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President's Message

It seems we're entering our annual dry period, but it's certainly not as bad as some recent years. I've heard of no forest closures or major New Mexico fires, and we're still seeing scattered rains. With such wonderful conditions, one cannot help but remain optimistic. (As I write this, the Sandias are now facing a "High" fire danger level, so I hope-optimistically of course-that I've knocked on an adequate amount of wood to counter my blatant temptation of fate.)

Mary Voldahl with the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest contacted me a while back with the hope that a NMMS representative could spend time in the Sandias with the USFS folks to teach them a bit about the mountain's mushroom diversity. Mary & I finally visited the Sandia Crest area last weekend, observing fungi and discussing future plans. The last remnants of snow were dwindling as we watched. And even though conditions were crunchy dry; we found a small assortment of mycological specimens. Our hope is that we will find a day in August when conditions are right and we can get a group out to see what the Sandias truly have to offer.

As soon as I have submitted this message to Ann Floyd for publication, Terri & I will head toward Ruidoso to scout areas to visit during our upcoming foray. We hope to find a variety of habitats to ensure a diverse fungal sampling during the big event. From the little I have seen and heard about this region, I expect we will have a very exciting and productive gathering in August.

David Wallis

NMMS 21ST ANNUAL FORAY REGISTRATION DEADLINES COMING UP FAST

ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 14th

Call the Best Western Ruidoso Inn at 505-257-3600 to get the NMMS special price of \$309.30 for lodging Thursday to Sunday including buffet breakfasts

FORAY RESERVATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 28th

Send completed foray registration form and check to:

NMMS Foray

c/o: Sharon Chong, Treasurer

6336 Mendius Ave NE

Albuquerque, NM 87109-4126

Registration form included in this newsletter, also available at www.mycowest.org - more foray information on page 3

VILLA FONTANA DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 12th

Make check (\$50.00 includes meal, wine & gratuities) payable to Villa Fontana, give to Pat Brannen at the July 16th gathering or at the foray or mail with your foray registration.

The dinner will be on August 21st at 2:00pm.

Members may want to spent that weekend hunting around Taos.

Pat Brannen & Maggie Rogers will be staying at the

Adobe Wall Motel (505-758-3972)

NO JULY MEETING

INSTEAD A GATHERING ON JULY 16th

Terri and David Wallis look forward to welcoming NMMS members to their home on 816 Quincy NE in Albuquerque.

Festivities will begin at 5pm

The club will provide a main dish and soft drinks. We encourage participants to bring a salad or dessert. Those who prefer some beer or wine may bring it along, and if any have a special mushroom dish they simply must share, we will eagerly welcome the contribution.

Terri Wallis



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Yearly dues are \$20
(optional NAMA dues are \$32)
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Meetings: Are held on the 1st
Monday of the month, except
July & December at 7:30pm at
the NM Museum of Natural
History 1801 Mountain Rd NW

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NMMS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

19:15– President Dave Wallis
called meeting to order at the
residence of Ann Floyd.

Attendees: Dave Wallis, Vice
President and Treasurer Sharon
Chong, Member-at-Large and Chair
of the Editorial, the Hospitality, and
the Equipment Committees Ann
Floyd, Program Committee Chair
Terri Wallis, and Secretary Mark
Kalin.

CD disposition: Mark moved,
Ann seconded, and the Board
unanimously approved rolling over
for another year the Certificate of
Deposit established for the money
to support publication of Bill
Isaacs' book, now slightly in excess
of \$1760.

Equipment: NMMS is committed
to providing a digital projector for
the 2005 foray. Sharon and Ann
will shop for one and present a
recommend for a vote by the
members in attendance at the
August 1, general meeting. BOD
placed an acquisition cost limit of
\$1500 for a projector.

July Gathering: In lieu of a
general meeting at the Museum of
Natural History, we will hold a so-
cial get-together in Albuquerque
the afternoon/evening of Saturday,
July 16. The event is tentatively
scheduled for the Wallis' house at
5 PM. NMMS will provide the
main dish and soft drinks.

Liability: BOD discussed, but
didn't act on the issue of personal
liability of Board members, in the
event of an accident/ injury suffered
by a participant at the foray, or on
other field trips. The issue was
tabled pending further study.

21:15 - Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kalin

NMMS SHOPPING

Select from great books, CDs
and DVDs that are practical
and entertaining. They are
useful to beginners as well as
veteran mushroom hunters and
make great gifts!

