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So far June is wetter than normal, which is promising, following our wetter than normal spring. We're looking forward to learning from Michael Beug, and Maggie Rogers' presentation will be fun.

We anticipate very good food: prime rib or roasted chicken on Friday night, roast pork or roast chicken on Saturday night, with mushrooms that we provide on the side on both nights (vegetarian available on request). If you want to get in on a good time, reserve now! I can just hear those little fruiting bodies preparing to pop. I know we're going to have a great Foray!

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# The Mycorizon

## Newsletter of the New Mexico Mycological Society

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### President's Message

Our New Mexico landscape continues to carry its unusually green appearance into late spring, thanks to equally unusual late spring precipitation. This bodes well for our Foray, and with midsummer monsoons, I expect a bountiful fruiting. Foray registration forms are included with this mailing of the *Mycorizon* for those who have not yet signed up -- the deadline for reservations at the Plaza Hotel is 12 July. I look forward to an enjoyable and informative Foray this year.

There will be no formal NMMS meeting this month, but we will have a potluck supper in Santa Fe on 14 July -- I hope to see many of you there.

Spencer Campbell

### Honey Bear

Readers will recall an entertaining anecdote in last month's issue describing a brief woodland conference involving Jonathan Caldwell, his dog Honey, a bear cub, and the cub's mother. Those concerned about Honey's health will be relieved by Jonathan's subsequent report.

"Honey has greatly improved, spent Thursday-Monday up at my friend's ranch for our annual Memday campout in the pines, and Honey was all over the territory with the other canines, a little hitch to her walk showing up after a few hours of motion which she would follow up with a long nap, but that's about all.

Everybody up there decided she needed some sort of appendage to her name to honor the encounter, so she became *Honey Bear*.

She's been giving the bunnies around our house a short spurt of chase, doesn't have a lot of follow-through, but is definitely on the mend. I hope she has learned to avoid bear scent."

### Foray News

The Foray committee is pleased that so many of you have already made your reservations. Smart! After the first 60, reservations will be closed due to space limitations at the Plaza. They have only 15 rooms remaining at publication, which will be released to the world at large after **July 12**. Procrastinators may miss out on what is shaping up to be an outstanding Foray.

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### But can you eat it?

It seems that among mycomuggles, popular perceptions of wild mushrooms hold finite possibilities: the prospect of visiting other realms, the chance of dying instantly from merely touching a specimen, the question of how it might taste bathed in butter.

Certainly most of *us* are familiar with the culinary rewards from a day in the woods as well as the need for caution in selecting specimens for the skillet. Many know also of other interesting applications for fungi, such as dyeing fabric fibers or making paper from polypores, (the woody fans and conks found fruiting perpetually from many trees.)

The natural beauty of mushrooms is often captured with the photographer's

lens or a painter's brush. There is one species, however, whose beauty is hidden until brought to the surface by a special type of artist. I refer to the *Ganoderma applanatum* or Artist's Conk.

This polypore has a creamy white underside which discolors a dark brown when scratched. Some folks are happy, with the point of a knife, to merely engrave their initials or "Kilroy Was Here," as I discovered on one old conk deep in the San Juan Wilderness. Others understand the magic of this fungus and are gifted with the ability to bring it to life.

I have met a few such artists among the NAMA membership, and listened to their descriptions of painstakingly detailing each fine line with the point of a pin. Although I have no examples of their work, in searching

for an image to accompany last month's bear article, I did happen upon a photograph which epitomizes how a skilled artist can transform a homely conk into a thing of beauty.

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Etching on  
*Ganoderma  
applanatum*

### Two Bears

by  
Brenda Moore  
Stickney

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Brenda Moore Stickney is a wild-life artist and guide in Maine. I contacted Brenda a bit too late to obtain her permission to print the photo in our last issue, but we did connect, and she graciously agreed to let us reproduce her artwork in the *Mycorizon*.

## NMMS SHOPPING

David Arora's

### *Mushrooms Demystified*

\*MP \$27.00 \*\*NMP 30.00

Temporarily out of stock!

Please call if you want this book.

David Arora's

### *All that the Rain Promises....*

\*M \$13.00 / \*\*N \$15.00

Vera Stucky Evenson's

### *Mushrooms of Colorado and the Southern Rocky Mountains*

M \$15.00 / N \$17.00

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### *The Secret Lives of Mushrooms*

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Orson K. Miller Jr. &

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M \$20.00 / N \$23.00

Books available at meetings or  
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\*M = member price

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### Potluck dinner at Barbara Hays' Clubhouse 360b Calle Colina in Santa Fe

- 5:00 PM on Saturday, 14 July, 2007
- Barbara would appreciate some folks arriving early to help set up or staying late to clean up.

#### Directions

- From Paseo de Peralta, turn North on Old Taos Hwy.
- ◇ 3rd street on Right is Calle Colina. (0.8 mi.)
- Turn **Right**.
- Go straight until you reach a **T**.
- Turn **Right**.
- ◇ Travel about 100 yards, and on the left will be circle around a stand of trees.
- Go Left around the Circle & you will see the Clubhouse.
- ◇ (The clubhouse looks like all the other houses so will put up balloons or something.)
- ◇ Clubhouse Phone: (505) **983-9748**
- ◇ Map and Details are available at [mycowest.org](http://mycowest.org).

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