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Membership

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

CLUB BUSINESS

URGENT!

Your club needs you! Officers need to be elected for 2007. This is usually done by committee – **to date no one has come forward to chair this committee.**

The current officers have done an admirable job despite having to holding multiple positions for a very long time. They are tired and unable to continue for various reasons.

The President has served for two consecutive years and club bylaws do not allow a third term for this position.

The Vice President was approached about taking over but is unable to do so because of conflicting employment schedules.

A Foray Chair person is needed because preparations for next year's foray need to start soon.

A Newsletter Editor is needed **immediately** because the current editor is unable to continue because of severe health issues.

The bottom line is clear – unless members come forward to serve their club it will cease to exist in its current form or all together.

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Billy Stone

NMMS SHOPPING

NEW LOWER PRICES

David Arora's
Mushrooms Demystified
*M \$25.00 **NM 27.00

David Arora's
All that the Rain Promises....
M* \$12.00 **NM\$14.00

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

Vera Stucky Evenson's
Mushrooms of Colorado and the Southern Rocky Mountains
NOW ONLY \$15.00 *MP \$17.00 **NMP

Toadstool's Interactive CD
The Secret Lives of Mushrooms
*MP \$15.00 **NMP \$17.00

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 \$35.00 **NM \$37.00

Orson K. Miller Jr. & Hope H. Miller 's
North American Mushrooms A field guide to edible and inedible fungi
*M \$17.00 **NM \$19.00

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

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

NEW

BAD ATTITUDE! BAD DECISIONS!

This has got to be the all-time best example of what not to do and think even if you had a few to many, which the author may have had. The club recently received the following e-mail (verbatim):

“Hey, I searched and finally found an email to the SECRET SOCIETY on Mycological. I am interested but not to extent of joining. I just want to eat wild mushrooms and it seems you all hold that secret rather than being very open about what to eat.

Even email about you wed site or members or for questions is a secret and hard to find. I guess it's a need to know someone club. How about a picture page of edible NEw Mexico Mushrooms starting with the Sandia's, Manzano's, and Jemez areas.

I was talking to some friends and we decided that if each of us eats a different mushroom and see who gets sick we will be able to narrow down which ones we can eat. I hardly know anyone who wouldn't want to know which ones to eat.

Seems like an organization like yours would be all over SAFETY and EDUCATION about poisonous mushroom..... ohhhh don't eat the mushrooms unless you know they are safe, but don't share the truth. Hiding the safety of mushrooms isn't what I call intelligent.”

Editor's note:

VERY SCARY!

EXCERPTS FROM THE EDITOR'S RESPONSE TO THESE DANGEROUS THOUGHTS

The New Mexico Mycological Society is not a secret club. We hold meetings on the first Monday of every month (unless announced otherwise on our website and newsletter). The meetings are in the multi-purpose room of the Museum of Natural History. Located at 1801 Mountain Rd NW.

A picture page of edible mushrooms, as you suggest, is IN NO WAY enough to identify wild mushrooms, and the decision of you and your friends eating them to find out if they make you sick IS WRONG AND DANGEROUS. Some edible mushrooms have look-alikes that will make you very ill. While it is true that some will only cause some toilet-hugging, others will land you in the hospital and some can destroy your liver to the point that only a transplant will save you.

I hope that, at the least, you will go to the library and get some books to study. Good choices are:

All that the rain promises and more..... by David Arora.

Mushrooms Demystified, also by Arora.

As usual – knowledge is every thing and in the case of mycology it can not be gained by looking at pictures only!

PLEASE NOTE:

NMMS welcomes anyone interested in attending one of our meetings and they are free to decide if they want to join after that. We have recently held an educational “Mushroom walk” in the Sandias. These are also free and are announced on the website. Participation in “Fieldtrips” and “Forays” does require membership.

MUSROOM POISENINGS

Rich Therrien found a recent article in Top News from MMVI CBS Television Stations, Inc. that alerted dog owners to be aware of poisonous Amanita mushrooms. It should be noted that most city dwellers are not likely to find Amanitas in their yards.

Carol Padlick reports from Dillon, Co. that she was worried when her dog ate a yellowish-brown mushroom that had white spots.

Veterinarians at the Alpine Veterinary Practice in Dillon have seen six cases in just over two weeks. Dr. Gretchen Norton said "Signs generally start within 30 minutes to 6 hours and mild signs would be the dog appears to be nauseous, it may be salivating profusely, it may actually vomit and many times they have diarrhea." The poison affects the dogs' neurological system possibly causing tremors, seizures and kidney failure. "They can certainly die from it," Norton said. Since it is hard to know for certain which mushrooms will make an animal sick it's best to avoid them all .



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

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THE CULINARY CORNER



BACON, EGG & CHANTERELLE SANDWICHES

Serves four

Unsalted butter

12 oz meaty bacon

1¼ cups chanterelles halved

4 eggs

4 rolls (whole grain or what ever you prefer)

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Fry bacon and keep warm.

Gently sauté chanterelles in butter until soft and keep warm.

Fry eggs individually to desired doneness.

Toast and butter rolls.

Assemble and season with salt and pepper.

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