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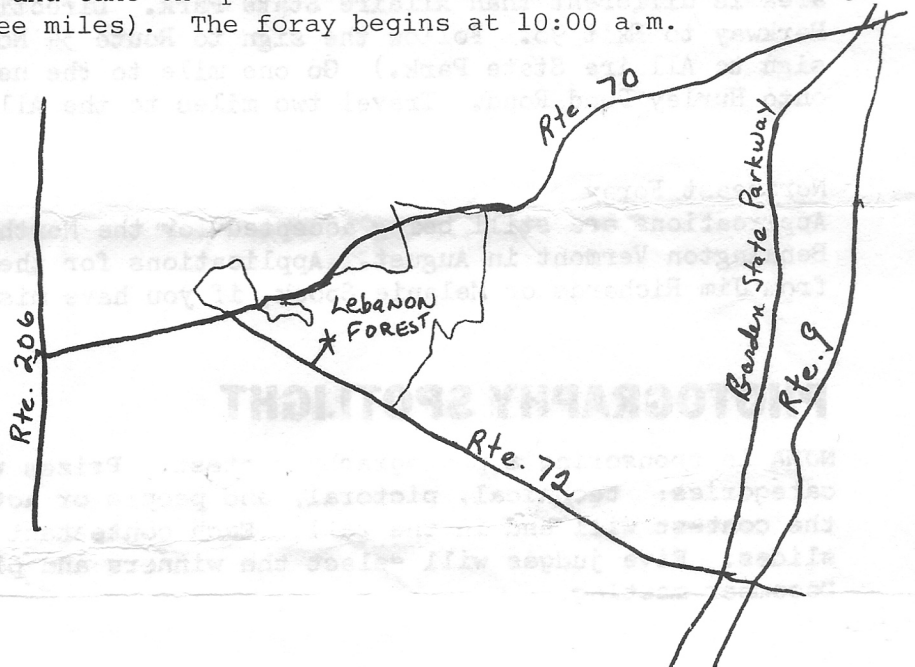
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Lebanon

Al Leyenberger will lead us on a foray through Lebanon State Forest. As a fresh water lake for swimming and a bathhouse are at this location, you might want to bring a swimsuit and stay the day.

Directions: Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 88 or take Route #9 to Route 70. Follow Rte. 70 West approximately 25 miles until the junction of Route 72. Make a sharp left on Rte. 72 east for about one mile until you see the main entrance sign, but suggest you do not enter here. Proceed approximately 100 yards down the road, and take the paved road to the left. Follow the signs to Pakim Pond (about three miles). The foray begins at 10:00 a.m.



Meadow Woods

The Meadow Woods area is a new foray for us. Ray Fatto has volunteered to be the leader for this July 20th foray which begins 10:00 a.m.

Directions: From Chester, at the junction of Routes 206 and 24, proceed east for three miles on Route 24. Just past "Park's Fruit Farm" stand see Old Mill Road on the left.

From Mendham on Route 24, proceed west 2.4 miles from the light in Mendham Center. Just past the Mendham Animal Hospital, see Old Mill Road on the right with a large blue house at the corner.

Turn onto Old Mill Road and proceed 1.3 miles. Watch the mileage reading closely and see a stone building on the left. Turn left and enter the stone gate, bearing left to the parking area.

Bass River

Our first weekend camping foray will be held at Bass River State Forest, July 26-27. The Bass River area is comprised of a series of parks and state forest areas. The one we will camp at is the North Shore Camping Area. Only overnight campers and tents are permitted in this section: no one out for the day will be allowed access. The area is located off of Exit 52 of the Garden State Parkway. Call Paul Meyer, 201-278-3330, for more details. Those interested in camping from Friday or coming for the day, should contact Paul as arrangements may be made, if enough people are interested.

AUGUST FORAYS

John Durkota is scheduled to lead the August 3rd foray to the Worthington Tract. We will meet in the Dunfield Creek area, which is off of Route 80 at the Delaware Water Gap. There are parking lots on Route 80. There will be an information booth on the left. We will meet at the second parking lot on the right.

