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Be sure to register for Mingo! See article on page 9

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Morel Madness 2002

*Having a ball even without
the cooperation of the fungi*

by Chuck Yates

Follow the signs! Turn right not left! We found Camp Sherwood! Actually, 80 people found Camp Sherwood at Cuivre River State Park and participated in Morel Madness. Some came for the day; some stayed one night, some two nights. Most participants stayed in



the cabins and some moteled. We had a great turnout for our wet and soggy foray. Food, fun, friends and fellowship offset the rain, cold and uncooperative fungi. We did find a good variety of species and found enough

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Morel Madness 2002



Nancy Smith Weber, author of A Morel Hunter's Companion, joined us for the weekend. Fortunately Nancy had plenty of photographs of morels in her slide presentations; for some of us, it was as close as we would get to spotting morels in the woods this year.

Morel Madness Species List

ASCOMYCOTA

Morchella angusticeps
Morchella esculenta
Morchella semilibera
Gyromitra fastigiata
Helvella acetabulum
Urnula craterium

BASIDIOMYCOTA

Jelly Fungi
Auricularia auricula
Exidia glandulosa
Tremella mesenterica

Agarics

Coprius micaceus = *Coprinellus micaceus*
Panellus stipticus
Flammulina velutipes
Pleurotus ostreatus (oyster mushroom)

Polypores

Cerrena unicolor
Laetiporus sulphureus (chicken of the woods)
Lenzites betulina
Pycnoporus sanguineus
Spongipellus spumeus
Trametes conchifer
Trichaptum bifforme
Ganoderma applanatum (artist's conk)
Mycorrhaphium adustum
Stereum complicatum
Stereum ostrea (false turkey tail)
Schizophyllum commune

Gasteromycetes

Geastrum sp. (earthstar)



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morels to keep us interested.

Shannon Stevens, Angelika Kamler and crew did an excellent job of feeding us breakfasts and even included morels in the delicious biscuit and gravy offering on Sunday morning. As usual, our potluck dinners were fantastic. Our membership excels in mycophagy.

Karen Buckey did an outstanding job of getting everyone registered and found places for everyone to sleep. Thanks for all the hard work.

Thank you also to Maxine Stone for facilitating Nancy Smith Weber's trip from Oregon to join us as guest mycologist at Morel Madness. Nancy's presentations on Friday and Saturday were the highlights of the weekend.

Special thanks goes to Bill May for all his work coordinating Morel Madness 2002.

Congratulations to the following Morel Madness royalty:

Gordon White - Morel King
 Barbara O'Brian - Morel Queen
 Maxine Stone - Smallest Morel
 Bill May - Tallest Morel
 Jay Justice - Most Morels
 Dailee Joyce - Largest False Morel
 Jay Justice & Pat Lennon
 Best Team

morsels

by Maxine Stone

news & notes

Kudos!

Congratulations to Joe Walsh, who recently received a Certificate of Merit for Best Nature Program in the St. Louis Camera Club 20-slide sequence contest. Not surprisingly, his 20-slide sequence topic was "Mushrooms." Joe showed his sequence with the other winners at the St. Louis Camera Club meeting, May 22, 7:30PM at the main St. Louis County library on Lindbergh near Clayton Road. Meetings are open to the public.

Friends of Tyson/MOMS Mushroom Walk

Sunday, June 30, 2002

Friends of Tyson is having a walk every last Sunday of the month, each one on a specific theme. On

Sunday, June 30, they have invited MOMS to offer a mushroom walk. Since Tyson does field research at the facility, we will not be able to pick anything, but we will identify and also look for growing patterns. We will be under the capable hands of our own, very knowledgeable, Gordon White.

You can arrive at 12:30 for the walk only or we can all meet at 12:00 for lunch. Tyson has offered drinks and snacks. You bring the sandwich. See you there.

