

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 5 May 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. (We had intended this for last month's program, but instead viewed Michael Beug's *Morels, Truffles, and Other Spring Fungi* at the April meeting.

### Field Trip

Don Natvig and Andrea Porras-Alfaro are teaching a Fungal Biology class this Spring at UNM and are planning a field trip to the Sandias on May 4th. The meeting place and time are uncertain, but we have tentatively decided on Doc Long's at 09:00. Check the Mycowest website for verification and details.

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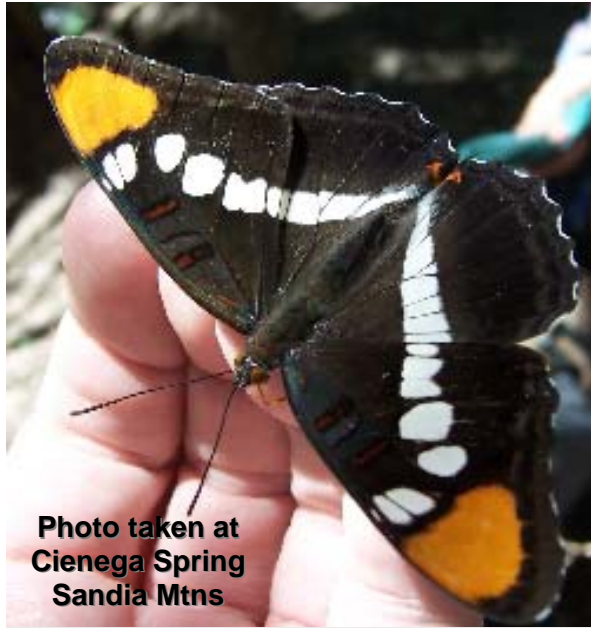


Photo taken at  
Cienega Spring  
Sandia Mtns

**Submission Deadline May 18, 2008**  
Next newsletter will be June Issue.

# The Mycorizon

## Newsletter of the New Mexico Mycological Society

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### President's Message

Ah, Spring! Ah, mushrooms! In my case, I was recently in Moscow and found mushrooms almost always on the menu, pickled or "grandmother's recipe," although the only identified varieties were cepes (boletes) and puffball. I also got snowed on the 15th of April. The weather in New Mexico is much better, and there have been some encouraging reports of spring mushrooms even though conditions are dry. Please take advantage of our good weather to get out into the mountains to see what spring offers in your area. Good hunting and peaceful walks!

Spencer Campbell

### Foray Update

The 2008 NMMS Foray will be called the "Three Graces" Foray. We are honoring 3 of our members, Pat Brannen, Ruth Bronson, and Ellen Reed, for their many contributions to NMMS. Collectively, they have been president nine times, foray chair twelve times, newsletter editor six times and secretary four times, just to mention some of the things they've given to our organization over the years. A tee shirt commemorating this event is in the works and will be available for purchase at the foray.

A Foray Application Form is included with this newsletter and is also available on the website. We are happy to report that our costs are lower this year and we are passing along the savings to you. A reminder, our featured mycologist is Rob Reinsvold of the University of Northern Colorado. Michael Beug plans to return as well, and will lead another of his beginners' field trips. Jim Curry will teach us how we can grow our own. I can hardly wait!

Libba Campbell

### Other Events

Those wishing to expand their mycological horizons a bit—without forking out any fees for a second Foray—should consider CMS's MycoBlitz in Rocky Mountain National Park, August 23-24. CMS President Rob Hallock informed us that participation in the Blitz includes free camping in the Park. We encourage those interested to check the Mycowest site for details and contact Jonathan Caldwell or David Wallis.

This year's NAMA Conference will be in McCall, Idaho, about 100 miles north of Boise. The Southern Idaho Mycological Society is hosting the event September 4-7. Visit the NAMA website [www.namycology.org](http://www.namycology.org) and follow the links for more details.

## A New Mushroom Magazine

Britt Bunyard, Editor of NAMA's publications *McIlvainea* and *The Mycophile*, just informed us of a new independent mycological publication: *Fungi*.

A visit to its accompanying website, [www.fungimag.com](http://www.fungimag.com), informs us that this magazine addresses a "pressing need for a journal that addresses the interests of amateur and professional mycologists."

Among the notable members on *Fungi*'s Editorial Board are names which should be familiar to most NMMS members: Steve Trudell and Michael Beug. Web buffs will also appreciate contributions by Michael Wood, one of the pioneers of Internet mycology. And photographers will find interest in articles by John Plishke III, chair of NAMA's Photography Committee. *Fungi* will also include articles on cooking, cultivation, and more.

Britt of course invites us to subscribe to *Fungi*. \$35/year will get you five issues. The website shows a Spring issue has been published and a Summer issue is on its way. We can guess what two more of the issues might be, but are curious about the fifth—maybe a special Holiday Edition (will it have *Amanita muscaria* on the cover?).

## Recipe

A member of the South Vancouver Island Mycological Society forwarded to that club's newsgroup this recipe sent to her by a former Alberta Mycological Society member — demonstrating the advantages inherent in a healthy mycelial network.

"Thought your group might enjoy this recipe - it is nice to have something other than soups, stews and fried mushrooms. I would say that most of the wild mushrooms would work with this recipe."

### Roasted Green Bean, Tomato and Shiitake Fricassee

This attractive side dish goes well with a simple grilled breast of chicken

- 1 lb green beans, trimmed
  - 2 medium tomatoes cut into eighths
  - 1/4 cup olive oil
  - 1/4 tsp salt and freshly ground pepper
  - 1 red onion, chopped
  - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 8 oz shiitake mushrooms, sliced
  - 1 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
  - 1/2 cup dry white wine or vermouth
  - 1 tbsp chopped fresh basil
1. Preheat oven to 400° F. Arrange green beans and tomatoes on baking sheet. Drizzle with 2 tsp olive oil and toss to coat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast in oven for 10-12 minutes or just until tender.
  2. Meanwhile, in frying pan heat remaining oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic; cook, 1 minute. Add mushrooms; cook until soft and golden, about 5-7 minutes.
  3. Add lemon juice, then pour in wine and cook until wine is absorbed, about 2-3 minutes. Add green beans, tomatoes and basil; toss.

Makes 4 servings

## NMMS Website

Each Spring, after we've given members plenty of time to renew their annual dues, I try to send out a current club contact list; and every time, the list is outdated by the time it arrives in the mailbox. We sent out a list with last month's *Mycorizon*, and this year was no exception. Within what seemed like hours of mailing the newsletters, our Treasurer Sharon Chong sent notice of renewals, address changes, and new members.

So once again, I encourage members to take advantage of our website at [www.mycowest.org](http://www.mycowest.org). Here one can get the current contact lists, which include not just current NMMS members, but also former members and many of the Mycologists who have been supportive of our club through the years.

The website also includes notices of upcoming field trips and reports on past Forays and outings. PDF versions of all *Mycorizon* issues are available, as are earlier issues of the NMMS News back through 1996.

Access to the directory (folder) containing Contact Lists requires a username and password, which I change each Spring and which I distribute via email, so it is important that I have members' current email addresses. The message will come from [dwallis@mycowest.org](mailto:dwallis@mycowest.org), so those with spam blocking should allow mail from this address.

David Wallis



## 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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