

### Next Meeting

What was to be the first meeting of the year (4 Feb) was canceled due to snowfall and potentially icy driving conditions.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 3 March, 2008, 7pm at the NM Museum of Natural History, 1801 Mountain Rd NW in Albuquerque.

The program is the DVD "How Mushrooms Can Help Save the World," a presentation by Paul Stamets at the 2006 Bioneers Conference. His 30-minute talk includes using fungi for environmental remediation and insect control.

### Submission Deadline

**March 21, 2008**

Next newsletter will be April Issue.



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## Newsletter of the New Mexico Mycological Society

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### President's Message

While Mother Nature provided enough snow to scare me into canceling our February meeting, she hasn't been lavishing us with precipitation this winter. Although the Wallises found about a foot of fresh snow in the lower Sandias last weekend, they report that this was the most significant snowfall they've seen this year.

However, northern New Mexico, Chama in particular, has had plenty of snow, and Libba and I witnessed that the snow around Taos was so deep that a herd of over 50 elk came down from the mountains to graze near the pueblo. Hope springs eternal...

The program intended for our February meeting will be shown at the 3 March meeting at the Albuquerque Museum of Natural History: a DVD presentation "How Mushrooms Can Help Save the World" by Paul Stamets.

*Editors' Note:* So far this winter, the Sandias have seen about 2 feet of snow at 7500 ft and 5 feet on top (10,600 ft). This is less than half an average winter's snowfall for the Sandias.



Along the Faulty Trail, Sandia Mountains  
Terri Wallis, 23 Feb 2008

By contrast, the San Juan Mountains have had record precipitation, with Chama (7800 ft) receiving over 12 feet since Sept '07 and 15-17 feet of snow remaining at Wolf Creek Pass (10,800 ft).

Taos Ski Area, in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, reports a 9 ft base depth at its summit (11,500 ft).



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### New Mexico Mycological Society Annual Foray

- 14-17 August, 2008
- *Mycologist:* **Rob Reinsvold**, University of Northern Colorado
- *Location:* Taos, NM
- Foray Headquarters will be at the Best Western Kachina Lodge, 413 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte

#### Lodging Details:

- Double queen bed (\$79) and king bed (\$89) rooms are being held open for reservations (under NM Mycological Society) until 1 August.
- As of 28 Jan, there are also 4 deluxe kings available with a sitting area, which are blocked off from August 13th to the 18th. Foray Chair Libba Campbell encourages folks visiting from lower altitudes to arrive early in order to acclimate to New Mexico elevations. (Taos sits at 7,000 feet, and Foray field trips can easily get above 10,000 ft.)
- For reservations phone **1-800-522-4462**. If any difficulty, ask for Cheryl Webster, Sales Manager.
- Address Inquiries to Libba Campbell, NMMS Foray Committee Chair: [abqlibba@comcast.net](mailto:abqlibba@comcast.net)

### Apology

Here in Albuquerque, it doesn't take much snow to snarl up traffic and make for treacherous driving.

When the snow started falling heavily at 5:30 pm, it made sense at the time to cancel the NMMS meeting on February 4. As it turned out, the streets were not too bad that evening. While Dave and I were comfortable and cozy in our house, we were embarrassed to hear that several members did brave the storm and were waiting for the NMMS meeting at the museum.

We are a little red-faced that we couldn't drive in the snow for 15 minutes, while some of our members traveled 2 hours to get there. We should have been there to explain. If you were one of the dedicated people who came to the canceled meeting, we apologize.

Terri Wallis



Wolf Creek Photos by Andrew Casados,  
Adaptive Ski Program

### Rocky Mountain Myco-Blitz

The Colorado Mycological Society has obtained a research permit from the park service to organize a mycoblit in Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) on August 23th and 24th, 2008. A mycoblit is when a group of people get together for a short period of time and focus on identifying the mushrooms in a given area.

This is a very exciting opportunity for mushroom collecting in the Rocky Mountains - as collecting mushrooms in our National Park system is typically illegal. Additionally, macrofungi have not been systematically studied in RMNP and our efforts will be the first to document fungi in the park.

This event has great potential but will only be successful with

ample help from club members and good organization.

Robert M. Hallock, PhD,  
President, Colorado Mycological Society

More about the MycoBlitz at [www.mycowest.org](http://www.mycowest.org).

Tina Marasmius  
*Mycological Miasma*



*It's still a long long time until morels.  
And leap year makes it one day longer!*

Pat Brannen submitted the above cartoon,  
penned by her aunt, Gertrude Espensheid.

**If you have not paid your 2008 dues,  
this is your last issue.**

NMMS Yearly dues are \$20.

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