MOMS Outreach

MOMS has been busy doing some behind the scenes PR and education. In March, Don Dill and Maxine Stone spoke to the St. Louis Horticulture Society. They also gave a talk at REI (with the assistance of Shannon Stevens) to over 40 people. Ken Gilberg gave a mushroom identi-

fication class at Shaw Nature Reserve. And Don Dill had a MOMS table for Earth Day at the Missouri Botanical Garden. He was assisted by Carol and Howard Porter, Eileen and Tom Buescher, and Mike Ruemmler. Also, Don Dill led a mushroom walk at Shaw Nature Reserve as part of MOBOT's Biodiversity Days.

Pam Lowney of *STL Today*, a local internet newspaper owned by the Pulitzer Foundation, accompanied us on a foray at Meramec State Park. We were featured on their location for a day. Also, Channel 11 and Show Me St. Louis of KSDK are trying to do stories on us. Since morels weren't exactly abundant this year, maybe it will happen during chanterelle season!

Meringue Mushrooms

Remember those delectable meringue mushrooms at the Winter Luncheon? Remember, in the March *Earthstar*, we asked who was the mystery cook? Well, the incredible chef came forth. Go to Straubs, in Webster Groves. There you will find them packaged, oh, so beautifully.

Next *Earthstar* Issue

The deadline for the next issue of the *Earthstar* will be July 15. Anyone who wishes to submit should e-mail MOMSearthstar@aol.com, subject matter: Earthstar story. Thanks!

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Sweat 'n Chanterelles 2002

July 19th-21st at Meramec State Park

Come join us for MOMS 4th Annual Sweat 'n Chanterelles Foray cosponsored by Meramec State Park in Sullivan, MO. A great time is scheduled for all! How could it be hotter than last year?

For meals other than Saturday night, bring your own or check out some of the places in town.

This weekend is open to everyone, members and non-members alike, and is free (except meals). We thank Meramec State Park for their continued help in generously cosponsoring this event and providing the camping area, shelter, amphitheater, and park staff. All questions should be directed to David Yates - (314) 457-0939, dyates@trivers.com or the Meramec State Park (573) 468-6072. See you there!

Directions and Accommodations

Meramec State Park is three miles south of Sullivan, MO on Hwy. 185, approximately one hour west of St. Louis following I-44. If you're not a tent camper, cabins are available in the park for groups of 2 to 8 people. There is also a lodge/motel within the park. Call ahead to make reservations - (573) 468-6519. Also, Sullivan has several inexpensive motels. For something nicer, twenty-five minutes away in Bourbon is the Greer Hollow Farm B&B - (573) 732-4979.

General Schedule of Events

Friday, July 19

Campers must arrive before 10:00 PM, before they lock the gates. Go to "Group Campground C." If you can't find it, ask one of the friendly park staff. Pick a place for your tent. If you arrive around dinner join us for potluck. If you arrive later, bring dessert! We'll eat well, try to stay cool, chat and tell stories into the night. Remember this is a non-powered campsite, so bring your preferred non-electric light. If you or your vehicle needs electric, the park offers regular sites. These are \$12 per day (Call ahead and reserve). Pets are allowed; but please keep them leashed.

Saturday, July 20

9:00AM
Meet at Shelter #1 to check in and find who you're hunting with. We'll try to have the red and white MOMS "mushroom" sign up to make the shelter easier to find. We'll discuss proper chanterelle picking etiquette, the types of chanterelles and other mushrooms you're likely to find and current abundance. Maps

will be distributed for those wanting them. Dress appropriately. It's hot, but long pants and a hat are recommended. The ticks and brambles are out in full force! Bug, tick and bramble repellent are a must. Bring or find a stick to knock down spider webs.

9:30AM-12:00PM

Go find 'em! Unlike Morel Madness, this foray is not a competition. No prizes will be given; but the hunter with the heaviest basket (minus rocks) will win praise and be the envy of all until next year's outing.

12:00PM-1:30PM

Lunch and mushroom identification session with our excellent resident mycologist, Jay Justice. We're bound to find more than just chanterelles and who better than Jay to help us figure out what we got! Some Lactarius are out this time of year and they are scrumptious. We'll gather

at Shelter #1 for lunch. Be sure to bring your picnic lunch and something to share, if you'd like.

