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Foray Reports

Our August 11 foray to South Mountain Reservation was well attended. As it was LMC's first excursion into Essex County, something unexpected was bound to happen and it did. The parking lot and picnic area which were selected as meeting sites were barricaded and last minute changes in plans had to be made.

Stan Tyler volunteered to forgo the early part of the foray and maned the barricade to redirect club members to the new meeting area.

The balance of the foray was uneventful and enjoyed by all. A remarkable amount of Boleti were found.

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Our August 25 foray at Hedden Park, was considered by all as one of, if not the best foray of the year.

The rains earlier in the week combined with the late summer weather to stuff everyone's collection basket.

The members divided into two groups, one group going into the woods, while Greta Turchick headed another group towards the grassier meadow lands where she was able to fill a shopping bag with our mushroom of the month Leucoagaricus procerus.

The woods abounded with Armillaria mellea (Honey mushroom) and Russula virescens. The two groups reconvened for a picnic lunch and swapped stories.

Annual Picnic

The big event of the year for members of the Lakeland Mycology Club is our annual picnic. We strongly urge all members to reserve Saturday, October 5, 1974 for this picnic and to help make it as successful it has been in prior years.

We will return to Mahron Dickerson Park, which was the site of last year's picnic and the time will be from 9:00 a.m. to dusk.

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Notice

Publicity chairman, Charles Novy has informed us that our September 8 foray at the Tourne in Boonton, will be covered by a reporter from the Newark Star Ledger.

Corrections to "Mushrooms of North America"

Many of our members have a copy of the 1972 edition of O. K. Miller's "Mushrooms of North America". It is unfortunate that several errors were allowed to go to print.

Thanks to NAMA's Journal "Mc Ilvaninea Volume 1 No. 2 the following is a list of errors and their corrections which should be noted.

- Plate 60 - Change to *Lactarius gerardii*
- Plate 201 - Change to *Stropharia ambigua*
- Plate 266 - Change to *Clavaria vermicularis*
- Plate 280a - Change plate number to 274a and name to *Ramaria* sp.
- Plate 280b - Change plate number to 274b and name to *Ramaria subbotrytis*
- Plate 280c - Change plate number to 274 and name to *Ramaria botrytis*
- Plate 341 - Change plate number to 343 and name to *Dictyophora duplicata*
- Plate 343 - Change plate number to 341 and name to *Lysurus borealis*
- Plate 351b - Change plate number to 345b and name to *Crucibulum vulgare*
- Plate 355 - Correct spelling is *C. booniana*
- Plate 358a - Change to *Calvatia craniformis*
- Plate 358b - Change number to 358. Correct spelling is *C. cyathiformis*
- Plate 385 - Correct spelling is *M. semilibra*
- Plate 417 - Change plate number to 407

Even with these errors, this book is one of the best texts for the amateur to be published in recent years.

Newsletter Exchange

It was a delightful surprise to receive a copy of Spores Afield, the professional looking newsletter of the Colorado Mycological Society, along with an invitation from Marie Grimes, club president to exchange newsletters on a regular basis.

We, of course, jumped at this opportunity to correspond with this famous and progressive mycological society.

Thioctic Acid- A Search For An Antidote by Douglas Palmer

(While reading the August 16 issue of Science magazine, Doug Palmer came across an article offering a slight bit of hope for those searching for an antidote for the poisoning of the Amanita phalloides (Destroying Angel). He took the time to send us this summary. ed.)

A drug highly regarded in Europe as an antidote to Amanita poisoning is now available under governmental auspices to American physicians. As reported in a recent issue of Science magazine, thioctic acid will be rushed from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland to physicians for treatment of victims of Amanita poisoning. Although reports of numerous cures of Amanita phalloides poisoning have resulted from extensive use of this drug in Europe, its use in this country is still "somewhat controversial". Therefore, this program, initiated by the NIH at the request of the Food and Drug Administration, is designed to help determine whether thioctic acid does indeed hold promise for errant mycophagists.

mushroom-of-the-month

rose by any other name would smell as sweet, and a Leucoagaricus procerus will still be delicious, as it was when it was called Lepiota procera.

