



~~Lakeland Mycology Club LMC~~

Meetings 2nd Sunday Nov. - April 1:30 p.m.
Morris County Outdoor Education Center,
247 Southern Blvd., Chatham, New Jersey

S. Ristich to address April 13 Meeting:

We again remind all our members to attend next month's meeting. As previously announced Dr. S. Ristich will present a color slide show and lecture on the Polypores and the Amanitas of the Northeast.

Morris Highland Audubon Society's Nature Fair

The third annual Nature in Art Auction and Nature Fair will be held April 20, 1975 at the Riverview School, St. Mary's Place, Denville, N.J. from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

We will participate with a booth and color slide presentation, and members are invited to drop in and view the exhibit. There is no admission charge.

New Members

We wish to Welcome Eleanor Kerr of Morristown, N.J. and Charles Osterhout of Wayne, N.J. into our association.

1975 Foray Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Foray Leader</u>
5/4/75	Jenny Jump Forest	S. Tyler
5/18/75	Heddon Park	V. Gambino
6/15/75	The Tourne	N. Macdonald
6/29/75	Stokes Forest	M. Turchick
7/13/75	Norvin Green State Forest	C. Wiser
7/27/75	South Mountain Reservation	C. Novy
8/17/75	Mahlon Dickerson	N. Macdonald
8/29-30-31	NAMA's Annual Chas. McIlvaine Foray Hanover, New Hampshire	
9/14/75	Heddon Park	P. Meyer
9/21/75	"Honey Mushroom" Annual Picnic Mahlon Dickerson Park	U. Robichund
10/12/75	Stokes Forest	V. Gambino
Nov. thru April	2nd Sunday Membership Meetings at Outdoor Center	

The Amateur Mycological Movement in the United States.... by Ed Bosman

Mycological societies in the United States have been in existence since just prior to the turn of the century.

The Boston Mycological Society is conceded to be the oldest continuously active society founded sometime prior to 1897. Dr. Thomas Taylor (Chief Microscopist of the Dept. of Agriculture in 1876) in his 1897 publication "Student's Handbook of Mushrooms of America", has a list of mushrooms (27 genera and 98 species) collected and eaten by members in the year prior to the publication. This list gives evidence that even at that early date, the Boston Mycological Society was a well established organization.

In his publication, Dr. Taylor also makes mention of the New York Mycological Society and an amateur club in Ohio, but again only the Boston Mycological Society has succeeded in maintaining continuity to the present day. The New York Mycological Society was reorganized in 1962 and has been quite active in the last decade.

A survey was made by Emil Lang (President of the New York Mycological Society) in 1972, of the amateur mycological societies in the United States. The results of that survey are separately tabulated, see Table I.

In the tabulation you will notice the listing of the Central New Jersey Club. This club is now defunct and to my knowledge, the Lakeland Mycology Club in the only amateur mycological society now in existence in the State of New Jersey.

Our club since its founding, has shown continual growth, and has increased its activity providing additional field trips plus monthly newsletters and educational programs for both its members and the general public.

Since our affiliation with the North American Mycological Association, the national organization of amateur mycological societies, we have become more aware of the general interest in mycology on a national scale. As individuals, we have had the opportunity to join with members of other clubs at the annual N.A.M.A. foray held each year in various parts of the country, and discuss both difficulties and successes that we have experienced in our own local club. Our affiliation with N.A.M.A. has given us a means to support the mycological movement on a national scale. We have already gained recognition, and we hope to be an example for other budding clubs across the nation.

Two other mycological societies which are not included in the tabulation are the "Twin Rivers Mushroom Club" of Hoquien, Washington and the "Illinois Mycological Society" of Chicago, Illinois. I have no other information concerning them except their names and their addresses.

NEW YORK MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY
New York City, N.Y.

A SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETIES
AND CLUBS (AMATEUR) IN THE UNITED STATES (1972)

by Emil Lang

<u>Location</u>	<u>Founded</u>	<u>1972 Membership</u>	<u>Field Trips</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>
Boston, Mass.	1895	286	17 (1 day) 1 (2 day) 1 (4 day)	Quarterly
New York, N.Y.	1962	80	30 (1 day) 3 (2 day)	—
Central New Jersey	1971	16	10	Informal
Delaware, N.J.	1971	42	5 - 6	6 or more
Washington, D.C.	1972	60	5	Quarterly
Rochester, N.Y.	1962	27	5	—
West				
Ohio Mycological	1972	108	Informal Schedule	6
Wisconsin Mycological	1963	130	Informal Schedule	Monthly
Minnesota Mycological	1897	225	Informal Schedule	—
Northwest				
Oregon Mycological (Portland)	1949	439	12 - 15	Quarterly
San Francisco, Cal.	1950	200	10 - 15	Monthly (during season)
Puget Sound, Wash. (Seattle)	1964	500	13 (2 day mostly)	10
Spokane, Wash.	1965	160	15 - 20	Occasional
Tri-Cities, Wash.	1969	30	4 (2 day mostly)	2
Kitsap Peninsula, Wash.	1970	120	6	Monthly
Northern Idaho	1970	33	6 - 7	Monthly
Southwest				
Colorado Mycological (Denver)	1965	117	6 - 7	6 - 7
Los Angeles, Cal.	1971	20	10-20 (small groups) 3 - 4 (large groups)	Monthly

Rochester has no mycological club, but it is included in the summary as an established associated activity for amateurs. Since 1962, the Rochester Museum and Science Center has offered an annual course of five mushroom walks led by Dr. Leo Tanghe.

Data given for the Spokane Mycological Club are estimates. It was the only mycological club on the list that failed to respond to our questionnaire.