1:30PM-4:30PM
Continue hunting or spend some time relaxing, hiking or swimming in



Mushroom sketches were painted during last year's Sweat 'n Chanterelles by Earthstar editor Julie McWilliams.



the cool spring waters of the Meramec. Meet briefly at the shelter to show off your finds and gawk at others. Break to camp.

5:30PM-6:45PM

Dinner at Meramec Park Lodge at the top of the hill. They have a pretty good, country-style buffet (approx. \$8.00 + beverage) or you can order off the menu. First to arrive will be seated in a semi-private dining area.

7:00PM-9:00PM - Gather at the Fischer Cave Amphitheater, near the campground entrance (in case of foul weather, we'll be at the Visitors' Center) for our evening program. Jay Justice will be our speaker this year. Yea! Jay is an excellent teacher and well respected for his unparalleled knowledge of fungi. Jay's talks are always illuminating and often downright hilarious. Before the talk we'll report a tally of our finds and tell of the chanterelles too big that were left in the woods.

9:00PM - ??? - Campfire and carousing back at the campground.

Sunday, July 21

9:00AM-12:00PM - Spend the morning at your leisure. Foray some more, swim, hike, whatever. Break camp at noon, although you're welcome to stay in the park until ready to go home.

travelers upcoming events

Telluride Mushroom Conference

August 22-25, 2002

The 22nd annual Telluride Mushroom Conference will be held August 22-25 in Telluride, Colorado. The Telluride Conference is designed for persons interested in mushroom identification, edible, poisonous and psychoactive mushrooms, and mushroom cultivation.

Telluride is an historic mining town on the western slope of the Rocky Mountain Continental Divide. Daily forays will be led into the nearby forests generally productive of a wide variety of wild mushrooms, particularly edible species.

For more details, check the web page www.telluride.com/mushroom.html or contact Fungophile: PO Box 480503, Denver, CO 80248-0503.

NAMA 2002

October 10 - 13, 2002

NAMA 2002 will be held at Diamond Lake, Oregon, 9 miles from Crater Lake, a beautiful national monument celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2002.

A complete description of the speakers, events, workshops, forays and other mycostuff will be printed in the May/June and July/August issue of the *Mycophile*, NAMA's newsletter, and also on NAMA's website: www.namyc.org. The chief mycologist will be truffle expert Jim Trappe. This is the right time to be in Oregon to collect the famed matsutake mushroom.

Mark at your calendar now and plan to be there.

Mycological Foray Trip, Lombardy, Italy

September 27 - October 15, 2002


Starting and ending in Milan, the capital of Lombardy and the richest and most dynamic region of Italy, this trip will combine visits with mycological clubs, forays, and some outstanding gourmet dining. We will concentrate on exploring the region of high Alpine and Apennine mountains, the vast plains of the Po River valley, and some of the most famous lakes.

The trip will include at least eight forays in diverse habitats, guides, land transportation by private bus, 3-star accommodations, full breakfasts and one main meal per day. The cost is \$2,002 for double occupancy; \$2,300 for single occupancy. (Round trip airfare from the east coast is expected to be around \$800).

For further information, contact Albert J. Casciero, (301) 680-9630 or e-mail casciero@wrlc.org.

membership

Mushroom Advisors

When you see a  on this membership list, it indicates a designated Mushroom Advisor. These people have volunteered to accept mushroom inquiries over the phone and may even accept arranged visits. They cannot identify a mushroom over the phone. All identifications are tentative. Decisions of edibility must be made by whomever ultimately eats the fungus.

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MYCOPROTEIN - The Fungus That Tastes And Looks Like Chicken

A new meat substitute made from a fungus has now reached the USA. It looks and tastes like chicken, giving soy burgers and others a run for it. Mycoprotein's trade name is "Quorn" (pronounced kworn). It comes in the



form of chicken nuggets, fettuccine alfredo, and lasagna. It is referred to as "grounds" when used in place of beef. It has a lot of protein for a minimal amount of calories and 3 to 4 grams of fiber. The original fungus was isolated

just outside London in the 1960's. It was noted to produce long strands similar to meat, and thus appear to be fibrous meat tissue. The fungus is cultivated under fermentation TEK and then mixed with eggs and flavorings. This product is then made to look like beef or chicken.