The August 10th foray will be at the Allaire State Park Nature Center. This area is different than Allaire State Park. Directions: Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 98. Follow the sign to Route 34 North. (Do not follow the sign to Allaire State Park.) Go one mile to the next light, and make a left onto Hurley Pond Road. Travel two miles to the Allaire State Park Nature Center.

Northeast Foray

Applications are still being accepted for the Northeast Foray to be held in Bennington Vermont in August. Applications for the weekend foray can be obtained from Jim Richards or Melanie Spock, if you have misplaced yours.

PHOTOGRAPHY SPOTLIGHT

NJMA is sponsoring a photography contest. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: technical, pictorial, and people or activities. Open to members only, the contest will end in the fall. Each contestant can submit a maximum of 10 slides. Five judges will select the winners and prizes will be awarded at the December meeting.

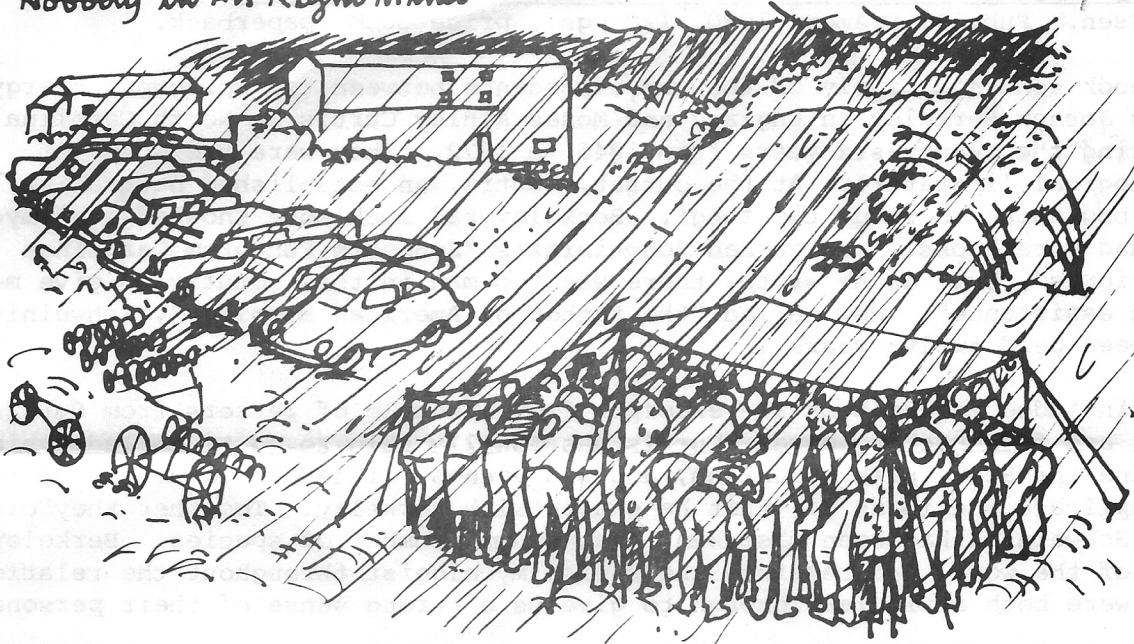
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Mint-pineapple weed tea and mildweed buds were also served. Some wild foods used included amaranth, burdock, chickweed, dandelion, chickory, catnip, cattails, blackberry and raspberry leaves, knotweed, wood and sheep sorrel, elderberries, wild garlic, rose petals and mustard, large and small leaf plantain, dock, wild strawberries, purslane, shepherds purse, lambs quarters, milkweed, wild leeks, queen anns lace, violets, thistle, mints, sunflower seeds, jerusalem artichokes, tansy and yarrow, and wild mushrooms of course.

After the feast, Bob Peabody auctioned off the leftover breads, contributing over \$50.00 to the club treasury.

Tina Marasmius
Nobody in His Right Mind

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The one thing we all have in common is a fungus infection.

