



# New Jersey Mycological Assn.

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## SHARING SOUP AT SUNDANCE STABLES

The wild foods foray on June 12 led by Gary Lincoff was so enjoyable that all who attended want to make it an annual event. Some of the edibles found and discussed were burdock, dandelion, curly dock, winter cress, white-flowered mustard, shepherd's purse, thistle stems, wild strawberries, chickory, elderberry and wild carrot. (Poison hemlock is in the wild carrot and wild parsnip family and caution is advised.) Large quantities of milkweed buds (cooked twice using a change of water), wild leek (found in shaded, moist woods), and lamb's quarters were used in the cooking. Some of the mushrooms found were Pluteus cervinus, Clavicornia pyxidata, Sarcosypha occidentalis, Collybia sp. and Russula sp. After the foray cars were moved in a circle to keep the horses out. Then soup was begun using chicken broth, sauteed leeks, lamb's quarters, coral mushrooms, peppergrass, mustard greens and an aborted form of ?? mushroom that Greta brought. Everyone enjoyed Greta's already prepared burdock stems and Jim Richard's 7 loaves of homemade bread which included sour-dough rye, walnut-onion and raisin pumpernickle. Eleanor Kerecman brought some pickled pokeweed. Buttered milkweed buds were plentiful and tasty. .... Many thank yous to all who helped collect, wash, cook and of course our great appreciation to Gary. (P.S. Thanks to John Wanelik for his delicious honey that members enjoyed on bread or in the mint tea that was brewed.)

## FABULOUS FUNGI FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND AT PEEC

Even though the area was dry, our enthusiasm showered the weekend with success. It was over too soon, but many things were accomplished. Fri. night Gary Lincoff, Sam Ristich and Bob Peabody prepared an excellent slide lecture of seasonal fungi followed by a review of NJMA's new permanent slide library prepared by Al Leyenberger. The slides were fantastic! Thanks to Al and his photographer friend, the slide library will be a source of pride for our club. All our mycologists including Dr. Mazzer helped identify the unknowns.

Sat. was filled with forays led by Vic Gambino, Paul Meyer and mycologists. At the mycophagy demonstration, everyone devoured the edibles prepared by Greta Turchick which included Polyporus sulphureus (brought in by Neal Macdonald), burdock stems, C. atramentarius and milk weed buds. Thanks to Candace Wiser and Hiram Korn for their help. This followed a thorough discussion of edibles and some poisonous species by Gary Lincoff.

All the members present enjoyed Neal Macdonald's session on how to draw mushrooms using colored pencils as a medium. Bunji Tagawa also displayed a table of his watercolor paintings. Thanks to both for a new dimension to our mushroom weekend.

Other artists were discovered in the Arts and Crafts exhibit. Karen Kerecman's black and white mushroom calendar is super...hope it's finished for 78. Eleanor Kerecman's beautiful colorful embroidery is always admired whenever seen. Greta showed her lovely crocheted mushrooms, Ann Schwartz displayed beautiful printed stationery and jewelry with her designs, Paul Meyer had a tiny morel in a small light bulb, Sylvia Stein showed a beautifully framed spore print, Bob Peabody contributed his carved leather belt with mushrooms even on the buckle and Candace Wiser displayed a painting. All of these added depth to the candles, towels, salt and peppers, plaques, stamps etc.

Dr. Mazzer's lecture on the Entolomataceae was stimulating and helpful in

understanding the latest work on this ornamented pink spore group. A future write-up will appear after a correlation of notes. At the Sun. morning lab a thoughtful discussion of spore color and sectioning for microscopic slide work was given by Dr. Mazzer. Dr. Sam Ristich led the identification of collected species and their layout all through the weekend. Our sincere appreciation to him and the others who assisted him - Dr. Varney, Dr. Frank and Gary Lincoff.

A personalized color painting by Neal Macdonald has been framed by Jim Richards and sent to Dr. Sam Mazzer from his friends of the NJMA.

A list of collected species follows on page 3.

(It may be of passing interest that a group of 9 male members bravely and unselfishly gave of their time to an after hour experiment to test the Coprinus alcohol interaction. If there were any toxic effects, they went unnoticed.)

## **HACKLEBARNEY — JULY 24**

Join John Wanelik, our leader, at 10:00. DIRECTIONS: From southern areas, take 206 North to Chester. Turn left from 206 onto Rt. 24. Follow 24 to the Black River (Construction job going on at bridge). Once over the bridge make a sharp left. This is Hacklebarney Rd. Stay on this hardtop Road to the park. Follow signs to main parking area. From a northern direction, follow Rt. 24 from Hackettstown down Schooley Mt. Rd. Turn left at Long Valley. Follow 24 toward Chester until Black River Bridge. Turn right before bridge onto Hacklebarney Rd.

## **AUGUST 14 — SOMERSET COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

Leader - Dorothy Smullen. This center, located in Basking Ridge, is the first environmental education building in the nation to be solar heated and cooled. Identification work will be led by Dr. Sam Ristich in one of the classrooms after the foray. Plan to stay later than usual.

DIRECTIONS: Take 287 to exit 26A - Basking Ridge. Make a right turn from the exit ramp onto N. Maple Ave. Follow thru blinking light; At center of town veer left onto S. Maple Ave. Take S. Maple (passing Lord Stirling Riding Stables on Left) to Lord Stirling Rd. There is a small sign saying EEC - one mile. Turn left onto Lord Stirling Rd. (airport on Right) and follow to the center.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Whether new or returning, we are glad you have joined us...

Dave Patterson	N.Y.C.
Barbara Bergman	Watchung, N.J.
Eva Kaplan	Fanwood, N.J.
Victor and Mary Lindner	Dover, N.J.
James Nichols	Princeton N.J.
Bart Johnson	Staten Island, N.Y.
Sylvia Stein	Bronx, N.Y.
St. John Terrell	Mercer N.J.
Nelly Ro	Flemington, N.J.
Mrs. C. Russell MacGregor	Hawley, Penn.
Ms. Barbara Cielenciewicz	Landing, N.J.
Gerry Breitenbach	N.J.

## **NAMA NEWS**

The Cancer Research Center at the University of Nebraska has asked Dr. Orson Miller to make an effort to obtain false morels (Gyromitra spp.) for them.