Quorn did \$150 million sales in Europe 2001, and now with USA sales, it could hit \$200 million. The species on the fungus is a mystery.

Missouri Mycological Society Partners with Earth Share

by Brad Bomanz

In the middle of 1999, the Board of Directors of the Missouri Mycological Society (MOMS) launched an effort to develop educational and research programs that were designed to raise environmental awareness and promote the protection of the environment. These programs would escalate our organizations' involvement in Missouri's communities by making information on fungi readily available to Missouri residents and agencies.

To accomplish this goal, additional funding needed to become available. In November 1999, application to join Earth Share of Missouri (formerly Environmental Fund of Missouri) was submitted for their consideration. MOMS was not accepted on our first attempt for the 2000 campaign year, nor were we accepted for the 2001 campaign. But in early February this year we were notified that MOMS was accepted into Earth Share of

Missouri. Now you might ask, "What exactly is Earth Share of Missouri?"

According to their website, "Earth Share of Missouri is a federation of America's leading non-profit environmental and conservation organizations, working to promote environmental education and charitable giving through workplace payroll deduction giving campaigns. Earth Share is an organization that enables environmentally conscious employees and workplaces to support dozens of environmental groups at once through a charitable giving drive."

They're like the United Way for the environment.

Contributions to Earth Share of Missouri are divided among member organizations like ours and the portion of donations that MOMS receives from Earth Share will be used to support our educational outreach and research programs.

The following is a only a partial list of organizations that already benefit from contributions made to Earth Share of Missouri:

Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign (MSECC)
National Audubon Society
National Parks Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
The Nature Conservancy
The Sierra Club Foundation
World Wildlife Fund
Friends of Tyson Research Center of Washington University
Missouri Botanical Garden
Missouri Parks Association
St. Louis Audubon Society
Wild Candid Survival and Research Center
World Bird Sanctuary

To find out more about Earth Share of Missouri, go to their website:

<http://www.earthsharemo.org/>

Fall Foray at Mingo

The dates are set for our 12th Annual Fall Foray! Early arrivals at Camp Latonka will begin on Thursday, September 12th, and MOMS members and guests will be out in force through Sunday the 15th. Last year's foray featured outstanding speakers, gourmet food, and perfect weather, and we expect this year's to be even better!

First, we expect the 2002 version to be bigger. Everyone who participated last year is sure to return, and we will welcome new members as well!

Second, Ken Gilberg has lined up nine mycologists this year: Dr. Walt Sundberg (Southern Illinois University), Dr. Andrew Methven (Eastern Illinois University), Jay Justice (President of the Arkansas Mycological Society), Dr. Johann Bruhn (University of Missouri), Dr. Jeanne Mihail (University of Missouri), Dr. Greg Mueller (The Field Museum), Betty Strack (The Field Museum), Dr. Pat Leacock (The Field Museum), and Dr. Robert Gessner (Western Illinois University). Participants will have ample opportunity to learn about mushrooms from experts and to enjoy their company, as well.

Third, the cost will be reduced from last year. Registration will be \$40 for MOMS members (\$50 for non-members) and covers breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Stick around for the fabulous cook and taste of our edible wild mushroom finds on Sunday at noon.

Early arrivers will be responsible for their own meals until Friday dinner, when we plan a sumptuous pitch-in.

Lodging at Girl Scout Camp Latonka on Lake Wappapello includes camping/RVing at \$3 per

person per night and screened cabins at \$6 per person per night. It's but a short walk to the men's or women's bathhouses. For those who eschew the rustic life, motels are available nearby.

Early registrations help tremendously with planning, so complete and submit your registration form, or you may print one from our website www.MissouriMycologicalSociety.org.

The extremely low cost of the

foray is based on the presumption that everyone will volunteer for a part of the weekend. We all will help with preparation, serving and clean up for each meal from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.

