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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.



SIMA needs the final meal count by May 20 unless you have made special arrangements with Genille Steiner, Foray Chairman.

Dr. Michael Beug is SIMA's foray mycologist. 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. Mike has worked extensively on photographing and identifying fungi.

Dr. Beug will lead the Early Bird Foray Friday afternoon and foraging on Saturday also.

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

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:

Agrocybe dura, and *Conocybe sp.* are fruiting in garden beds and in lawns. General rule of caution: Never eat small brown mushrooms growing in lawns. Many are poisonous. All are difficult to identify without a microscope.

Mushroom Identification Class Field Trip to Idaho City

Shown on the truck bumper is the extent of the mushrooms found on the Idaho City field trip. It was cold, windy and wet. We had to scrounge to find these. Most of the mushrooms shown are early snowbank specimens. We found no edibles.



Basket checking below.



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 from 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.

Foray Shirts: Kevin Sublett designed a foray shirt for SIMA. There are collared shirts as shown and long sleeve T-shirts available in limited sizes currently. Kevin brought 25 shirts to the May meeting and sold several. The cost is \$16 for the T-shirts and \$18 for the collared shirts. E-mail Kevin at [Kevin Sublett \[kevinsub1@gmail.com\]](mailto:kevinsub1@gmail.com) for a complete list of sizes left or to get your size on the next order.



Long Sleeve T-shirts left: 3 Large 3 XL

Collared short Sleeve Shirts Left:

1 Medium, 5 Large 2 XL, 2 XXL

May Morel Hunt: Cancelled

On May 1st the road up the Middlefork of the Weiser River looked like this. The road is completely repaired and in good shape. The front loader was moving some large rocks around at the edge of the road.



The Cabin Creek campground was cold and wet. The ground was still frozen about 3 inches below the surface. The GPS placed the campground at 4000 ft. People who have been in this area lately state that early mushrooms are starting to pop up in the campground but no morels.

Mushrooms to look for.

Below are groups of *Agrocybe dura*. This mushroom is common in garden beds this time of the year. They grow in cultivated and disturbed ground on buried wood. An older name for this mushroom is *Pholiota vermifula*. Membranous veil fragments hanging from the cap edge and the cracking on the cap is a characteristic of *Agrocybe dura*.



They have a rich "cigar brown" spore print. Agrocybes are not considered edible. The taste is mediocre at best and disgusting at worst. There is a large number of variants in this group whose edibility is unknown.

Put these mushrooms in your DO NOT EAT Group.

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
5:30 Supper
7:30 Program

Saturday May 26

8 AM Breakfast
9 AM-2 PM Forays
5:30 Supper
7:30 Program /Treasures Auction

Sunday May 27

8 AM Breakfast
9 AM Foray Critique
**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

Send check and Registration Form to:

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