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Culinary Group

The Culinary Group had a fabulous feast in April at All Saints Church in Millington. Members shared the chores of setting up, decorating the tables, cooking, cleaning up and expense. From hors d'oeuvres to the desserts and coffee, it was a delicious treat. The group gave Melanie and Jim a round of applause in appreciation of all their efforts in organizing the successful affair.

The next dinner will be held at the same location on Saturday, July 23rd. If you wish to attend, call Bob Hosh at 201- or Trudy Pask at 201- to make arrangements. Please call as soon as possible so plans can be finalized and because seating is limited to forty people.

Foray Notes

Our foray season began with the morel hunt in Jenny Jump State Park. The cold weather seemed to have delayed the spring. The usual display of wild flowers were lacking, and no Morchella esculenta turned up. However, Morchella semilibera was found in great numbers at two different locations in the park.

The morel hunt in Hacklebarney State Park was more successful. A few representative samples of M. esculentas found their way into several baskets, and Joe K. chanced upon seven in one spot, making him feel like king on the hill.

At this foray we also had the honor of having Dr. Richard Homola and Dr. Alan Bessette as our guests. It was a great opportunity indeed to discuss the foray finds with real experts for once.

The foray at The Tourne, held a month after the foray in Hacklebarney, resulted in a list of twenty two species, mostly the usual ones like Laccaria Laccata and Schizophyllum commune, but also a new Russula, R. humidicola to the great joy and excitement of Ray Fatto. Another specimen of interest found at this foray was Laetiporus sulphureus v. semialbinus, a variety of the well known chicken mushroom. This variety has white rather than lemon yellow under parts, but it is just as delicious as the more common variety.

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NJMA Mushroom Calendar

Sunday	July 10	Shark River Co. Park	Ray Fatto
Sunday	July 17	Meadow Woods Co. Park	Rhoda Roper
Sunday	July 24	Mahlon Dickerson Co. Park	Sue Hopkins
Sunday	August 7	Lebanon State Forest	Mitch Goldman

August 11 - 14 NORTHEAST FORAY, ORONO, MAINE

Sunday	August 21	SCEEC	Dorothy Smullen
Saturday	August 27	Echo Hill Co. Park	Gertrude Espenscheid
Sunday	September 4	Worthington State Park	-- open --
Sunday	September 11	Stevens State Park	Jim Richards
Sunday	September 18	Herontown Woods Co. Park	Neal MacDonald
Sunday	September 25	Stokes State Forest - annual picnic	Grete Turchick
Sunday	October 2	FUNGUS FEST '83 - SCEEC	
Saturday	October 8	Schooleys Mountain Co. Park	John Wanelik
Sunday	October 16	Cheesequake State Park	Bob Hosh
Sunday	November 6	SCEEC - First Winter Meeting	

Foray Sites

SHARK RIVER: Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 100, Route 33 East. Follow Route 33 about a mile to School House Road. Turn right on School House Road. Shark River Park should be about one-half mile on the right. We will meet at the entrance to the park at 10:00 a.m.

MEADOW WOODS: 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 turn left 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.

MEADOW WOODS: 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 house at the corner. Turn onto Old Mill Road and proceed 1.3 miles. Turn left at the stone building and enter the stone gate. Bear left to the parking area.

MAHLON DICKERSON: Take Route 80 to Route 15. Follow Route 15 and exit at Weldon Road. Follow Weldon Road east towards Milton for about 4.5 miles. We will meet at the family picnic area at 10:00 a.m.

LEBANON STATE FOREST: From North Jersey, take 206 south to Route 70, then east to Route 72 east. Turn left at park entrance. We will meet at the Ranger Station for further instructions.

SCEEC: From Route 287, take exit 26-A, Basking Ridge. Make a right turn from the exit ramp onto North Maple Avenue. Follow through the blinking light. At the center of town veer left onto South Maple Ave. Take South Maple to Lord Stirling Road. Turn left and follow about a mile to the Environmental Center on the left.

ECHO HILL: From Route 78, take Route 31 south to the Stanton Station Road. Go west and make the first right turn at the corner store. Go about one-half mile to Echo Hill park on the right. Park cars in the designated areas only, not near the privately owned home.

WORTHINGTON: Take Route 80 west. Exit at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area exit (still in N.J.) and proceed to the second parking lot at Dunfield Creek.

Photo Contest

Blow the dust off your camera. The rain and the hot, humid weather created wonderful opportunities for taking pictures of our favorite objects for the fiercest Photo Competition in the history of N.J.M.A. Deadline for entries will be November 6, our first winter meeting. Winners will be announced during our December meeting.

RULES OF COMPETITION:

1. Only original slides taken by N.J.M.A. members will be accepted.
2. Slides entered in previous N.J.M.A. photo contests will not be accepted.
3. There will be two classes of competition.
 - A. Pictorial - natural habitat photos emphasizing composition.
 - B. Technical - showing as many characteristics of the fungus as possible.
4. Only slides will be accepted.
5. The entrant's name must appear on the reverse side of every mount.

