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SPORES Afield

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Best Wishes for Bountiful Mushrooms for the Year 2008 from the Colorado Mycological Society!

It's a new year and time to renew your membership in the Colorado Mycological Society. Don't miss guided mushroom forays, gourmet mushroom tasting, mushroom newsletter, and wonderful lectures, videos, and slide shows--not to mention all your CMS friends!

Now is the time to pay your CMS dues for 2008, if you've not already done so. If you're not sure if you've already paid, check your membership expiration date in the upper right hand corner of the mailing label on the reverse side of this flyer. To renew your membership, send the form below and a **\$25** check, payable to CMS, to: **Linda deLeon CMS Membership Chair, 14310 W. Fifth Ave., Golden, CO 80401.** Questions about your CMS membership should be directed to Linda deLeon, 303-278-9582 or ldeleon@comcast.net

You may also wish to start or renew a membership in the **North American Mycological Association (NAMA)** at the same time. **Write a separate check, payable to NAMA, for \$32** and send it with the NAMA membership application form on the next page to NAMA Membership, 336 Lenox Ave., Oakland CA 94610-4675

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Name(s) _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

_____ Yes, I want to renew my CMS membership, I've enclosed a \$25 check, payable to CMS.
_____ Yes, I want to help CMS even more. I've added a **contribution** of _____ to my dues check.

Please check all items that describe your interests, skills, or talents

__ Administrator organizer, __ Auditor/treasurer, __ Computer, __ Envelope stuffer, __ Writer, __ Editor,
__ Speaker, __ Artist, __ Craft/hobbies, __ Photographer, __ Dyeing/papermaking, __ Scientist, __ Handy-
man/woman, __ Hospitality, __ Identification, __ Cooking, Other _____

Would you, either regularly or occasionally, be willing to do any of the following?

__ Serve on a committee, __ Chair a committee, __ Serve on the Board, __ Make phone calls, __ Mail
newsletters, __ Write for the newsletter, __ Edit the newsletter, __ Bring refreshments to one meeting,
__ Organize pot-lucks or restaurant dinners, __ Lead a foray, __ Help with the mushroom fair, Other _____

President's Column



Well we've made it to the last 2007 issue of *Spores Afield* and have concluded our last 2007 CMS monthly meeting for the year, but the season is not over, in fact it never really ends.

Although the 'prime' season for mushrooms is over, we can usually find *Flammulina velutipes* coming up through the snow all winter long. Always be certain of your identification though: the 'Velvet Foot' (white spore print) can easily be confused with the deadly *Gallerina autumnalis* (rusty brown spore print). This is perhaps the only mushroom you'll find in the dead of winter. Also, we've had some significant moisture on Oct. 14th 2007, just in time for the 'Sand mushrooms' (*Tricholoma populinum*) that appear in late October in the river bottoms. Hopefully you'll be able to find some of these unusual mushrooms for the dinner plate this fall. Personally, I'm planning on setting aside a Saturday afternoon in Late October or early November specifically for a Sand mushroom foray.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the Colorado Mycological Society this year. I would also like to congratulate Rob Hallock who has been elected CMS President for 2008. I hope everyone has a great winter and I look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Editors note: This column was written in late October; the rains never came and so the Sand Mushroom season never really developed, only a few were found.

(*Flammulina velutipes*, or 'Velvet Foot')

To all members of the Colorado Mycological Society:

Included with this issue of *Spores Afield* is The List, a sheet with the names and contact information of CMS volunteers who have offered to serve as Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Active Volunteers for 2008. Please keep The List with your addresses.

CMS, like all volunteer organizations, depends upon the active participation of its membership in order to survive and develop into the kind of group that best serves the interests of its members, whether serious mycologists or those who want most to locate, identify, prepare, and enjoy their mushroom harvest.

