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## FIRST WINTER MEETING - NOVEMBER 8

Sunday, November 8th, at 2:00 p.m. in the downstairs classroom of SCEEC: We are opening the season with a NAMA slide program, "Range and Diversity of Fungi". The presentation gives an overview of the major groups of fungi, cups, morels, puffballs etc., with comments on their habitats.

### DIRECTIONS TO SCEEC:

From I-287 take exit 26-A to North Maple Ave. In center of town veer left onto South Maple Ave. Just past the Lord Stirling Riding Stables on your left, turn left onto Lord Stirling Road, and follow it for about a mile to the Environmental Center.

## DECEMBER MEETING - DECEMBER 13

Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the SCEEC auditorium: a general membership meeting. Officers for 1982 will be elected, after which the slides entered in the photo contest will be viewed, and prizes for winning entries will be distributed. Following the slide presentation we will join in an early celebration of the Holidays.

## SPECIAL MEETING - DECEMBER 29 - 8 P.M.

Note Tuesday, December 29th on your calendar. As in previous years, Dr. Richard Homola of the University of Maine will be here, and he agreed to talk to us about a specially selected topic, "Cup Fungi".

Cup fungi represent a major group of Ascomycetes usually found growing on logs or on the ground. The one most familiar to most is Peziza aurantia, the orange peel mushroom, which can be easily spotted because of its bright color.

## MUSHROOM PHOTO CONTEST

As in previous years, Al Leyenberger is coordinating our Mushroom Photo contest.

### CONTEST RULES:

1. Contest is open to NJMA members only;
2. Only slides will be accepted, and all slides must have been taken during 1981;
3. There will be three classes of competition:

- A. PICTORIAL - Natural habitat photos;
- B. TECHNICAL - Emphasizing and showing characteristics of fungi;
- C. ACTIVITY - People engaged in mycological activity;

4. Enter the following information on the slide mount:
- a. The class in which the slide is entered;
  - b. Identification and pertinent features;
  - c. A dot placed in the lower left-hand corner of the mount as the slide is held in proper position for correct viewing.

Entries may be given to Al Leyenberger at the November 8th meeting or mailed to him no later than November 15th. Direct all question regarding the contest to him.

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#### ANNUAL PICNIC - STOKES STATE FOREST

True to NJMA tradition, we had another feast on our annual picnic in Stokes State Forest. Three tables were filled and refilled with rare treats, Oyster and Oyster Casserole, Chinese Szechwan Sesame Don Don Noodles, Spicy Rabbit and Wild Fungi Casserole, Butternut Squash Quiche, Pumpkin Shell Casserole, Tyrolean Hard Cake, Honey Almond Pie, Ground Cherry Pie, just to name some of the specialties.

Many thanks to all who helped to make our picnic a success again.

Foray preceded and followed the the picnic, and the returning baskets were filled to the rim. The most noteworthy of the collection were *Albatrellus caeruleoporus* and *Tylopilus gracilis*.

*Albatrellus caeruleoporus* is a beautiful steel blue (indigo blue according to Alexander Smith) "polypore;" it was found growing abundantly in some locations. *Tylopilus gracilis* is a slender stiped bolete, which prefers conifer woods and pure stands of hemlock.

We were pleased to have had Gary Lincoff join us on the foray, and help us in identifications. Dave Patterson joined us later in the day, and as a result some of the group went out to gather some *Russulas*.

Anna Gerenday

#### ECHO HILL FORAY

Gertrude Espenscheid led the October 4th foray on Echo Hill in Hunterdon County. Earlier in the week Gertrude presented a program, "Introduction to Wild Mushrooms," at the Hunterdon Art Center. Many from the audience that filled the room to capacity (some had to be turned away for lack of space) became members of NJMA, and many came to Echo Hill. A distinguished guest, Dr. Greta Stevenson, a mycologist from Christchurch, New Zealand also attended the foray.

Dr. Stevenson found out about NJMA thru Dr. Harry Thiers of California who was working in New Zealand last summer, and who referred her to Bob Peabody. During her previous visits to her son in New Jersey, she inquired about a mycological organization in the state, but her contacts at Princeton University and at the State Museum in Trenton had no information about us. We were happy to have her at our foray and to have been able to contribute two new specimens, *Gyrodon meruloides* and *Lactarius indigo* to her collection. So far, these species have not been found in New Zealand.

