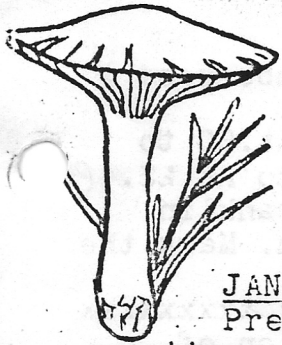




NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY REVIEW: The January meeting was held at the United Presbyterian Church in Flanders. The turnout was excellent. The meeting was attended by twenty-three adults, including members and guests. The first part of the meeting covered old and new business. The Recording Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, after which the Corresponding Secretary read some correspondence from Mr. Knighton, the President of N.A.M.A., concerning affiliation. The meeting was then open to new business, the total of which will be reviewed at the February meeting. Irene Tyler brought to the attention of those present, that the Sparta Library is interested in some members of the Club conducting a discussion, possibly in the form of a panel, on some topic about mushrooms. There will be additional discussions concerning this item at the February meeting. Irene also mentioned that that we should consider joining the New Jersey Botanical Society. Irene can probably give us some more detailed information on this subject.

Neal McDonald brought up the question about membership cards for 1973. Tentative approval was given, pending cost information. Neal volunteered to prepare the artwork and seek cost information.

Mrs Espenscheid was then asked to give us some added information concerning N.A.M.A. A summation of this information plus the correspondence obtained by the Corresponding Secretary will be covered separately in this Newsletter. The business part of the meeting was then concluded, and Mr. and Mrs. Espenscheid then described the field trip to Priest Lake, Idaho, which they made with N.A.M.A. in September. They also discussed the Central New Jersey Mycological Society, of which they both are members, and of which Mrs. Espenscheid is President. The discussion was extremely interesting and informative to everyone present.

After a short intermission where everyone helped themselves to coffee and refilled their plates with either cake or mushrooms, the Tylers made their presentation entitled "Identification Of Mushrooms". Stan started the presentation covering the use of the field book key, carefully explaining fifteen points that should be recorded when pursuing positive identification. Stan covered the subject in down-to-earth terms peppered with his inimitable humor. Irene continued the presentation covering in particular, use of the 'sporeprint', an important additional character that can be used to pinpoint the identification of a mushroom.

Using blackboard, pictures, and charts, Irene and Stan managed to keep the keen attention of everyone, as evidenced by the lively participation of the audience. They fielded all the questions and added anecdotes of personal experience, which made their presentation all the more enjoyable and interesting. Stan suggested that we make an effort this year to identify as many as possible of the mushrooms we find during our field trips and that all members attempt to identify the mushrooms that they find, before consulting some of the more experienced members, by making use of the key and recording the characteristics covered in the presentation. This seems like a proposal worth trying. It will help the novice gain useful experience and by keeping records with dates of finds, we can eventually accumulate some valuable botanical data for the New Jersey region.

During the business portion of the meeting, Grete Turchick and Neal McDonald were appointed to make a presentation at the February and March meetings respectively. Grete chose to give a lecture on "The Preparation Of Wild Mushrooms" at the February meeting. Neal will let us know what his topic for March will be at our meeting.

