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Membership and Meetings

To become a member of SVIMS, please contact President Hannah Nadel at the number above. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. sharp on the first Thursday of every month, except July and August, at the Pacific Forestry Centre, 506 W. Burnside Rd., Victoria B.C.

Newsletter

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Society Highlights

This issue is coming to you a little quicker than usual in order to get the fall foray registration forms to you in good time. The meeting on Sept. 1 was a lively one. Nellie DeGeus from the B.C. Ministry of Forests was grilled and cross-examined (mostly politely) by SVIMS members concerning upcoming B.C.M.O.F. plans to regulate wild mushroom harvesting. The upshot of the discussion seemed to be that the B.C.M.O.F. will push for licensing of wild mushroom buyers for a period of time in order to assess the, true dimensions of mushroom harvesting, with a view toward more permanent regulation if it seems warranted to them. The regulations may also apply to other types of secondary forest products. A raft of issues such as native concerns, camp safety, and land use value conflicts (mushroom harvest vs. tree harvest) are going to be considered. All of you executive types out there may want to take note: there will probably be an executive meeting soon to discuss things like funding, etc. Mushrooms brought into the meeting were:

Agaricus augustus (The Prince)

Scleroderma sp.

Young mushroomer wins award at Saanich Fair.

Congratulations to eleven-year-old Mithrel Parker of Saanichton for winning First Place in the Junior stamp display competition for her annotated collection of mushroom stamps! Not only was Mithrel's display beautifully done, but she also researched and included write-ups of the characteristics of several mushrooms and mushroom families represented on the stamps. Well done, Mithrel!

Upcoming Events

17 September (Saturday)

Fieldtrip: Renfrew Mushroom Rally!

Departing for Port Renfrew from Evergreen shopping mall parking lot in Sooke (by the logger's pole) at 8:00 a.m. This all-day event may culminate with a mushroom identification session in Port Renfrew if the harvest is good.

Call Richard at 642-7528 for further information.

6 October (Thursday)

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SVIMS monthly meeting

7:00 p.m., Pacific Forestry Centre 506 W. Burnside Rd., Victoria

This will be your chance to learn basic skills in mushroom identification, just in time for the big fall foray! A small group of SVIMS members will lead a short workshop designed to familiarize the beginner in the use of keys. We will cover some basic terminology and give members some hands-on experience with identifying fresh specimens. More experienced members are encouraged to come and help, especially with the more difficult species. IMPORTANT! Please bring any fresh mushrooms you might find just before the meeting. Don't forget to bring your mushroom books, and a mug!

16 October (Sunday)

Vancouver Mycological Society mushroom show

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Van Dusen Botanical Gardens, 37th and Oak, Vancouver. \$2:00 admission.

22-23 October (Sat. & Sun.)

Puget Sound Mycological Society mushroom display

Held in Seattle. Adolf Ceska is trying to organize an overnight trip for SVIMS members. Let him know if you're interested -- 477-1211.

26 October (Wednesday)

Mushroom Identification Workshop

Royal B.C. Museum, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., \$10.00.

SVIMS members Adolf Ceska (R.B.C.M. botanist) and Hannah Nadel (R.B.C.M. research associate) will provide a short course on mushroom identification for the beginner. This course will be similar to the Oct. 6 SVIMS workshop, so plan to sign up only if you miss the Oct. 6 event, or if you feel really lost!

28 October (Friday)

(TBA) to gather fungi for the SVIMS Mushroom Display.

29-30 October (Sat. & Sun.)

1994 SVIMS Mushroom Display

Will probably be held at the foyer of the Newcombe Auditorium, Royal B.C. Museum.

Fresh mushrooms and other fungi will be the featured items at this event, which has been organized and sponsored by the Royal B.C. Museum and the Pacific Forestry Centre for the past five years. This year, SVIMS is joining forces with these institutions to offer the public an educational and entertaining look at fungi. Your input and ideas are welcome. If anyone is interested in making posters or other displays for this event, or has an idea for a children's program, please contact Brenda Callan (592-0380), Adolf Ceska (477-1211), or Hannah Nadel (544-1386). Members Jocelyn Salonde, Ken Kissinger, Renata Outerbridge, and Joe and Christine Schoelzel have kindly offered to help. Many thanks to them!

3 November (Thursday)

SVIMS Annual Meeting

7:00 p.m., Pacific Forestry Centre, 506 W. Burnside Rd., Victoria.

All members are encouraged to come to this meeting to vote for new officers and members-at-large. Anyone wishing to fulfil a post but who is unable to attend

the annual meeting, please let one of the current officers know beforehand. Also, the Treasurer's report will be read, and members will be provided with the opportunity to suggest activities they'd like to see offered in 1995. Details for the Annual Potluck Banquet will be finalized.

A guest speaker, as yet unidentified, will be scheduled.

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SVIMS Annual Banquet, potluck. Time and place to be announced.

Save up some of your savoury mushroom dishes, or just plain ol' good cooking, for this can't-be-missed social event! Does anyone have enough space at home to fit us in? A big basement might be ideal for a group of fungus lovers.

I blewit (corrections and additions)

There are two corrections for last month's newsletter.

First, the recipe starting on page 2, column 2, should have a title: Curried Mushroom Soup. (By the way, Joe's Restaurant is in Reading, Pennsylvania, which also got left out.)

The second adjustment involves page 1, column 3. Armillariella should just be Armillaria sp. Armillaria mellea (the so-called "honey mushroom") has been split into a number of species. In this part of the world, A. mellea is mainly (although not always) found associated with ornamental hardwoods, some ornamental pines, and orchard crops and vines. More likely finds in the forest are A. ostoyae, usually (but not always) associated with conifers, and A. sinapina, usually (but not always) associated with hardwoods. That's something to note in your field guides. For now, that is.



"You'll find there's no connection. Some that are comfortable to sit on are not safe to eat, and some that are not comfortable to sit on are safe to eat."