seen, no wonder the bears are coming into town looking for food.

I hope to see you all at the September 2nd meeting and that there will be lots of material for our "Show and Tell" program.

Good member participation is needed to make this a successful social as well as educational event.

So please do bring your interesting finds, stories, pictures and up to 10 slides or transparencies. Anyone bringing snacks or a mystery prize will also be appreciated.

To enter, offer help or ask questions, simply contact me at (505) 839-3890 or send e-mail to: steinpilz98@yahoo.com.

Ann Floyd

LIFE IS GOOD WHEN...

A friend calls a friend, which calls another and they end up making plans to go mushroom hunting. On the designated day, as they wind their way up the mountain, the talk turns to expectations. The friend who initiated the excursion states that she recently has found mushrooms in the area and KNOWS that there are more. The other two are hopeful, but express that they will not be too disappointed if it just turns into a nice walk in the woods. Wildflowers along the road and evidence of recent rain are encouraging signs.

Somewhere around 10000 feet elevation they park, gear is unloaded and the threesome is off, hiking up a narrow trail to the sound of (oh joy) running water. The forest embraces them with cool, scented air, flooding their senses with long missed images. Lush undergrowth sprinkled with wildflowers, waist high grasses nodd welcome to the delighted visitors. The first sightings of mushrooms are accompanied by shouts of glee and exited chatter. Serious collecting and identification discussions follow.

All too soon the allotted time is up and reluctantly three happy mushroom hunters return to the city. There is just enough time to cook some of the bounty for breakfast before duty calls the trio back to the daily drudge.

?Fiction?

Not so – real people, true story, happened in New Mexico!

GUESS WHO THIS STORY IS ABOUT (clue in this issue)

AND WIN A PRIZE AT THE NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2nd PROGRAM

NMMS MEMBERS "SHOW & TELL"

Show off your interesting finds, pictures, slides or transparencies

Tell your best fungi story

Share your expertise

Learn from our veteran members

Bring a snack and/or a mystery prize

NOT TO BE MISSED

DOROTHY BEEBEE

OCTOBER 7TH

NMMS MEETING



Our speaker is a longtime member of the International Mushroom Dye Institute and the Sonoma County Mycology Association.

Dorothy Beebee has been a dyer for over 25 years, and has explored, written about and taught natural dyes from plants, lichens and wood sources.

She works as a professional illustrator and did the drawings for the landmark books *Mushrooms for Color* and *Mushrooms for Paper* by Miram Rice.

Her presentations are always well attended and her writings and humor can be seen in her monthly dye column in the "SOMA News" and in the IMDI "Dye-Gest".



Boletus edulis

A Dorothy Beebee illustration

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

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

Submission Deadline

for the October issue is

Thursday September 25th

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS!

Contact the editor at (505)-839-3890 or send e-mail to:
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FOR ON-LINE FUNGIPHILES

Know any interesting website like this one?

[Alpine Mycota in the Rocky Mountains / USA](#)

Send what you care to share to: steinpilz98@yahoo.com



NMMS SHOPPING

Available at the next meeting at listed price to non-members and at **10% discount**

to members :

David Arora's

All that the rain promises....

\$18.00

Vera Stucky Evenson's

Mushrooms of Colorado and the Southern Rocky Mountains

\$25.00

Toadstool Interactive CD

The Secret Lives of Mushrooms

\$18.00

New item:

Taylor Lockwood's DVD

Member price \$15.00

Non-member price \$17.00

NMMS Meeting 8/5/03

Minutes

19:30–Vice President Ann Floyd called the meeting to order at the New Mexico Museum’s of Natural History multipurpose room.

Attendees - 7

Because several members brought in a number of mushrooms collected two days earlier, we decided to hold an ad hoc program of identification. Ann Floyd, Sharon Chong and Barbara Marigold were the successful mushroom hunters, while Ruth Bronson served as mycologist.

We identified the following 16 different mushrooms:

- Agaricus silvicola
- Albatrellus ovinus
- Boletus edulis
- Collybia sp.
- Cortinarius sp.
- Ganoderma applanatum
- Hebeloma sp.
- Hydnum imbricatum
- Hygrophorus sp.
- Laccaria laccata
- Lactarius torminosus
- Pleurotus ostreatus
- Russula brevipes
- Russula sp.
- Tricholoma virgatum
- Tricholoma sp.

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kalin



*EVEN IN DEATH
THIS TREE GIVES BEAUTY*

***SOME OF NATURES GIFTS
ENCOUNTERED***

AUGUST 16TH & 17TH

BY

***SHARON CHONG PEGGY
GORRENSON ANN FLOYD***



***SHARON
READY FOR THE KILL***



***WOW!
BIGGEST TREE EAR WE
HAVE EVER SEEN***



COLOR FOR PAT!



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FUNGI FACTOIDS

From the mushworld.com

North America
Area 9,629,091 sq. km
Annual Mushroom Production
390,000 tons (2001)
Annual Mushroom Export
7,191 tons (1999)

Germany
Area 357,021 sq. km
Annual Mushroom Production
60,000 tons (2001)
Annual Mushroom Export
4,420 tons (1999)

**According to
European Magazine
on February 3, 1995**

a portable truffle detector was introduced into the markets at the price of \$950.

This machine looks like a metal detector and its sensor makes a sound when it detects the smell of truffle.

Yet, the French farmers did not welcome this efficient new technology. They said that using the machine to pick the mushroom is like removing poetry from our life.

One farmer suggested that the machine was less competitive in the aspect of practicality. He said, "I have a farm and raise some pigs. I paid \$90 for each pig and it finds 40-50 kg of truffle. After a year, I eat the pig. The machine cannot do this, am I right?"