Anna Gerenday

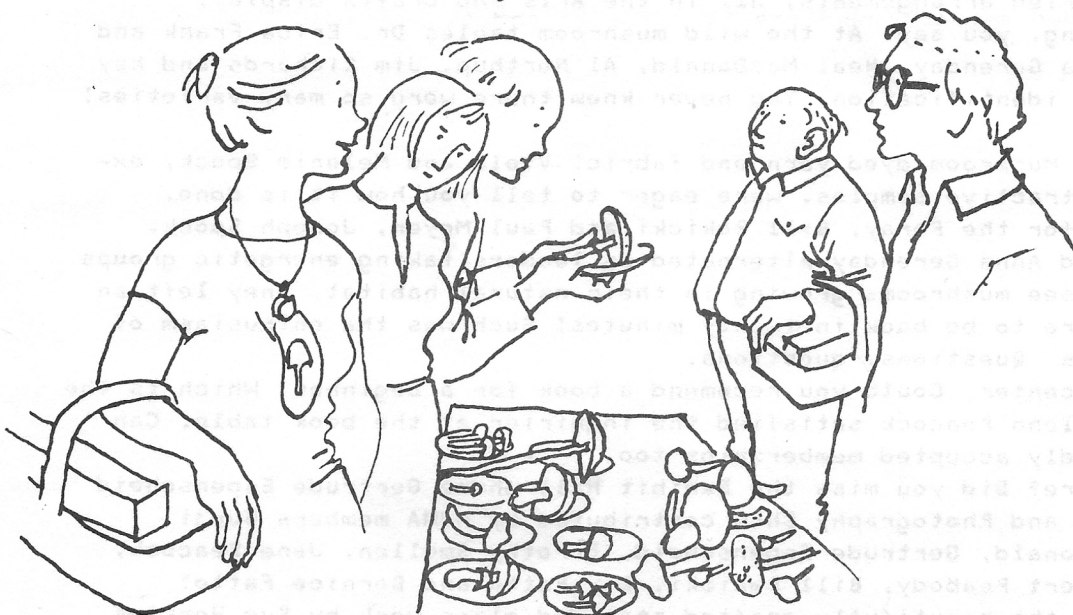
1981 NORTHEAST FORAY, BENNINGTON, VT.

The fifth annual Northeast Mycological Foray held in Bennington College in Vermont was one of the most successful mycological forays held in the U.S. Over 300 people, including almost twenty professionals, participated in the well planned and well scouted forays. Dr. Robert Shaffer of the University of Michigan was Senior Foray Mycologist.

More than 400 species of fungi were collected. NJMA was in charge of sorting for the display tables, and we may be proud of the smooth running of the operation. Ray Fatto and Joe Pratt recorded the specimens; we much appreciate their efforts.

All thru the foray lectures and programs were offered at all levels of expertise. Friday evening Dr. Barry Wulff of Connecticut State College lured us into the pursuit of lichens with his beautiful slide program. Saturday evening, following a whimsical award ceremony, Dr. Shaffer spoke about the 600 or so species of the genus Russula. He stressed the significance of spore prints and of microscopic characters in identification. Dr. John Haine, whose topic was announced as "On Banning Mushrooms" (no controversy, just a Peabody pun) showed us slides and spoke about the mushroom drawings of Mary E. Banning whose work on the larger fungi of Virginia and Maryland appeared in the late 1800's. She presented her colored drawings to the New York State Museum, where her work is on exhibit now.

*Tina Marasmius*  
Oh that'll be a big help!



*I am going to tackle one genus and learn it thoroughly: Rozites.*

room, executed by the skillful hand of Bernice Fatto, lent an artistic touch to the place.

Friday night the New York Mycological Society hosted a wine and cheese social hour. Saturday night NJMA hosted a party where Grete Turchick served

Lectures were also offered during the day: genus Collybia by Dr. Roy Halling, Tylopilus and Austroboletus by Dr. Carl Wolfe, Jr., Coral Fungi by Dr. Currie Marr, Rhodocybe and Cli-topilus by Dr. Tim Barroni and stink-horns by Dr. Roger Goos. A continuous NAMA slide show was given in one of the classrooms.

There were books and craft items to be viewed and purchased, and there were tours conducted thru the display room.

The beautiful mushroom drawings on the blackboards of the display

some excellent mushroom dishes that she brought from home. The social events were attended by most, if not all, of the forayers.

Saturday afternoon the New York Club also coordinated a mycophagy session using edibles found on the foray. As usual, the food was consumed so greedily, that the late comers lost out.

All in all, it was a most successful weekend, which, we hope, will be repeated next year.

