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Next SIMA meeting is March 9, 2009, Idaho Fish & Game Building. 7:30 PM.

Colleen Sweeney will present a program on *Desert Mushrooms and Related Species*. Colleen has taught at Humboldt State, CA; U. of Oregon, and BSU. Colleen has conducted many wildlife research projects and several of her photographs are featured in various field guides.

Forays Scheduled

Spring Foray, May 29-31, Quaker Hill, Osprey Lodge, McCall, ID. Registration forms available in April.

June Morel Hunt near Featherville, Campout foray, with no cost permits required. Date to be determined at the March meeting.

Fall Foray, Sept. 17-20, Quaker Hill, Lakeside Lodge, McCall, ID.

Election Results: Officers are posted in the newsletter header. Board Members are the 6 officers plus Sue Poland, Susan Stacy, Colleen Sweeney, 2 year terms. Hope Miller, 1 year term.

Mushroom Identification Class

April, 22, 23, 24. 7:30 PM Idaho Fish & Game Building, 600 S. Walnut St. Boise, ID. Trophy Room. Entrance is at the rear of the building. This class is open to the public and there is still open for enrollment. Call 208-345-2515.

What is fruiting?

November Meeting - *Agaricus campestris*, *A. xerampelina*, *Chlorophyllum (Macrolepiota) rachodes*, *Flammulina velutipes*, *Discina sp.* (on dung), *Hebeloma crustuliniforme*, *Hygrophorus eburneus*, *Pleurotus ostreatus*, cf.

January Meeting - *Flammulina velutipes*, *Pleurotus populinus*

February Meeting - *Pleurotus populinus*

What is out in March? Early spring fungi may be if the warmer weather continues. Look along the Boise River and the lower ends of draws in the foothills, Hulls Gulch, etc. If you are in a bird or game reserve area marked as closed part of the year, check the posted dates before entering.

Mascot With a Problem - Bear in Distress - Fruitland, ID

From LaReta Johnson



Fruitland Intermediate School opened in the fall of 2007. A student's father used a chain saw to carve this bear from a 10 ft section of Elm log.

This "Grizzly" sits under a covered walkway between 2 exterior windows near the south entrance. The invader has been identified as Oyster mushroom, *Pleurotus pulmonarius*. The mushrooms first started to fruit early spring 2008. Mycelium is in all the bear's cracks.

The bear's carver has had no problems with the other items he carved out of this wood. This is an obvious Real Estate problem, Location, Location, Location!

2009 Mushroom Forays to Italy and Spain

Just in from Kathy Richmond!

Albert Casciero is putting together 2 amateur mushroom hunting trips to Europe this fall.

Kathy joined his Italy trip a few years ago and is ready to go again. Participants hunt mushrooms in the morning, eat a fabulous lunch and sightsee the rest of the day. They go to a different site each day with a local mycologist who identifies their finds.

The Italy trip is scheduled for Oct. 16; the Spain trip Oct. 10. Kathy is going to Spain. The cost is around \$2800. Trips are limited to 20 people. These trips fill up fast!

If interested, contact: Albert, not Kathy

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Kathy Richmond can answer questions about her trip to Italy, but she is not scheduling participants for the trip to Spain, just information. You can e-mail Kathy at fowest@custertel.net Phone: 208.838.2431