Active participation of the membership is essential to the continued survival of CMS. Reading the newsletters that were received from other mushroom clubs this year, we were distressed to learn that three of these groups are considering disbanding because no members stepped up to take on the duties required to keep the organizations going when those who had been doing the work for years retired or otherwise became unavailable. It is important for CMS that tasks be shared among different individuals so that their new ideas and energies can contribute to the interests of the group as a whole.

Please review The List and locate an activity of particular interest to you and contact directly the person whose name is listed, offering your ideas and assistance in whatever way might be useful. Do keep in mind that IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BE A MUSHROOM EXPERT to be of great value to CMS. Many talents are needed to do all the work that makes for an interesting, lively, and evolving organization.

You are the future of CMS.

The NORTH AMERICAN MYCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION - JOIN NOW

NAMA is a non-profit organization of amateur and professional mycologists with more than 60 affiliated local mycological clubs throughout North America. NAMA's mission is "to promote, pursue, and advance the science of mycology."

NAMA members expand their knowledge of fungi through:

- * The Mycophile, NAMA's bi-monthly newsletter.
- * McIlvainea: The Journal of Amateur Mycology, NAMA's bi-annual, juried journal.
- * Working with world-class mycologists: amateur members play an important role in mycological research.
- * Developing friends with whom to foray throughout the world.
- * Mycological discussions via a NAMA-supported e-mail list.

NAMA members are eligible to attend NAMA forays, including:

* The annual NAMA foray, which attracts 200-300 people from all over the continent, as well as guests from other parts of the world. These educational forays cover the interests of beginners as well as professionals. The location of the annual foray rotates throughout the continent.

* NAMA's regional forays, for 20-80 people, offer a more intimate chance to learn. NAMA plans to offer an annual regional foray in the northwest, north central, northeast, southwest, south central or southeast.

* Micro forays have 8-12 NAMA members travel from afar to foray in an unfamiliar part of the continent where a local NAMA member-host will lead forays to different habitats.

* Exotic forays have been held in Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska. Future sites include Western China, Great Britain, the Canary Islands, New Zealand, and ???.

* Special interest forays address the needs of beginners and experienced mycophiles, as well as those interested in using mushrooms to cook, dye fabric, make paper and for other crafts.

Annual Dues

* \$35 (US) in North America (discounted if a member of an Affiliated Club such as CMS).

* Affiliated Club discounted annual rate is \$32.

To Join NAMA

Send your name, address (Zip +4 please), home and work telephone number(s), E-mail address and your check made payable to NAMA to:

Ann Bornstein, NAMA Membership
336 Lenox Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610-4675

Other membership categories are:

- * Sustaining : \$60 (US)
- * Student (North America) : \$15.00 (US)
- * Life : \$500 (US)
- * Outside of North America : \$40 (US)

For more Information go to www.namyc.org, or contact Marilyn Shaw, 303-377-1278 or marihaw@aol.com

_____ detach here and send with your membership payment _____

NAMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS OF CMS

NAME(S) _____ Please indicate your general interests on

ADDRESS _____ the reverse, such as identification,
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ culinary, photography, microscopy,
cultivation, arts and crafts, dyeing,
papermaking, web site, keys/databases,
toxicology.

PHONES: HOME: _____ WORK: _____

E-MAIL _____

PLEASE AFFIRM MEMBERSHIP IN AFFILIATED CLUB (COLORADO MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY) _____

NAMA DUES FOR MEMBER OF AFFILIATED CLUB: \$32 (CHECK INCLOSED) _____

International Fungi & Fibre Symposium

The 13th International Fungi & Fibre Symposium is being held January 2008 in Mendocino, California, USA. Please plan on attending to learn about and participate in the arts of mushroom dyeing, papermaking, and pigments as discovered by Miriam C. Rice 40 years ago. We will be honoring her work and her 90th birthday, as well as having a wide variety of workshops, speakers, and mushroom collecting forays. For further details, please visit the Website: www.mushroomsforcolor.com

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