

12/10/03 NMMS Board of Directors meeting minutes

18:15pm – President John Rahart called meeting to order at Erna Ferguson public library, San Mateo and Comanche.

Other attendees: Vice President Ann Floyd, Treasurer Sharon Chong, First Past President Dave Wallis, At-Large Member Peggy Gorresen, Secretary Mark Kalin

2004 Meetings

Sharon received word from the NM Museum of Natural History that the only day available for our club meetings is the first Monday of the month. The Board approved changing the meeting day to the first Monday of each month (from the long-standing first Tuesday) and asked Sharon to reserve the



NMMS SHOPPING

David Arora's

All that the rain promises....

(sold out)

Vera Stucky Evenson's

Mushrooms of Colorado and the Southern Rocky Mountains

NOW ONLY \$15.00 *MP

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Toadstool's Interactive CD

The Secret Lives of Mushrooms

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contact Ann Floyd

at 839-3890

*member price

** non-member price

twelve Mondays for 2004.

Although there may not be a formal general meeting every month, other functions may be held instead, e.g. workshops, social get-togethers, etc. We will announce the nature of these events in the newsletters. John will conduct a microscopy workshop in January.

Printing Costs

The Board approved buying a replacement toner cartridge used in printing newsletters and decals for Ann Floyd.

Tee Shirts

The Board delegated to the 2004 Foray Committee the responsibility for determining the design, number, cost, and other details for the twentieth anniversary T-shirt. The committee is directed to add the cost to the cost of foray registration. The foray committee is also authorized to purchase extra shirts and tote bags for sale, after receiving Board approval for this expenditure. Sharon suggested that NMMS also produce a separately-designed new club T-shirt. The Board approved looking into this and John will call for volunteers to serve on this committee at the next general meeting.

Bill Isaacs' Book

The late Mr. Isaacs' daughter informed Pat Brannen that she will share his manuscript. John will follow-up with Pat.

NMMS Book Sales

The Board decided to make the club's remaining copies of Vera Evenson's book, "Mushrooms of Colorado and the Southern Rocky Mountains", available to members for a reduced price, \$15 (it retails for \$25). This recognizes the reduced price that NMMS paid for the books. Ann will publicize this in the next newsletter.

DVD Programs

John has been transcribing programs from VHS tape to DVD.

However, the currently produced disks will play only on machines with a specific format that is not universal or at this point even predominant. As a result, we will table this project while trying to figure out how to make the DVDs usable by more members.

Joint Foray with Colorado Mycological Society

John made some suggestions, no decision – subject has been tabled.

19:30 – Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kalin

FOR ON-LINE FUNGIPHILES

Know any interesting website like this one: It claims direct links to 10224 mushroom pages or photographs—a impressive global directory:



<http://www.grzyby.pl/fglobal-directory.htm>

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

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NMMS
2004
MEETING/ EVENT
DATES

**These dates may be
subject to change:
watch for special
announcements in your
Newsletter!**

JANUARY 5th

FEBRUARY 2nd

MARCH 1st

APRIL 5th

MAY 3rd

JUNE 7th

JULY = **Potluck in Santa Fe**
(Date to be determined)

AUGUST 2nd

AUGUST 26 - 29th =
Foray

SEPTEMBER 6th = **Contest**
(Members "Show & Tell")

OCTOBER 4th

NOVEMBER 1st

DECEMBER = **Potluck**

*Dreaming of
(what else?)
MORELS*

2003 Holiday Potluck report

As usual, the annual Holiday Potluck afforded opportunity to hobnob with new members and to catch up with friends while sharing some great food.

This year the party was held in Albuquerque at what our gracious hostess MaryLee Sparks referred to as their new annex – what an understatement! The Sparks' hosted us in grand style in their (what some might consider a) spacious new guesthouse with banquet facilities.

The house is built in appealing, well thought out Southwestern style and lovingly furnished from the hardware up— it oozes comfort and hospitality.

Thank you John and MaryLee for a wonderful evening!



The Strange World of Worm Eating Fungi

Some very familiar fungi have some strange habits. Fungi in the genera *Hohenbuehelia* and *Pleurotus* which includes the Oyster

Mushroom, *Pleurotus ostreatus* both have devised cunning traps for nematode worms that may live or crawl over their fruiting bodies.

Pleurotus species form microdroplets of an acid, trans-decenedioic acid, that is aimed at the nematodes. It produces these droplets on the ends of aerial hyphae and nematodes that brush against enough of these droplets eventually become paralysed. The hyphae then enter the nematodes mouth and anus and grow inside the nematode digesting its contents.

Species of *Hohenbuehelia* have a slightly different method growing adhesive knobs. If a nematode becomes stuck on one of these knobs, hyphae penetrate the nematode and digest it from the inside.

Species in the genera *Pleurotus*, *Hohenbuehelia*, *Lentinus* and *Panus* have been argued about taxonomically for a long time with the species often switching names. Now, this habit of consuming nematodes, backed up by DNA work, is proving to be a defining character. *Hohenbuehelia* and *Pleurotus* are now shown to be distinctive from *Lentinus* and *Panus* and this strange habit has solved a long term controversy. But will it affect your choice of edible fungi???

Source: Thorn, R.G et al (2000): Phylogenetic analysis & the distribution of nematophagy support a monophyletic Pleurotaceae within the polyphyletic pleurotoid-lentinoid fungi. *Mycologia* 92(2), pp 241-252



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**Submission Deadline
for the January issue is
Thursday January 22nd**

THE CULINARY CORNER



Barley, Vegetable and Mushroom Soup

- 3/4 cup pearl barley
- 11 cups vegetable or beef stock
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup reconstituted assorted mushrooms thinly sliced
- Salt
- 1/2 bunch parsley

In a saucepan, combine the barley and 3 cups of stock. Bring to a boil over medium heat, cover, and simmer for 1 hour, or until the liquid is absorbed.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large pot and add the onion, carrots, celery, and mushrooms. Cover and cook for about 5 minutes. Add the remaining stock and simmer 30 minutes, covered. Add the barley and simmer 5 minutes more. Add salt to taste and serve garnished with chopped fresh parsley.

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