For directions for the 120-mile, 2 1/2 hour drive, or for further information, contact Charlie Raiser (314) 821-6768, or CharlieRaiser@aol.com or Maxine Stone (314) 963-0280, or VeryMaxine@aol.com.

Mingo Registration Form

September 12 through 15, 2002

The registration fee to attend Mingo is \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members, \$25 for students, \$20 for children five and younger. This registration includes four wonderful meals, prepared by some of MOMS gourmet cooks, for breakfast, lunch, supper on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Friday supper is potluck.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (day/evening) _____

e-mail _____

Reservations for Lodging:

Screened cabin with cots and mattresses, but no bedding

\$6.00 per night per person. Circle number of people: 1 2 3 4

___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday **Cost for lodging:** _____

R.V. or tent site

\$3.00 per night per person Circle number of people: 1 2 3 4

___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday **Cost for lodging:** _____

Registration fees: Circle number of people: 1 2 3 4 **Total :** _____

Grand total registration and per night fees enclosed: _____

I would like to be in a cabin with _____

The success of the Mingo Foray depends on volunteer effort. Please indicate how you will be able to help: _____ preparation of a meal; _____ set-up of fungi display area; _____ camp clean-up (Sunday).

It is extremely useful in planning for the weekend to know how many will be attending! Please register as soon as your plans are complete. Clip or copy this form and send it with your check made payable to MOMS to: Brad Bomanz, 909 Woodside Village, Ballwin, MO 63021

Should you have any questions about the event, please contact: Charlie Raiser, CharlieRaiser@aol.com (314) 821-6768 or Maxine Stone, VeryMaxine@aol.com, (314) 963-0280

update Forays & Research

Meramec Foray, April 6, 2002

by Joe Walsh

A total of 19 MOMS members, including myself and my wife, Lois, gathered for the foray. The others were: Maxine Stone, Pamela Lowney, Brad Bomanz, Gordon White, Doris Ogrowsky, Andrea Charters, Larry Kahn, Lou Raether, Julie Dyll, Ruben Dyll, Sally Schroeter, Ben Ellis, Mike Ruemmler, Charlie Raiser, Mark Kroutil, Jeff Till, and Julie McWilliams.

We visited a pine forest where I have found black morels in past seasons. None were up yet, but Julie McWilliams found a very fresh *Gyromitra* hidden beneath the pine needles.

Past studies have convinced me that the soil temperature must be at

least 55 degrees before blacks will bloom. Readings taken in the area that day were consistently 49 to 51 degrees, and thus still too cold. I finally found ten very small but fresh blacks beneath some ash trees on a south slope above the Meramec River, April 12. In general, it was not a very good year for morels, at least not in my experience.

We all congregated at Shelter #1 for lunch, and made some speculations about the season soon to come. Even though no morels were found, it was a beautiful day to be in the woods, and good to be out looking with friends. The turkey hunters call it a "slow greenup" year. I would have to concur with them.

Foray at Shaw Nature Reserve

by Maxine Stone

It was a cold, crisp morning. The rain had finally stopped late the previous night. The fog was thick and the sun was close by. A group of interested mushroomers donned their boots and sloshed through the mud having a perfectly wonderful time. On Saturday, May 18 at 8:00, MOMS participated in Missouri Botanical Garden's Biodiversity Days at Shaw Nature Reserve. Don Dill led the walk, which was glorious. Birds, wildflowers, cliffs and crevices, but again, not many mush-

rooms. The ground was just too wet. **Below is the species list:**

Hohenbuehelia petaloides (leaflike oyster)
Trametes versicolor (turkey tail)
Pleurotus oytereatus (oyster)
Auricularia auricula (wood ear)
Favolus alveolaris (hexagonal polypore)
Sarcoscypha occidentalis (stalked scarlet cup)
Tarzetta cupularis (elf cup)
Hygrophorus coccineus (scarlet waxy cap)
Schizophyllum commune (spilt gill)
Cortinarius distans
Clavicornia pyxidata

Washington State Park Foray

by Gary Steps

Shannon Stevens led a small but enthusiastic foray at Washington State Park on May 5. The weather was beautiful, the team challenged, and the **fungal species** list short:

Cortinarius gentiles - described as deadly

Sarcoscypha occidentalis

Urnula craterium - devil's urns

Various old dried-up polypores.