Melanie Spock

### FUNGUS FEST '81

The lovely smiling faces belonging to Sue Hopkins and Linda Manailovich greeted the steady stream of visitors: "Welcome to the Wild Mushroom Fair".

The aroma wafting from the kitchen drew each arrival into the main room: here our charming Gloria Brille served Robert Brauer's hors d'oeuvres and delectable mushroom dishes that were prepared by our chief chef of the day Grete Turchick, with the efficient assistance of Grace Wanelik and Grace Gambino.

The magnetism of Robert Peabody, all decked out in his mushroom apron, captivated the gathering crowd with his "Fool Proof Four" presentation on a mini projection screen.

Mushrooms, mushrooms everywhere. They could be seen in Jane Peacock's pottery, mugs, bowls, casseroles, wind chimes; Marge Tyndall's unique ceramic spore print covers; framed spore prints; original note paper; greeting cards; Sue Hopkins' adorable pillows with a removable cuddly mouse poking its head from a mushroom stipe; Graham's framed drawings; applanatum art; pin cushions; and plaques and dried arrangements, all in the Arts and Crafts display.

The real thing, you say! At the wild mushroom tables Dr. Erica Frank and our scholarly Anna Gerenday, Neal MacDonald, Al Northup, Jim Richards and Ray Fatto assisted in identification. You never knew there were so many varieties! Colors! Textures!

What's this? Mushroom dyed yarn and fabric! Viola and Melanie Spock, exhibiting their attractive samples, were eager to tell you how it is done.

It was time for the Foray. Bill Rokicki and Paul Meyer, Joseph Spock, Victor Gambino and Anna Gerenday alternated as leaders taking energetic groups on the trails to see mushrooms growing in their natural habitat. They left an hour ago? They were to be back in twenty minutes! Such was the enthusiasm of the guest forayers. Questions, questions.

Back at the center. Could you recommend a book for a beginner? Which is the best cook book? Glenn Peacock satisfied the inquirer at the book table. Can I join? Glenn gladly accepted memberships too.

Was there more? Did you miss the Exhibit Hall where Gertrude Espenscheid presented the Art and Photography Show contributed by NJMA members Bunji Tagawa, Neal MacDonald, Gertrude Espenscheid, Dorothy Smullen, Jane Peacock, Jim Richards, Robert Peabody, Bill Rokicki, Ray Fatto and Bernice Fatto? In the far window the beautifully crafted stained glass work by Sue Hopkins could be seen. Did you take time to pause and enjoy Len Frank's very fine stamp collection? And, making their debut, four portable educational panels on exhibit.

Did you ever see the inside of a truffle? Down the hall in Room #2 Dorothy Smullen and Gertrude Espenscheid capably and patiently demonstrated and explained microscopic identification to the audience.

Feet giving out? Take a 20 minute break. In Room #1 Bill Brockman showed NAMA slides. Ah h h, it felt good to sit down. "How to tell poisonous mushrooms from their edible look-alikes". I didn't know that!

Bernice Fatto

# Mycophagist's Corner

NJMA was asked to contribute a favorite recipe for a booklet prepared for the 1981 NAMA Foray in Washington. Dorothy Smullen suggested Grete Turchick's Pickled Mushrooms. When I called Grete, I found out that she has revised the recipe which originally appeared in our Mycophagist's Corner. She has adjusted the quantities and made changes in the ingredients, so we decided to include it here also.

This recipe can be used with any mushroom which is suitable for pickling. It is especially good with Armillariella mellea, but Grete strongly suggests simmering it in water for twenty minutes before cooking it in the water-vinegar mixture.

## GRETE'S REVISED PICKLED MUSHROOM RECIPE

Place cleaned mushrooms in a saucepan: cover it with equal amounts of white vinegar and water. Bring to boil and allow to simmer for 5-10 minutes. Drain and discard liquid.

Prepare the pickling mixture from:

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon dill weed
- 1/2 teaspoon mace
- 1/8 teaspoon fresh-ground pepper

Place mixture and mushrooms in jar and add enough water to cover mushrooms. For sourness, add vinegar to suit.

Mushrooms are ready for the table in one or two hours or can be stored in the refrigerator.



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### MEETING NOTES

At the December meeting new officers were elected for the 1981 year:

- President - Ray Fatto
- Vice President - Anna Genesday
- Secretary - Melinda Cook
- Treasurer - Greta Ruchnick

About 80 members attended the meeting at which nature photography ...  
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