

The Mycorizon

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Presidents Message

With spring nearing, we may yet get enough moisture for a few early flushes. Then we go on to the big ones of summer and autumn, our foray, and hopefully a bountiful and memorable 20th season for NMMS.

I do so enjoy our magnificent diversity of Fungi, and our incredible edibles. It was just a mere 5 years ago I knew nothing of Fungi! Now I find myself invited to give programs to Myco audiences!

Often I am asked how do you approach learning such a massive field. Honestly, I was overwhelmed until I tripped up on advice and examples of how to approach the problem **METHODICALLY**.

With that in mind, I am preparing a PowerPoint presentation to augment and illustrate this approach: "A Methodical Approach to Identification."

John

BOARD MEETING

Monday May 3rd
6:30 pm in the NMMNH
Multi Media Room

March & April Showers ...

...have New Mexico Mycophiles excited because — YES there could be Morels this year!!! Conditions are favorable so far. After some very lean seasons we are looking forward to stocking our larders again. Before embarking on what we hope to be successful hunts here are some reminders for beginners and veterans alike:

Wear suitable clothing and sturdy shoes

Carry rain gear (just in case)

Take plenty of drinking water and some high energy snacks

A compass and whistle are essential

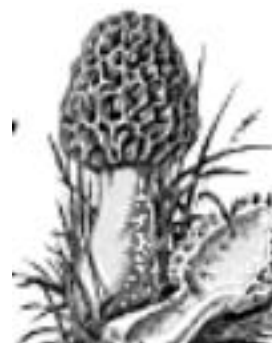
Use the buddy system or let some one know where you are going

Respect Mother Nature

and the most important rule of all:

WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT

Remember there is no room for error when it comes to identification and consuming mushrooms.



MONDAY

MAY 3RD MEETING

7:30pm Museum of Natural History, Multi Media Room
John Rahart will present:

"A Methodical Approach to Identification."

4/5/04 Meeting Minutes

19:30—President John Rahart called the meeting to order in the multipurpose room at New Mexico Museum of Natural History.

Attendees: 26 including visitors

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Chong reported a balance of \$3934.

We have 38 paid memberships (at 2003 year-end, there were 53).

Old Business:

NAMA is establishing a committee for a potential 2005 foray in the Southwest. John has research several locations, including the Wolf Creek, CO, Taos, NM ski area, and the Chama, NM area. Ruth Bronson said she has a listing of NM mushrooms at her website:

<http://www.nmmastergardeners.org>

New Business:

Day trips this upcoming summer, perhaps return to a schedule of rotating alternate Saturdays and Sundays. To be discussed at next Board meeting.

Program:

David Borsheim accompanied by his daughter Brandy Borsheim-Kilburn, gave an interesting presentation about "Lichens." A Q&A session concluded the presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 21:00.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kalin*



Announcing:

SANTA FE POTLUCK

**Sunday July 18th at 4:30pm
Hosted by Marjorie Lutz**

NMMS traditionally holds a pot luck or picnic instead of a general meeting in July.

This year Marjorie Lutz has again graciously offered her home in Santa Fe for this event.

For those of you who have experienced Marjorie's hospitality no more needs to be said. For newcomers it may be important to know that she makes everyone feel special and welcome in her lovely home. The food brought in by everyone is always interesting and wonderful.

**So mark your calendar,
come enjoy great food, hobnob
with old and new friends.**

**Look for details and
directions to Marjorie's place
in the June newsletter.**

NMMS SHOPPING

Jack States's
*Mushrooms and Truffles
of the Southwest*

\$7.00 *MP \$9.00 *NMP

Vera Stucky Evenson's
*Mushrooms of Colorado and
the Southern Rocky Mountains*

**NOW ONLY \$15.00 *MP
\$16.50 **NMP**

Toadstool's Interactive CD
The Secret Lives of Mushrooms
*MP \$16.20 **NMP \$18.00

Taylor Lockwood's DVD
*MP \$15.00 **NMP \$17.00

Available at meetings or
contact Ann Floyd
at 839-3890

*member price

** non-member price

CLUB DUES

**Bring your check to the
meeting or mail to:**

Sharon Chong
NMMS Treasurer
6336 Mendius Ave NE
ABQ, NM 87109-4126
NMMS dues are \$20
(optional NAMA dues \$32)

FOR ON-LINE FUNGIPHILES

Know any interesting website like this one:
This British site extensively defines common
names—<http://www.britmycolsoc.org.uk>

You can also go to the list directly—
http://www.britmycolsoc.org.uk/files/ENGLISH_NAMES.pdf

Send what you care to share to: ann@mycowest.org

Visit NMMS on the Web at www.mycowest.org



New Mexico Mycological Society 20th Anniversary Bill Isaacs Memorial Foray

**August 26-29, 2004
Angel Fire, New Mexico**

Foray Fee \$130.00 includes: Foray Activities, Meals (Buffet breakfast, sack lunch & buffet dinner on Friday and Saturday, Mushroom Tasting Social, Breakfast on Sunday).

Mycologists on hand will be Nancy Smith-Weber and Tom Volk.

Special guests expected are Suzanne Isaacs and a Mystery Guest.

Foray check-in begins at 4:00 PM on Thursday.

Banquet to celebrate the NMMS 20th Anniversary at Carlo Gislimberti's Villa Fontana in Taos, NM, Sunday, August 29, at 2:00 PM. Cost is \$50 per person for multi-course dinner including wine.

Special 20th Anniversary Foray T-shirts will be available in sizes M, L, XL, 2XL at the low price of \$10.

Use the application included in this newsletter to register. Register early and take advantage of the special room rate negotiated by Pat Brannen.

Make your check payable to: NMMS (New Mexico Mycological Society).
Be sure to sign and date the release at the bottom of the application form.

Submit registration form and your check by August 2, 2004 to:
NMMS Foray
c/o: Ann Floyd
4412 Cliff Base Dr. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Accommodations at Angel Fire Resort are the responsibility of the applicant. A block of rooms is reserved for the NMMS Foray. Call before July 19, 2004 to secure a room and mention you are with the foray. The rooms have 2 queen-size beds and a refrigerator, at the special rate of \$65.00 per night. Angel Fire Resort phone number: 800-633-7463.

For other accommodations, contact the Angel Fire Chamber of Commerce:
800-446-8117.

Late Fee: \$30.00 (Reservations received after August 2, 2004.)
Cancellation Fee: \$50.00

For maps and additional information refer to: www.mycowest.org
Email contact: ann@mycowest.org
Telephone contact: Ann Floyd 505-839-3890

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**WE WELCOME YOUR
FEEDBACK AND
SUGGESTIONS!**

Contact the editor at
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send e-mail to:
ann@mycowest.org

**Submission Deadline
for the May issue is
Thursday May 27th**

THE CULINARY CORNER



Fried Morel Mushrooms

Not exactly low calorie but “oh so good”

Fresh Morel Mushrooms

Eggs

Frying oil

Flour

Sea salt

Pepper

Quantities depend on how lucky one is in finding Morels.

Soak Morels in salt water overnight, cut them into halves. If they are large cut them into quarters. Whip the eggs with a fork. Heat the oil on medium heat or 250 degrees. Dip Morels into the eggs to coat them lightly. Place them in a bag with the flour and pepper, shake gently. Transfer the flour covered mushrooms to the skillet and cook until golden brown.

ENJOY!

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