However, this being a team of broad and varied interests, we did establish other species lists -

Wildflowers

Solomon's seal

False Solomon's seal

Fire pink

Wild geranium

Wild phlox

Celandine poppy

Colorado columbine

False rue anemone

Blue-eyed Mary

Dutchman's breeches

May apple

Wild carrot

Daisy fleabane

Trillium

Butterflies

Clouds of giant swallowtails

Tiger swallowtails

Spicebush swallowtails

Pipevine swallowtails

Mating zebra swallowtails

And along with all of the above, we saw and/or heard turkey, various woodpeckers, and blue herons, gathered horsetail, horse mint, and water-cress, and got to ford streams, check out an old collapsing house, check out a little cave with a resident cave salamander, and saw Shannon's old home at the ranger's house where he lived for some time while an intern.

All in all, an excellent adventure.

Research Project Update

by Brad Bomanz

Currently our voucher program has almost 200 documented specimens residing at my house to safeguard against extremely high humidity levels that persist at our bunker location (the library is currently at my house, also).

Morchella Project

MOMS recorded and tagged 12 trees last year with 41 fruitings associated with 10 live ash trees and 2 dead elms. This year only 25 fruitings were documented to be associated with the same 10 ash and 2 dead elm trees. However, 16 new trees revealed an additional 39 fruitings for a total of 57 fruitings. The new trees were tagged from 13 through 28. The new trees that were associated with the fruitings were 16 live ash, 1 dead elm, 1 live boxelder and 1 live, but stressed, cottonwood.

The fruitings began on the 10th or the 11th of April. Most grew up and became easily visible on the 13th and 14th of April.

Temperatures steadily rose to set record high levels beginning on the 14th and remained elevated through the 19th with a high of 93 degrees reached on the 18th of April. The average temperature from the 14th through the 19th was a whopping 80 degrees. But that isn't what totally was responsible for the Morchella's fast demise. Accompanying the extremely high temperatures were hot dry winds and no precipitation to cool things off. The wind gusts from the 14th throughout the 19th averaged 35.5 maximum m.p.h., with the high of 59 m.p.h. on the 19th.

All morels had come up due to the instant warming of the forest floor and the hot, dry winds set the morels. The rains that resumed on the 19th (1.76 inches), and lower

temperatures (55 degrees average), were too late. Few morels escaped the gauntlet. They all started to deteriorate slowly. The cool temperatures helped stay a quick demise. Almost all were down by April 30.

Cantharellus Project

Last year the chanterelles didn't arrive due to the lack of moisture.

This year, hopefully, the rains will come. If so, we have approval to conduct a research project that will allow us to track and document whether harvesting the fruiting bodies has any impact on the frequency and productivity of future fruitings.

We will need to survey a number of ravines to find a large area of fruitings that will enable us to establish a test plot. Anyone interested in assisting in either of these projects, please call me, Brad Bomanz, at 636-225-0555.

Bunker Bits

by Brad Bomanz

Well you might be asking yourself, "What is this I heard about MoMS being kicked out of Tyson's bunker by Washington University?" It's true.

But with the never ending support of the Jonathan Losos, Dave Larson, Dave Shilling, Angelo (the man), Joyce and the rest of Tyson staff, they negotiated with Washington University and secured another retrofitted bunker (#18) that we can now call our home.

The bunker is in similar condition as our Bunker #26 was when we acquired it, but we do have a back door to Bunker #18 that will help in circulating the interior air mass. Yes, I'll be looking for able-bodied individuals to help in updating our New Home Base. I've already had several of the members inquire about the bunker status. After a brief explanation, and before I could ask, they all volunteered their services.

WOW - What a great club! We really are lucky to have such giving people. I don't know what we'd do without you all. I, for one, want to extend my heartfelt THANK YOU. And I would like to extend my request to those that

haven't had a chance to become a part of this rehab effort: Remember, "many hands make light work."