At the Wild Foods Foray held June 8th, Dr. Erica Frank and Bob Peabody pointed out and explained about various wild edibles. The high winds and on and off rain didn't dampen any spirits as we enjoyed the varieties of homemade wild and cultivated foods prepared for lunch. The following were foods contributed by participants:

Fred & Hilde Brachwitz - potato salad with wild greens, dandelion wine, home ground wheat bread, elderberry and raspberry jellies.

Robert Brauer - wild salad with rose petals and wild strawberries

Roger and Gloria Brill - Marasmius mushroom and anchovy pizza

Sue Casey - Three bean salad

Barber Ecker - puffed rice-sesame seed desert

Gertrude Espenscheid - amaranth greens

Anna Gerenday - Hungarian wines

Marilyn Gong - Gazpacho

Linda Manailovich - macaroni salad

Paul Meyer - chablis & seltzer

Wayne Michaelchuck - home grown asparagus

Gerry Miller - herb & spice liqueur

Bob Peabody & Jim Richards - Breads

Jane & Glenn Peacock - salad & Italian dressing

J.C. Riener - whole wheat zucchini quiche

Bill Rokicki - Boletus bicolor soup

Joseph & Melanie Spock - Wild & garden salad with herbs

Grete Turchick - breaded burdock, wild leek soup

Grace & John Wanelik - honey lemonade, honey cream cheese & honey butter

Selena Whitefeather - cranshaw-kiwi fruit salad, sprouts & cheese salad, and triple creme cheese spread

Hilda Williams - fried honey mushrooms

BOOK REVIEW by Gertrude Espenscheid

The Mycological Association of M.J. Berkeley and M.A. Curtis, by Ronald H. Petersen. Pub. J. Cramer, 1980, 120 pgs., price 30DM, paperback.

The book consists mainly of the correspondence between two Episcopal clergymen: Miles Joseph Berkeley in England and Moses Ashley Curtis in North Carolina, covering the twenty-six years from 1846 to 1872. They were the "B&C" of mycological literature. At the outset, Curtis, an established naturalist, was just beginning to study the fungi. Berkeley had much more knowledge of mycology, and had more books. Curtis had Schweinitz's "Synopsis Fungorum Carolinae Superioris", but, as he wrote, there was "no man in this country to give me the least assistance". Now called "the father of American Mycology", Schweinitz had been dead twelve years .

Also included in the book are excerpts from a couple of letters from Curtis to Peck, and from Peck to Howe. Curtis was finally able to go to Philadelphia to examine the Schweinitz herbarium, and was even permitted to take away hundreds of duplicate specimens (!) that he shared with Berkeley. Together they discovered that Schweinitz had been mistaken in a shocking number of species. Berkeley did most of the work, and remained the senior mycologist throughout the relationship. They were both articulate enough to give us a strong sense of their personalities.

I enjoyed Petersen's almost interlinear notes. He gives just the right amount of insight and information. I found it awkward to have to constantly flip to the middle of the book for the footnote section that has mostly continuations of the letters I was reading. I see no reason for separating the parts.

The book is in three sections: thirty-six pages of correspondence, twenty-five of footnotes (and more parts of the letters) and forty-six pages of Berkeley's commentary on part of the Schweinitz herbarium. One is tempted to believe that it was because Berkeley found so many errors in the labeling of the Schweinitz herbarium, that he abbreviated the name to Schwein and added an exclamation point when he credited the authorship: Schwein!

The price comes to about \$17.00 at today's exchange, June 1, 1980. It is interesting to note that the Berkeley letters never turned up until 1978, in an attic in Hillsboro, N.C. The Curtis papers are in the British Museum of Natural History. The publication is available from Lubrecht and Cramer.

TAXONOMY

No definite taxonomy sessions have been scheduled for July. Those interested in doing taxonomy should call Dorothy Smullen, 201-647-5740, to arrange a time, preferably during the day when SCEEC is open. Should a taxonomy meeting be planned during the month, it will be announced at the forays.

AWARD

Viola Spock's exhibit on dyeing wool with mushrooms won a blue ribbon and a merit award as an educational exhibit at the Country Hills Garden Club of Somerset County's flower show held at SCEEC the beginning of June.

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