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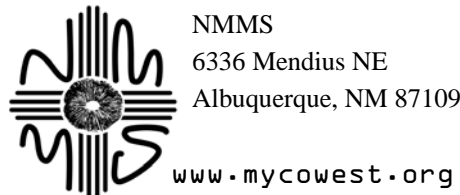
Our next meeting will be on Monday, 6 October 2008, 7pm at the NM Museum of Natural History, 1801 Mountain Rd NW in Albuquerque.

For the meeting's program, Spencer & Libba Campbell will accompany their description of the recent Idaho NAMA Foray with a few photos of that event.

David & Terri Wallis will also talk briefly about their and Jonathan Caldwell's participation in the Colorado Mycological Society's RNMP Mycoblitiz.

Dues

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Colorado MycoBlitz

The Colorado Mycological Society organized a very successful Mycological survey in Rocky Mountain National Park, conducted during the weekend of August 23-24. Park personnel, CMS members, and representatives of other mycological organizations worked together to make this a productive event.

Participating NMMS members included Jonathan Caldwell, Nora Jones, Andrew Pilarsky, John Sparks, and David & Terri Wallis.

Details, including species and collection counts, should appear soon on CMS' website: www.cmsweb.org.

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President's Message

Our Three Graces Foray in Taos was successful and fun, and one of the larger forays in recent years. Thanks to everyone for their contributions. Libba and I are attending the NAMA foray in McCall, Idaho, arriving Labor Day for some pre-foray exploration of the area. We'll provide a report at our next meeting in October. Happy hunting.

Spencer Campbell (25SEP08)

Foray Report

There were 73 participants in the 2008 Taos Three Graces Foray. The hotel facilities were spacious; the food quality was quite good. After opening doors at each end of the convention center for cross ventilation, the lack of air conditioning was not a problem. (It was hard to complain since they did not charge us for the use of the rooms.) Rain and clouds on Friday and Saturday also helped. Taos resident Alfred Savinelli's scouting was a foray-saver.

Areas that had received the most rainfall were south and east of Taos. The ski valley had begun early fruiting of *Boletus edulis*, found at higher elevations. Chanterelles were still early in their fruiting stages. It was a plentiful year for *Sarcodon imbricatus*, and, as always, all those mysterious Russulas and

Cortinari were out in force.

Many thanks to Michael Beug, Clark Ovrebo, Steve Trudell, David Lewis, and Rob Reinsvold for long hours spent IDing. Additionally, Rob gave an educational presentation on the Ecology of Western Fungi. All the mycologists' input was invaluable.

Thanks to Jim Curry, who gave an entertaining program on Friday night on How to Grow our own Mushrooms, to Barbara Mari-gold and Bruce Trigg for cooking edibles for the tasting on Saturday, to all those who helped and cleaned up after them, and to all the other volunteers--particularly Melinda Marsh, Susan Stravato, and Pat Lewis--without whose help the foray would have been much less successful.

I never cease to be amazed at all the details that Sharon Chong, our Foray Co-Chair, contributes. She makes it such an enjoyable experience with her printed color photos and signs. She organized book and t-shirt sales, arrived early and left late to make sure everything ran smoothly. As usual, David Wallis' nametags were outstanding. He went far beyond minimum standards to create truly unique and beautiful ones this year.

The tentative dates for next year's foray are August 20-23. Please contact me at abqlibba@comcast.net or phone 505-275-3071

with your suggestions and input. I welcome them. It is your foray.

Next year is NMMS' 25th anniversary. There is a commemorative t-shirt in the works, with a competition for best design (the winner gets a free one). Members are asked to submit designs to my email address. Keep in mind that since we don't have the demand for 250 shirts, it is not cost effective for us to do four-color designs; our needs are best served with one or (at most) two-color designs.

It was wonderful seeing everyone I hadn't seen since last year, and meeting new mushroomers. I had a great time!

Libba Campbell (22SEP08)

Mushrooms of the Valles Caldera

NMMS member Relf Price organized and led a couple of Mushroom Tours on the Valles Caldera National Preserve (www.vallescaldera.gov). In late August.

Bob Chapman accompanied the group on Sunday, August 24th, sharing his wealth of mycological knowledge with a good-sized group of eager participants.

Friday the 29th saw a smaller group entering the Preserve, this time including David Wallis, who discussed some of the fungi found and their association with various habitats.

Best Recognition Features and Brief Descriptions for NM Gilled Mushrooms

Recognizing that many of us were involved in in planning and/or participating in the August foray at Taos, we decided to take a break from this project.

Its now time to rekindle our efforts, lest the activity again sink into a state of entropy,

where it spent the preceding several years. Remember that we seek brief descriptions which will share those distinguishing characteristics that work for you, and brief enough to be added to the appropriate slide.

May I encourage (nag) you to kindly step up to the plate? We are about 25% through the initial phase (39 gilled mushrooms) before editing for consistency.

At the June meeting, we viewed 39 excellent slides of NM mushrooms. Individuals affiliated with NMMS photographed these mushrooms. After viewing the slide show, we volunteered to try coming up with brief distinguishing features and descriptions aimed at helping us to identify these mushrooms in the field.

We seek brief descriptions which will share those distinguishing characteristics that work for you. What I call BRFs (best recognition features)--distinguishing characteristics. (We aren't trying to publish a scientific treatise). Please limit your discussion to macroscopic features or those which are visible through a hand lens.

Along with 2 descriptions of non-gilled species (Ted S.), we have received brief descriptions for 11 of the gilled mushrooms :

- Amanita muscaria - Gary R.
- A. pantherina - Libba C.
- A. vaginata - Libba C.
- Armillaria mellea - Mark K.
- Coprinus comatus - Mary Lee S.
- Flammulina velutipes - Mark K.
- Hygrophorus chrysodon - Peggy G.
- Laccaria laccata - Peggy G.
- Lactarius deliciosus - Mary Lee S.
- L. rubrilacteus - Libba C.
- Xeromphalina campanella - Mark K.

Mark Kalin

Beef, Brown Rice and Mushroom Stew

- Servings: 6
- Preparation Time: 18 min
- Cooking Time: 105 min

Ingredients:

- 2 sprays cooking spray
- 1 1/2 pound lean beef round, bottom-cut, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 medium onion(s), halved and thinly sliced
- 1 pound cremini or white button mushrooms (*Agaricus bisporus*), cleaned and thinly sliced
- 2 tsp thyme, fresh (or 1 tsp dried thyme)
- 1 tsp caraway seeds
- 1 tsp table salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper, freshly ground
- 2 cup vegetable broth, reduced-sodium
- 12 oz beer, Guinness stout-variety
- 1/2 cup uncooked brown rice

Instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- Spray a large oven-safe pan with nonstick spray and set over medium heat. Add the meat (working in batches if necessary) and brown on all sides, turning occasionally, about 4 minutes. Transfer to a plate.
- Spray again with nonstick spray and add the onions. Cook, stirring often, until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the mushrooms and continue cooking, stirring frequently, until they release their liquid, about 4 minutes.
- Stir in the thyme, caraway seeds, salt, and pepper; cook until aromatic, about 15 seconds.
- Pour in the broth and beer, stirring until the foam dissipates. Stir the beef back into the stew and bring to a simmer. Cover and place in the oven to bake for 30 minutes.
- Stir in the rice. Cover and bake until the meat and rice are tender, stirring once or twice, about 1 more hour. Yields about 1 cup per serving.

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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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