Lecture Notes

We concluded our winter season with Gary Lincoff's lecture on mushroom habitats. Gary's slide illustrated lecture, well peppered with Lincoff humor and loaded with information, was as entertaining as it was educational.

Knowing the habitat is as important as knowing the mushroom. If you wanted to find Suillus americanus would you look in a birch forest? Certainly not! Most species of Suillus and Boletus are found in pine woods, mostly white pine in our area. The shaggy mane, Coprinus comatus, is most likely to be found on lawns, as is the fairy ring mushroom, Marasmius oreades and the meadow mushroom, Agaricus campestris.

Studying the substrate is also important. A mushroom growing on an insect? Cordiceps militaris! A bolete on a Scleroderma? Boletus parasiticus! And do not be fooled by Jack-o-lantern growing in grass. If you digged down a bit, you would be sure to find the buried wood.

Wild Foods Foray

It was a beautiful, sunny Sunday at the Sundance Stables as we learned about edible wild foods from Bob Peabody and his assistants. We walked through field and forest, covering more ground than in previous years. Ingredients were found for soups, salads and teas, but mushrooms were very scarce.

While the group was exploring, Barbara Peabody and Anna Gerenday sought lamb's-quarters for Grete Turchick's soup. Their search was successful, and as a bonus they found Pilobolus in a manure pile - where else?

Joe Kuczynski provided the tables and benches. Cooking was done by Anna Korn, Linda Manailovich, Barbara Peabody and Grete Turchick.

Our long trek in the country gave us very healthy appetites. We devoured the following:

Sheep sorrel soup, quiche and wine (Hiram Korn)
Wild leeks, wild leek and lamb's-quarters soup (Grete Turchick)
Cucumber salad (John and Sandy Navarra)
Spinach, mushroom and vegetable quiches (Bob and Bernadine Simmons)
Homemade goat cheese, walnut bread, raisin bread and onion bread (Jim Richards)
Apple and red raspberry wine, wild foods and macaroni salads (Bob Brauer)
Polk soup and mushroom bread (Ray and Bernice Fatto)
Mushroom chili (Paul and Linda Meyers)
Rhubarb and strawberry pies (George and Kathy Johnson)
Pumpkin bread and fresh fruit salad (Sue Hopkins)
Potato salad (Ursula Pohl)
Salad with lamb's-quarters (Gertrude Espenscheid)
Blackberry souffle (Max Marine and Karen Adamietz)
Rice, bean and tomato fritters (Artie Grimes)
Polkweed souffle (John Bucha)
Tabbouleh (Dick and Edythe Krape)
Chorizo and chicken saute (Gary Miller)
White jelly fungi fruit salad (Gary and Irene Linkoff)
Persimmon bread (Bob and Genia Hosh)
Wine (Ken and Charlotte Franklin)
Broccoli souffle (Joe and Eleanor Kerecman)
Carrot salad and zucchini spice pie (Joanna and Trudy Pask)
Banana bread (Bruce and Jan Van Sant)
Chicken pate, pickles, bread, cheese (Mary Friedman)

Our thanks to Barbara Peabody for compiling the list of foods and donors.

Gertrude J. Pask

Taxonomy

As scheduled, a taxonomy meeting was held on Saturday, May 21 at Cook College. All herbarium species now have been filed and catalogued. Our collection contains 478 species: 42 Ascomycetes and 436 Basidiomycetes.

Many thanks to Dorothy Smullen, Bernice Fatto and Ray Fatto for their sustained efforts in maintaining the herbarium.

FUNGUS FEST

Mark October 1 - 2 on your calendar for this annual event of NJMA. We will need your help for the activities which will be going on - sale booths, admissions, kitchen, directing traffic, or just talking to the many curious visitors who are drawn to this unique event.

Our program is structured to be similar to the programs of other years. There will be collection tables with experts to identify unknowns and to explain the subtle differences between poisonous and edible look-alikes. There will be slide shows and a taxonomy area to introduce the beginner to the world of fungi.

Please let Sue Hopkins know which of the two days you can help so that she may plan accordingly. Her address:

N. [REDACTED] Sue's telephone number: 20 [REDACTED]

Morels!

Gary Lincoff claims that the old rule of the thumb that where there is one morel there ought to be more does not work. He and his companions once spent an entire afternoon looking and not-finding any in a place where Irene found one earlier in the day.

Well, it worked for Ray Fatto. Where he found one he always found more, and when he returned the next day he found some which he missed the day before. His persistence paid off; by the time the morel season wrapped up, he had bagged over three hundred. But the morel hunter of the year is clearly Bob Simmons who collected over five hundred in the old fishing ground of a friend, and the friend is still talking to him.

Sue Hopkins also worked hard this year, and she found around two hundred in her neighborhood. Grete did not have to walk far for morels this year either. Her backyard produced 127.

Clippings

The following items were taken from the March - April 1983 issue of The Mycophile, newsletter of the North American Mycological Association (NAMA).

