



# Among Fungi

Cascade Mycological Society Newsletter

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## This Issue: Annual Meeting and Election

### Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting has been scheduled this year for May 12, 2011, 7:00 pm, at the Pizza Research Institute, 530 Blair Blvd. Make sure you check our web-site for confirmation of the location and for directions. ([www.cascademyco.org](http://www.cascademyco.org)) We will supply pizza, you will of course BYOB.

The purpose of the meeting is three-fold. First we will elect a new Board.

Our second goal is to recruit members to volunteer to help make the events we put on, the forays, the MPA Mushroom Show, the monthly speakers and the Yearly Fungal Feast, happen. We have several committees to ease the load on individuals and bring new ideas and energy to our programs. You can be a part of these events.

Committees include: **Mushroom Show 30 year Anniversary Celebration**, to help organize something special for the coming show, **Forays**, to help identify and scout new areas, and **Speakers**, to help find new and interesting speakers. Come tell us what you are interested in and with your help we can do it. If you can imagine it, you can make it happen.

Thirdly, we like to have fun. The Board is a fun[gal] group of folks that just like to have fun with mushrooms, so please come to the meeting, share the free pizza, and get involved. We need your ideas and energy. Come on down!



Sylvia Johnson in an undisclosed location in the Oregon Cascades with a *Russula* sp.

### Board Elections

This year's slate looks familiar, with one new name. Here they are:

Meredith Allen	Dean Johnston	Skye Weintraub
Seth Miller	Grace Pugh	Trudy Earls
Chris Melotti	Kahli Burke	Matthew Johnson
Joe Spivack	Nate York	Marcia Peeters
Sarah Worl	Harriet Kelly	

If you've missed out in the past letting us know you would like to be on the Board, contact us or come to the meeting and let us know. Maybe you can join us in the future. Or if you would like to make a lesser commitment, you can help us make the next Pisgah show (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) the best ever! Let us know if you want to help.

### Vote by E-Mail

For the first time CMS will conduct the Board election over the internet. For those of you for which we have mail address, instructions will be sent out by email.

For the rest of you, we ask you to go to our website and give us your email address. There will be instructions there. We will send you an email about how to vote. Please vote by May 11th.

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For the rest of you Luddites, come to our annual meeting and you can eat pizza, vote in person and hang out with me.



## General Meeting - April 14

7:00 pm, room 115, Science Building (Building 16)  
at Lane Community College, in Eugene, Oregon

This month's speaker is **John Donohue**, proprietor of Northwest Mycological Associates. John will be speaking on "Mushrooms with a Mission", about his developmental work with mushroom farming in Vietnam and Cambodia.

John Donohue has been growing mushrooms in the Pacific Northwest since 1976 and was one of the first persons in Oregon to produce shiitake. During his formative years with mushroom cultivation he had a 10,000 log shiitake farm in Corvallis that produced shiitake year round. At the same time he worked for many years in the wild mushroom business during the infancy of the wild mushroom harvest in the Pacific Northwest. He now works with most of the specialty mushroom farms in the Northwest and elsewhere and continues to do applied research directed toward improvement of specialty mushroom production.

## Spring Foray

The CMS annual Spring Mushroom Foray is set for the weekend of May 14 in the Metolious River area. As in past years, a group of us will camp at the Jack Creek Campground. You are all welcome to join us there. We usually camp Friday and Saturday nights.

NATS and OMS will also be there that same weekend, but there are (almost) always plenty of morels to be found. Last year we were joined by a contingent from the Bend Mushroom Club as well. Spring Boletes were in abundance in the area too.

If you camp Saturday night, we've been known to pool our finds and share a communal meal of morels and whatever else we've found.

For further details on when and where to meet up see the website.



## Ruminations on Mycoremediation

Coast Range Mycoremediation Project Update

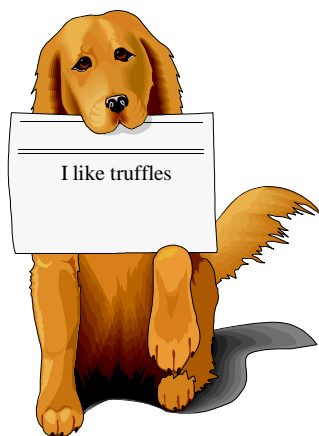


In Spring 2005, CMS and several partners, embarked on a project to demonstrate the use of fungi in road reclamation.

Reclaiming a road, that is, to transform a derelict road into forest, improves salmon habitat and native plant succession. The CMS project was a "Challenge Cost Share" project of the Bureau of Land Management. CMS proposed the project in 2001, and after an involved selection process, BLM chose a site in the Coast range near Walton, with the support of the owner (David Eisler) of the adjacent land. The project site was a 1400 foot section of dirt road, level with a stream, part of a watershed supporting native salmon and steelhead populations. With donations and assistance from many including Lane Forest Products, Fungi Perfecti, and individual CMS members (especially Chris Melotti), the project began in April, 2005. We spread hog fuel and fungi inoculum (*Hypholoma capnoides*) over the length of the road. Then, we generally left the area alone to allow a mycelium mat to form and make the ground fluffy—conditions conducive to filtration and native plant growth. Very recently, CMS Board members Meredith Allen and Matthew Johnson and special advisor Sylvia Allen Johnson, visited the site. Although we have no hard data, the ground felt super-soft. And although the area does not look like virgin forest, there is little indication that a compacted and weedy road was once there. Native plants are growing vigorously. Based on our preliminary and non-scientific assessment, the project appears to be headed toward success. We hope to continue to keep the membership updated with official data as it comes in.



## Truffle Dog Training Sponsored by NATS



Noted dog trainer, Jean Rand, will lead the third NATS truffle dog training seminar at The Forestry Club Cabin at Peavy Arboretum in Corvallis, Oregon, on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 5 PM. Map at: [http://www.cof.orst.edu/cf/forests/arboretum/arboretum\\_map.php](http://www.cof.orst.edu/cf/forests/arboretum/arboretum_map.php).

Jean and Gusto, "Oregon's most proficient truffle dog", have been featured in training seminars at the Oregon Truffle Festival and for NATS, and are sought after to determine whether plantations are producing truffles. The seminar will be a combination of lecture, fundamentals of scent training and practical fieldwork.

Attendance is limited to six dogs and four audits. A waiting list will be maintained.

Fees must be paid at time of registration. All dogs will be required to be under handler control and be well mannered in the company of other dogs and people. Aggressive or disruptive dogs will be ejected from the class without refund. Current rabies vaccination required for participating dogs.

Beverages and Continental breakfast will be provided.

Dog and owner training: \$200 for NATS members  
\$215 for non-members

(includes NATS 2011 membership)

Audit class, sans dog: \$100 for NATS members  
\$115 for non-member

(includes NATS 2011 membership)

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Public meetings are held in the evenings, on the second Thursday of the month generally from September thru April. We have speakers on mushroom related topics geared for both beginners and advanced fungiphiles. Board meetings are the first Thursday of the month at various Board member's homes. If you would like to attend a Board meeting, contact us, we'd love to see you at a meeting.

If you haven't seen our website, you must check it out. Get onto the Forum and find out where the mushrooms are! See you there.

### MEMBERSHIP

If you have any questions about your membership, contact Grace Pugh at: [webmaster@cascademyco.org](mailto:webmaster@cascademyco.org) or 505-6754.

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' Horn of Plenty (Life)	\$ 300
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