Neal Macdonald, club president and artist behind this series, has supplied us with this portrait. We have labeled the drawing with the old name to avoid confusion as this name is listed in most reference books.

In the world of Fungi, the Leucoagaricus procerus is truly a giant. The cap is sometimes as much as seven inches across and the stem can be 20 or more inches in height.

It is found on lawns, along streets and in old woods. It grows solitary or loosely clustered from August through October.

The Gills are free and remote from the stem. The spore color is white and it has a prominent annulus or ring surrounding the stipe. It does not have a volva, but rather its tall stem has a bulbous termination.

Remember the rule, when collecting any mushroom, gather the entire plant including the part which grows under the ground.

The cap and stem are of the same color. The cap having minute brown scales. Viewed from the top, it can be seen that the scales form concentric circles.

However, it is the character of the ring which distinguishes this mushroom. It is thick, soft white and fluffy with a fringe both on the top and bottom, moreover the ring is moveable. It can slide up and down like the ring around an umbrella, giving this mushroom its common name "Parasol Mushroom".

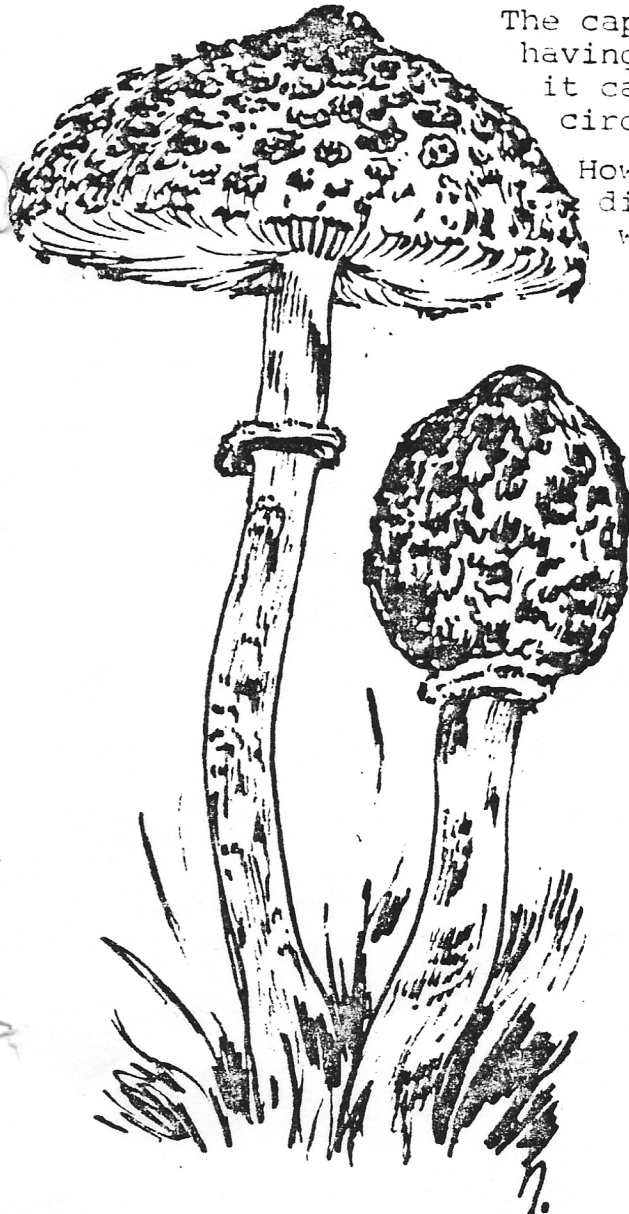
Recipe

The Parasol Mushroom is one of the few mushrooms whose taste is delicious enough to stand alone, the following recipe takes full advantage of this.

LEPIOTA STEAKS

Scrape the harder scales off the mushroom caps and use only fresh to slightly mature mushrooms. Pour hot melted butter over the Sprinkle with salt and a bit of pepper. Cook for only a few seconds under a hot broiler, making sure the gills are facing upwards. Turn them quickly and broil for a few seconds more. Serve at once.

From Mushrooms of the World
by Lucius Von Frieden



'PARASOL MUSHROOM'
LEPIOTA PROCERA