DIGGING & DRYING: Member A.P. Jensen of Madison, Wisconsin reports that he uses a lightweight plastic trowel (weight 2 oz.) to dig his mushrooms. He states that Shaggy manes are his favorite and he has learned that prompt heat delays deterioration. He puts them in a micro-wave oven for a time to stabilize them. This is quick and effective since they will then keep in the refrigerator for days.

BUGS OFF: The Snohomish County Mycological Society, in their newsletter, *the Mushroomer*, reports that an excellent mosquito repellent is Garlic. Rub all parts of the body with fresh garlic juice and eat lots of garlic bread. Mosquitos do not like the taste or smell of garlic and will avoid you. So will your family and friends, but if you get lost in the woods you will be easy to find. ... Vitamin B1 is easier on your friends and works almost as well as garlic. Take 100 USP 2 or 3 per day for about 2 days before a field trip and during the trip, while in the woods, try to sweat to increase the repelling effects.

Northeastern Mycological Foray 1983

The eighth annual Northeastern Mycological Foray will be held this year at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine, from August 11 through 14. The University offers a combination of good siting, excellent dorms, fine collecting areas, good facilities for sorting and displaying the collections, and, according to the planning committee, excellent food courteously served.

Dr. Richard Homola, the Foray Senior Mycologist, leads a very cooperative group from the University along with Dr. Alan Bessette; and all signals seem ready for the best Northeastern Foray ever. The collecting areas include some of the most scenic spots in the state: Acadia National Park, Mt. Desert Island, extensive paper company woodlands, and a large area burned a few years ago near Mt. Katahdin where fungi are flourishing in abundance.

Dormitory accommodations are double occupancy with some singles available on a first-come, first-served basis. All rooms are in elevator buildings; bathroom facilities are available on each wing. There are accessible washers, dryers, exercise rooms and saunas. No more than three people can occupy a room. An additional fee of \$5 will be charged for the third bed.

The cost of the Foray is \$100 per person. This includes lodging beginning Thursday evening (linens, blankets, soap, towels, pillows); three meals on Friday and Saturday and one meal on Sunday; all day as well as morning and afternoon forays; lectures; mycophagy sessions; etc. A lobster or steak dinner on Saturday night will be highlighted. Day participants (no lodging) may join the Foray for activities and meals at a cost of \$80 per person.

Members of NAMA and the sponsoring societies will be given first priority as space is limited.

Full payment must accompany your reservation. We look forward to seeing you.

Pat and Jim Kronick

THE 1983 NORTHEASTERN MYCOLOGICAL FORAY
August 11-14, 1983

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone () _____

Names of other people for whom you are registering

	#of People	Total
Plan A at \$100	_____	_____
Plan B at \$80	_____	_____

Late fee of \$10 per person will be charged after August 1, 1983.

Make checks (payable in full) to Northeastern Mycological Foray.

Mail to Northeastern Mycological Foray
PO Box 533
Merrick, NY 11566

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CAR POOLING

We are trying to set up car pools going to the Northeast Foray in Maine. Anyone interested in sharing a ride please contact Sue Hopkins on [redacted] or Anna Gerenday on [redacted].

Mushroom Happenings

August 19-23

The 1983 NAMA Foray will be held in Granby, Colorado from August 19 to 23. Accommodations vary from motel-like rooms to camp sites, and the price (of course) varies accordingly. Registration forms are available from Anna Gerenday, 822-1465.

August 25-26

Third Annual Telluride Conference for persons interested in the study and cultivation of wild mushrooms will be held August 25-26. Major consideration will be given to the cultivation of diverse mushroom species emphasizing practical principles and techniques. For further information contact: Fungophile, P.O. Box 5503, Denver, Colorado, 80217-5503.

September 1-16

Czechoslovakia Foray is being planned for September 1-16, 1983. Dr. Orson K. Miller will be leading the foray into the High Tatras of the Carpathian Mountains. Cost is \$1,983.00. Tour size limited to 35. Inquiries should be sent to: Czechoslovakia Foray, c/o N. Bourso-Leland, 22 Seneca Road, Winchester, Ma. 01890.

October 3-24

Mushroom study tour of the People's Republic of China is planned for October 3-24. Tour leaders: Gary Lincoff, Andrew Weil, M.D. and Emanuel Salzman, M.D. For further information write to: Dr. Emanuel Salzman, c/o Fungophile, P.O. Box 5503, Denver, Colorado, 80217-5503.

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BAR FOLDING

We are trying to get our bar books going to the Northeast Society in Maine. Anyone interested in sharing a ride please contact Sus Hopkins on 499-3614 or Anna Gerenday on 822-1403.

Mushroom Happenings

August 10-12

The 1983 bar book will be held in Denver, Colorado from August 10 to 12. Accommodations vary from motel-like rooms to camp sites, and the price (of course) varies accordingly. Registration forms are available from Anna Gerenday, 822-1403.

New Jersey Mycological Association
c/o Anna Gerenday, President

August 27-30

Third Annual
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October 3-24

Mushroom study
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For further information write to: Dr. Kenneth Basman, c/o Psychiatric
P.O. Box 2503, Denver, Colorado, 80217-2503

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