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247 Southern Blvd., Chatham, New Jersey

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## NOTICE

If you have not paid your 1977 dues, you will no longer receive the NJMA newsletter. Within two weeks send your dues (indiv. - \$5.00 family - \$7.00) to:

Mrs. Margarete Turchick

## MEETING NOTES

It was wonderful to see so many members and guests at our last meeting, but disappointing to be so rushed because of the early closing of the OEC. We didn't even have time for a business meeting. Warmest greetings to all those I didn't get a chance to say hello to.

Everyone totally enjoyed the basic and informative lecture and slides by Dr. Clark Rogerson who is an excellent speaker. Did you know that you should not refrigerate a mushroom before taking a spore print for identification. Also - always note the soil type or kind of tree the mushroom is on or near. Put this information on a slip of paper with the mushroom into waxed paper bags when you collect in the field. (One kind of mushroom per bag.) If you can mail your fresh specimen for identification (in the mail for no longer than two days) always wrap it in paper toweling only, including spore print and substrate information.

\*\*\* A course in mushroom identification at the N.Y. Botanical Garden in the Bronx given by Gary Lincoff was announced. It will be on Wed. nights in March. Perhaps there is still time to register. Call the Garden to find out. \*\*\*

NOTE ...also that this month's business meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. on March 13th with program to follow.....

## MARCH PROGRAM — DR. EUGENE VARNEY

Dr. Varney is a member of the Dept. of Plant Pathology of Cook College at Rutgers. He specializes in viral diseases, and is a recent new member of NJMA. The title for his illustrated lecture is "Mycorrhiza: Root Residence or Why you can't find boletes growing on golf course greens." This program is sure to increase your knowledge about fungi. See you on the 13th.

## POLYPORE WORKSHOP

Those who have promised microscopes, please be reminded of the date for the workshop - April 17th, 1977. Dr. Sam Ristich states that it will be four hours long. The time 1:00 to 5:00 has been okayed by the O.E.C.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Erica Frank	Hackettstown
John C. Try	Burlington
Gary Lincoff	N.Y.C.
Elizabeth Scott	N.Y.C.

WOW !!

I was asked to leave some space in the newsletter for a surprise. The space should really be on the top of page 1.

The NJMA is the jubilant new owner of a Carl Zeiss microscope donated by Eleanor and Karen Kerecman of Hightstown, N.J. A thousand thanks to you both! The microscope has already been used at the last taxonomy group meeting.

## 1977 FORAY SCHEDULE

<u>SUNDAY DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>FORAY LEADER</u>
May 1	Jenny Jump State Forest	Peabody
May 15	Worthington State Forest	Meyer
June 12	(place to be decided)	Lincoff
June 17,18,19	mushrooms and wild foods- foray and cooking demonstration	
July 10	Annual weekend foray PEEC	Dr. Rogerson
July 24	Echo Hill Farm	Espenscheid
July 21-24	Hacklebarney State Park	Wanelik
August 14	NAMA Foray -Athens, W. Va.	
August 28	Lord Stirling Park (Basking Ridge)	Smullen
Sept. 11	Mahlon Dickerson Park	Gambino
Sept. 16,17,18	Stokes State Forest	Turchick
Sept. 25	Northeast Foray - PEEC	
Oct. 2	The Tourne	Macdonald
Oct. 16	Annual Picnic- Stokes State Forest	Meyer
Oct. 29	Holmdel Park	Gambino
Nov. 13	Dinner Dance	
	Winter Schedule Starts	

## EXHIBITION

Gertrude Espenscheid is chairman of an International Exhibition of Botanical Drawings to be held at the Hunterdon Art Center, 7 Center St. Clinton, N.J. The opening reception is on June 19, 2-5 p.m. On your way home from our PEEC weekend, stop in and see Gertrude's beautiful mushroom drawings.

## MUSHROOM MINUTIAE

Thank you for the mushroom articles that many members have contributed. Some appear below, others will be used in later issues of the newsletter.

--- Dr. Ralph Kurtzman of the USDA lab at Berkeley, Calif. reported that one ton of dry straw can produce one ton of fresh, protein rich oyster mushrooms and 700 lb. of fertilizer. The mushroom uses nitrogen in the air and the indigestible lignin in the straw.  
from Jan. 77 Civil Engineering ASCE.

Contributed by Al Leyenberger

--- On the island of Yap, in the Pacific Ocean, a brightly luminous fungus is used as a hair ornament by the women during moonlight dances.



# JUNE FORAY

Our club will hold a three day mycological weekend foray at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania. Beginning on Friday, June 17 with supper and lasting to Sunday, June 19 after lunch, this trip will include workshops, lectures and demonstrations. The mycologist for the foray will be Dr. Clark Rogerson, who will be assisted by Gary Lincoff and Dr. Sam Ristich. Dr. Ristich led our very successful foray to PEEC last year.

Accommodations have been reserved for fifty (perhaps a little over) persons. If you are interested, please send in your registration fee as soon as possible.

Rates are as follows:

Registration Fee ..... \$7.50 per person (children under five years of age - free)

Registration Fee is not refundable.

Food and Lodging ..... \$29.00 per person (1/2 price for children five yrs. old and under)

This includes a total of six meals; one on Friday, three on Saturday, and two on Sunday; -- wine and cheese party; fruit snack and money for life guard for swimming.

Ten cottages have been reserved. All the cottages have a large ceramic-tiled bathroom with shower and tub. Bunk beds, mattresses, pillows, chairs, lamps, dressers, curtains and housekeeping equipment are provided.

You may invite a non-member if you wish.

Registration fees will not be accepted after fifty persons have registered or after May 31, 1977, whichever occurs first.

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## Reservation Form for NJMA 1977 Weekend Foray

Registration Fee..... \$7.50 per person, non-refundable  
(no regist. fee for children under 5)

Make checks payable to : New Jersey Mycological Association

Mail to: Mr. William Rokicki

No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Comments; \_\_\_\_\_

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