



What's Happening and When!

SIMA Meetings: 7:30 PM, Idaho Fish & Game Building,
Second Monday Trophy Room, 600 S Walnut, Boise, ID

Forays Scheduled:

Spring Foray, May 25, 26, 27, 2012, Quaker Hill, Osprey Lodge, McCall, ID. Registration form at the end of this newsletter.

Fall Foray, Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16, 2012, Quaker Hill, Lakeside Lodge, McCall, ID.

Spring Mushroom Identification Class Foray

April 28, Meet at 10 AM near Tully's parking lot in the south end of the shopping center at Gowen Rd and Federal Way. Bring collecting gear, water, a lunch and come prepared for the weather.

Morel Foray to Grays Creek

This is tentative. Saturday, May 5. Meet at Lakey's Café parking lot 10 AM. Lakey's is on Hwy 95, 12.8 miles north of Cambridge, ID. Have a lunch, water, morel collecting gear, and be prepared for the weather. E-mail to follow the end of April.

Watch SIMA's Mushroom Blog for up-to-the-date sighting information. SIMA's blog was hacked from India and Kevin had to do some diligent work to regain control. He made some changes to the process to make an entry. Anyone can view the blog. Enter <http://idahomushrooms.blogspot.com> in your browser; type IdahoSIMA in the username (e-mail) box. If you wish to make an entry and you are not already in the system, e-mail Kevin for the password. Put SIMA logon in the subject line of your e-mail. **Instructions from Kevin:** I have deleted the Idahomushrooms@gmail.com and have started a new account. If you need access come to a meeting or email me at kevinsub@hotmail.com. The subject line needs to be **SIMA logon**. You will need to explain who you are and why I should let you on. If you already have a gmail account I can add you that way. Tell me a little about yourself or if I know you send something to identify yourself. Anyone can look at the blog and pick a name and add a gmail account. Better yet give me a phone number and I can call and see if you are who you say you are. Kevinsub@yahoo.com Once you have the password, Log in and check on Dashboard to make an entry.

What's Fruiting Now: Flammulina and Oysters!

The season for *Flammulina* and *Pleurotus* is just about over. They are cold season mushrooms. What we are starting to see is *Agaricus* sp. , and various species of *Coprinus*. Paul Beckman's horse pasture is producing a bumper crop of *Panaeolus campanulatus* group. No morels have been found along the river yet. Caution, if the morel is light colored, be

sure to check that it is not *Verpa bohemica*. They fruit ahead of the morels in the valley. Do not eat *V. bohemica*.



Notice how the top of the *Verpa* hangs down like a skirt and is not a continuous part of the stem like true morels. The stem on *Verpa* is filled with a pithy material.

Below are examples of light colored morels. The wrinkled top is a continuous part of the stem. The stem is hollow.



Children Identified.

The children pictured with the mushrooms in the previous issue of SIMANEWS are Grace and Jachin Mertes. They attended the March meeting with their parents. Their dad Mitchell says they are very interested in hunting mushrooms. Young children are great mushroom hunters. Not only are they closer to the ground than adults are, their eyesight is sharper and less distracted. They are great mushroom spotters.

This is a cluster of *Flammulina velutipes* decomposing a log. The common name for this mushroom is “The Winter Mushroom”. Notice the dark brown velvet covered stipes. The velvet fuzz on the stipes makes it easy to identify this fungus. These are listed as good edibles. They are sold fresh in the grocery stores as Enoki . They are fruited in tubes in the dark, so the dark stems do not develop.



The photo below is from Wikipedia and shows what the mushroom above looks like when it is grown commercially.



The mushrooms below came from Paul Beckman’s horse pasture. They belong to the *Panaeolus campanulatus* group. They are not edible. Never eat mushrooms growing from manure.



