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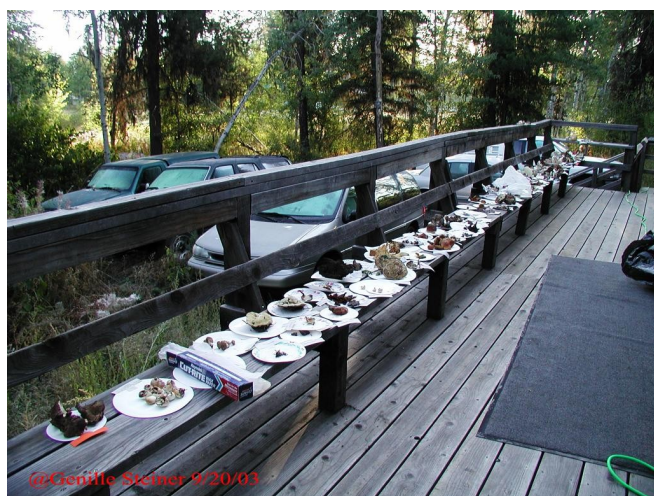
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**SIMA s Fall Foray 2003 Quaker Hill Outback Cabin, McCall Idaho. September 18, 19, 20, 21, 2003**

We had a wonderful fall foray. It rained during the previous week and the mushrooms really popped. We had 13 participants, and loads of fun. Our group had dinner with Hope and Orson Miller in their new home on Friday night. It was a very delightful evening after a morning of successful hunting and a long afternoon of identification. Saturday morning we hunted several sites and identified all afternoon again. We had a pot luck dinner Saturday evening. The fall foray is our learning foray.

Our fall forays are often small and we are doing well to get 75 species some years. It has been several years since we have had a mycologist at the fall foray, so SIMA members have been putting their skills and microscopes to use and doing our own identification. It was great to have Orson and Hope. He was more than willing to let us identify and provide us clues when we were stumped. When it was tallied up, we recorded 148 species. This included 8 species new to our list.

This is a long shot of what we identified and displayed. This was taken Friday afternoon. By early Saturday evening we had all the bench area filled and were putting second layers in some areas.



**Annual Christmas Party Sunday December 7, 2003 Hong Kong Restaurant, 117 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. Nampa, ID**

We are having our annual Christmas Party at 2 PM on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We have been having our Christmas gathering here for the last several years since it is a more central location. This year the reservation will be under SIMA. Hope everyone can make it.

**SIMA S'Web Site!!!**

In the last issue of SIMANEWS we announced the resurrection of SIMA S'Web Page on the internet. Several years ago Bob Chehey put together our web site and made it available through his e-mail provider after typing in this long and involved set of characters after his e-mail address. When Bob switched providers the website was saved on disk for future use. We found a very reasonably priced web site provider and Bob went to work getting everything updated and added many new things. We have been out on the web long enough now that if one types SIMA or Southern Idaho Mycological Association on the major search engines our web site comes into view. The easiest way to find SIMA on the web is to type in the following web site and click GO.

[www.simykos.org](http://www.simykos.org)

Give the site a try. Bob has done a very impressive and professional job.

He has also started simykos group at Yahoo! Groups, a free, easy-to-use email group service. The purpose of the group is to communicate with other local mushroom pickers about what they are finding from day to day. Who knows, we might get some more people interested in us if they know we are out there. To learn more about the simykos group, please visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/simykos>

To start sending messages to members of this group, just send email to [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/simykos](mailto:mailto:groups.yahoo.com/group/simykos). This is a local mushroom finder s'group registered with Yahoo. So far there are only 4 people registered. Bob sent notification of this group to all SIMA members he had a current e-mail address.

**MEMBERSHIP DUE!!!!**

**Single: \$35.00**

**Family: \$40.00**