The move is prompted by the necessity for Washington University to utilize the location that the Wild Canid Survival and Research Center (Wolf Sanctuary) now inhabits. They will be taking over the entire valley where our current Bunker #26 is located.

Please call me (Brad Bomanz) at 636-225-0555. If I'm not there to take your call personally, please leave your name and phone number. I'm going to attempt to schedule two weekends so the work can be just a partial days work on each day and give folks a chance to choose which day would better accommodate their schedule (maybe both days).

Tyson has graciously given us one year free rent for the inconvenience. Also they have volunteered to help with moving our furniture and fixtures. And Angelo has volunteered to help an additional day with his mechanical expertise. Thanks again to Washington University for extending us the much-appreciated help with an unavoidable change.

Microscopy Workshop

July 28, 2002

Babler State Park

10:00 AM

You definitely will not want to miss this class. It will be an all day workshop with our own mycologist, Walt Sundberg. Walt taught a similar class to 11 members of MOMS two years ago. He is a passionate, and delightful teacher. We all came away excited and learned a lot.

The cost for the class is \$25. Please call Don Dill at 647-3307 and let him know if you wish to participate. Space is limited. —MS

2002 Forays & Events

- June 1** Sat. 10 AM, **Foray**, Graham Cave State Park
Claudia Joyce and park naturalist, Chuck Yates.
added interest: magnificent ancient Indian rock shelter.
- June 8** Sat. 10 AM, **Foray**, Rockwoods Reservation, Brad Bomanz
- June 16** Sun. 10 AM, **Beginner Class**, Rockwoods Reservation, Don Dill
- June 30** 12 noon, **Foray**, Friends of Tyson/MOMS Joint Mushroom Walk, Gordon White.
- July 14** Sun. 10 AM, **Beginner Class**, Rockwoods Reservation, Don Dill
- July 19 - 21** Sweat 'n Chanterelles, Meramec State Park
- July 28** Sun. 10 AM, Microscopy Workshop, Babler State Park, Walt Sundberg
- Aug. 18** Sun. 10 AM, **Beginner Class**, Rockwoods Reservation, Don Dill
- Sept. 8** Sun. 10 AM, **Beginner Class**, Rockwoods Reservation, Don Dill
- Sept. 12 - 15** Thurs. - Sun. Regional Foray at Mingo National Wilderness
- Sept. 21** Sat. 10 AM, **Foray**, Englemann Woods, St Albans, MO.
Elaine Fix. Limited parking, so carpool.
- Oct. 10 - 13** NAMA National Foray, Diamond Lake, Oregon
- Oct. 12** Sat. 10 AM, **Foray**, Eldon Hazlet St. Park, Leland Von Behren
- Oct. 25 - 27** Fri. - Sun. The Hawnting, Hawn State Park and Pickle Springs

Beginner classes are for beginners and anyone else interested. **Forays and classes** meet at Visitors Center or parking area 15 minutes before indicated departure time.



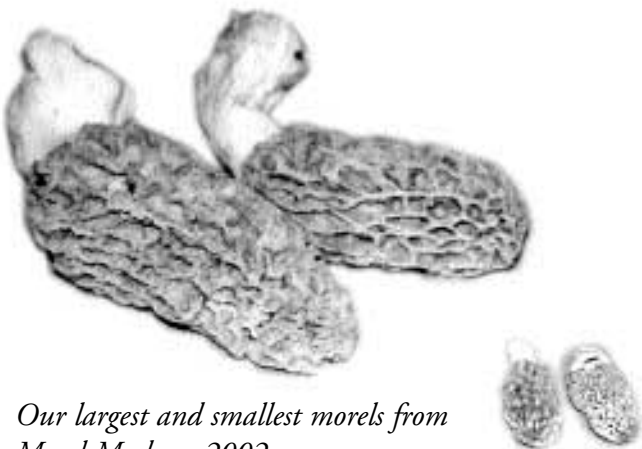
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