SIMA’s White Elephant and Treasures Auction

This will happen before the program Saturday night May 26 at this year’s Spring Foray at Quaker Hill Osprey Lodge in McCall. One of the “Treasures” being auctioned off is a quilted table runner out of mushroom fabric made by Hope Miller. The other “Treasure” being auctioned off is a Jig Saw Puzzle constructed by Bill Betts. It is pictured below and comes packaged in a cloth bag made by Bill’s wife Jane out of some mushroom fabric she had in her stash.



We are asking for donations to the Treasures and White Elephant Auction for Saturday night. Items can be mushroom memorabilia from the past or present. Other white elephants and treasures will be accepted also. If there are any spare baskets lurking about your home that you wish to get rid of, we will auction them. The proceeds from the auction go to help on foray expenses.

Spring Foray May 25, 26, 27, 2012

Quaker Hill, Osprey Lodge, McCall, ID. Registration forms available now.



Dr. Michael Beug will be SIMA’s foray mycologist again this year. He specializes in beginner’s workshops, mushroom walks and introduction to mushroom identification. Dr. Beug began mushrooming in 1969. He was a professor with Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA for most of his teaching career. Michael has worked extensively on photographing and identifying fungi. Dr. Beug will lead the Early Bird Foray Friday afternoon, a foray on Saturday in addition to evening programs.

Learn To Identify Mushrooms !!!

Amateurs Always Welcome

SIMA'S SPRING FORAY AND IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

Quaker Hill, Osprey Lodge, McCall ID

May 25, 26, 27, 2012

Friday May 25

Foray & Workshop with Dr. Beug 2-4 PM
6:00 Supper
7:30 Program

Saturday May. 26

8 AM Breakfast
9 AM-2 PM Forays
6:00 Supper
7:30 Program / Critique

Sunday May 27

8 AM Breakfast
9 AM Spring Foray Plans
**Check -Out before:
11 AM**

Friday 2PM to 11 AM Sunday includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, programs, display.

Detach Here

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Last day to Pre-register for food and lodging, Monday, May 21, 2012

Pre-registration required for Daily Only + Meals also.

Registration Fees:

_____ Full Foray	\$115.00	_____ Rates for current college student, with ID on request
_____ Foray and ID Workshop only	\$35.00	_____ Rates for children available on request
_____ Saturday No meals	\$35.00	RV's same cost as lodging, hookups limited, plenty space self-contained
_____ Saturday + Supper + Program	\$40.00	Hook up _____ Self-contained _____
_____ Saturday Supper + Program	\$25.00	
_____ Friday Foray – Sat all day, program, no food	\$65.00	
_____ Friday – Sat. food + program, no lodging	\$65.00	
_____ No meals or lodging, per day	\$35.00	

Number attending _____ Amount enclosed _____ Need lodging _____ (**bring your own bedding, towel, etc.**)

We must have a signed release for all adults attending the foray.

Liability Release and Promise Not to Sue

I understand there is some risk in participating in a mushroom foray and conference, all those risks one assumes by being away from home, risks associated with moving about in fields and woods, risks involved in eating wild mushrooms, risks of losing personal property by theft or misplacement, and all other expected and unexpected risks. In registering for or attending this foray, I agree to assume total responsibility during this event for my own safety and well-being, and that of any minor children under my care, and for the protection of my and their personal property. I release the Southern Idaho Mycological Association (SIMA) and Quaker Hill, their trustees, officers, employees, contractors, and all other persons assisting in the planning and presentation of this event from liability for any sickness, injury or loss I or any minor children under my care may suffer during this event or as a result of attending and participation. I further promise not to file a lawsuit or make a claim against any of the persons listed above, even if they negligently cause me or my minor children injury or loss. Finally, I agree to hold SIMA harmless from any liability it may incur as a result of any damages to Quaker Hill property which I may cause. This release and promise is part of the consideration I give in order to attend this event. I understand it affects my legal rights. I intend it to apply not only to me, but to anyone who may have the right to make a claim on my behalf.

Signature _____ Date _____

Make check payable to SIMA

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