

Next Meeting

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

For our program we will present the photos and commentary which Michael Beug presented at last year's NAMA Conference and NMMS Las Vegas Foray.

Colorado MycoBlitz • 23-24 August

Last month, we introduced CMS' plan to conduct a Mycoblitz in Rocky Mountain National Park. Jonathan Caldwell and David Wallis are eager to participate in this project and encourage other NMMS members to join them in the endeavor.

Please read about the Mycoblitz at www.mycowest.org, and contact Jonathan or David if you are interested.

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Can you name this species?

See inside (page 2) for the answer.

Submission Deadline April 20, 2008
Next newsletter will be May Issue.

2008 Foray • August 14-17 • Taos, NM

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President's Message

We still need volunteers to work on programs and hospitality. Your help is essential for a healthy organization. All too often the same people are overburdened because others will not do their part. Please volunteer today!

Now that spring has arrived, more of us will be getting out into the mountains. Please come to our next meeting April 7th to share your condition reports with others.

Spencer Campbell

Mycology in Ecuador

The Ecuadorian Mycological Society and the Amazon Mycorenewal Project are pleased to announce two exciting trips in **July 2008** for mycologists, hobbyists, students, and anyone else to tour Ecuador's incredibly biodiverse **Andes, Amazon, and coastal** regions.

With **Ecuador's leading mycologists** as our guides, we embark on a fungal adventure including:

- mushroom hunting in cloud forests
- learning about mushroom use among traditional rain forest cultures in the Amazon

- island hopping through the Galapagos
- seeing how mushrooms are being used to clean up oil spill pollution
- most importantly, enjoying a fun, relaxing, all-inclusive tour of some of the most striking natural sites in this small country.

These tours are being offered as a **fund raiser** for the Amazon Mycorenewal Project, which is researching ways to use oyster mushrooms to help remediate the Texaco oil spill in the Northern Ecuadorian Amazon, the **largest oil spill in the world**. After an initial research phase currently in progress, the project will enable community members to learn the technique and heal their own lands as an income generating activity.

The Ecuadorian Mycological Society, established in 2008, is the country's **first** mycology group and can also assist and host researchers, undergraduates, and teams interested in tropical mycological research in Ecuador.

Contact Jess at jesswork@gmail.com for details about the tours and our work.

Jess Work and Brian Pace, Coordinators
Amazon Mycorenewal Project

YUM

Peggy Gorresen presents her amazing (and tasty) creation, a mushroom log cake, at last December's NMMS Holiday Potluck at Casa de Campbell.



Creole-Style Stuffed Mushrooms

Ingredients

- 1 spray olive oil cooking spray
- 1 pound button mushrooms, about 24 large mushrooms
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped sweet red pepper
- 10 oz chopped frozen spinach, thawed and drained
- 2 1/2 slice whole-wheat bread, chopped into bread crumbs
- 1 tsp Creole seasoning, or Cajun seasoning
- 1/4 tsp ground turmeric

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat a jelly roll pan with cooking spray.
- Remove mushroom stems from caps and finely chop stems; reserve caps and set aside.
- Heat oil in a large skillet over high heat. Sauté mushroom stems, onion, pepper and spinach until tender, about 5 minutes. Remove skillet from heat and stir in remaining ingredients until well-combined.
- Stuff each mushroom cap with 2 tablespoons of filling mixture. Place mushrooms, stuffed sides up, on jellyroll pan. Bake, uncovered, 15 minutes; serve warm. Yields 2 mushrooms per serving. (Note: The mushrooms can be stuffed in advance, covered, refrigerated and then baked later in the day to save on last minute preparation time.)

From WeightWatchers.com

Foray Update

The 2008 Foray will be held at the Best Western Kachina Lodge in Taos, August 14-17. We think Taos is a great location for this year's foray. There are many foraging sites within an hour's drive from Taos and there are many museums, galleries and shops to explore in town for those who choose not to hunt.

Food scientist Jim Curry has offered to do a program for us on Friday night on the cultivation of edible mushrooms. Below is a photo Jim sent of a coral fungus he cultivated on grain sorghum. We're looking forward to learning what he can teach us about growing our own.

Libba Campbell
Foray Committee Chair



Paul Dolloff • 1950-2008

NMMS expresses condolences to member Barbara Marigold, whose husband, Paul Dolloff, died in early March.

On her Gallery's Website, www.marigoldarts.com, Barbara includes photos of his lively artwork and tells us a bit about Paul's creativity.

"Paul was a self-taught sculptor working in recycled steel parts from the junkyard, and delighted in creating something out of nothing; his endearing critters

emerged from the junk piles every day. Old attic vents became eyes, motorcycle gas tanks turned into the bodies of ants, antenna and legs were spring-mounted, and continue to wave in the breeze.



Chupacabra
Sculpture by Paul Dolloff

NMMS SHOPPING

David Arora's *Mushrooms Demystified*
*MP \$27.00 **NMP 30.00

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

Toadstool's Interactive CD
The Secret Lives of Mushrooms
M \$15.00 / N \$17.00

Orson K. Miller Jr. & Hope H. Miller's
*North American Mushrooms:
A field guide to edible and inedible fungi*
M \$20.00 / N \$23.00

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