David Arora's
Mushrooms Demystified
*M \$35.00 **NM 38.50

David Arora's
All that the Rain Promises....
M* \$16.00 **NM\$17.50

Jack States'
*Mushrooms and Truffles
of the Southwest*
\$7.00 *MP \$9.00 **NMP

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*Mushrooms of Colorado and
the Southern Rocky Mountains*
NOW ONLY \$15.00 *MP
\$16.50 **NMP

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The Secret Lives of Mushrooms
*MP \$16.20 **NMP \$18.00

Taylor Lockwood's DVD
*Treasures from
the Kingdom of Fungi*
*MP \$15.00 **NMP \$17.00

Taylor Lockwood's Book
*Treasures from
the Kingdom of Fungi*
*M \$25.00 **NM \$27.50

**Available at meetings or
contact Ann Floyd
at 839-3890 or via
e-mail: ann@mycowest.org**

*M = member price
** NM = non-member price

NMMS 21ST ANNUAL FORAY

**WILL BE HELD IN RUIDOSO, NM
AUGUST 11TH—14TH**

**AT THE BEST WESTERN RUIDODO INN
FEATURING MYCOLOGIST STEVE TRUDELL
MEALS CATERED BY 'THE VILLAGE BUTTERY'**

**ARE YOU ABLE TO ASSIST WITH ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING TASKS?**

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR:

Set ups
Field trips
Microscopy
Scouting
Display coordinating
Collection & display processing
Cooking & cleaning for the mushroom tasting.

Sign up on your registration form or contact Ann Floyd
by phone (505) 839-3890 or e-mail: ann@mycowest.org

Chocolate and mushroom lovers hark!

Moshe Shifrine, who has a doctorate in fungi, and Señor Murphy Candy maker of Santa Fe have developed a new confection.

The new confection is called Eros Truffled Truffles, and is the only chocolate commercially available that includes real truffles. Shifrine and Rand spent a year developing the Truffled Truffle, mostly because it took a while to develop a product free of milk products that still tasted creamy.

The chocolates sell for \$2.75 each or \$14.50 for a box of five, have been available for about a month and are "flying off the shelves."

Interesting excerpt from: Researchers Hope Mushrooms Hold Key to Smallpox *By Helen Chickering*

Scientists are testing thousands of mushrooms in search of potential treatments for smallpox. The fungi we love to eat may be the next breakthrough medicine.

"Our main goal is to see if a crude extract of the mushroom can affect a virus." Research Triangle Institute's Dr. Nick Oberlies specializes in natural products research, the cancer fighting drug taxol was discovered from a tree in their lab.

Dr. Oberlies explains, "Mushrooms synthesize some sort of compound that allows them to fight off other things invading for its space." Dr. Oberlies says over the next five years, researchers will analyze more than 16,000 mushroom samples collected around the country in hopes of finding at least a handful that hold antiviral potential.

While the mushroom investigation may seem like strange science, researchers estimate that 25 percent of all drugs have been discovered from natural sources, including more than 60 percent of all anti-cancer therapies.

The research, funded by a \$5 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, seeks to develop potent antiviral therapeutics that could be easily administered to curtail or eliminate the disease.

Research Triangle Institute is collaborating with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and LifePharms, Inc., to evaluate more than 16,000 mushroom samples (basidiomycetes and ascomycetes) collected throughout the United States to identify those with antiviral potential.

No live smallpox vaccines are used during the research.

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NEWSLETTER**

We welcome your feedback,
pictures, articles and
suggestions for improvement!

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**Submission Deadline
for the August issue is
Thursday July 21st**

THE CULINARY CORNER



Vegetable Mushroom Flan

2 tablespoons butter
1 garlic clove, minced
1 large shallot, finely chopped
1/4 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary leaves
1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves
2 ounces fresh morel or oyster, chanterelle, trimmed & thinly sliced
1 lbs asparagus, or spinach, zucchini cut into 1-inch pieces
1 cup heavy (whipping) cream
2 large eggs, lightly beaten

3 tablespoons grated Parmesan or Asiago, Danish blue, Jack, Gruyere
Preheat oven 350 degrees. Melt butter in a skillet. Add garlic, shallot,
rosemary & parsley & stir over medium heat until wilted. Add mush-
rooms & vegetables & sauté until wilted. Stir in cream to bring to a
boil & remove from heat. Set aside to cool slightly. Stir in the eggs &
cheese. Pour the mixture into 4 lightly greased 1-cup ramekins or one
1-quart soufflé dish. Place in a baking dish filled with 1 inch of hot
water and bake for 35 minutes, or until golden on top and a knife in-
serted in the center comes out clean. Serve warm.

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