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FORAY, Saturday, October 3, 1987, to Coos Bay, Oregon. Bob Mahaffy, NATS member from Coos Bay, will lead this foray to his property.

Meet at the Benton Center, 630 NW 7th, Corvallis, OR., at 7:00 A.M. Others may meet us at 10:00 A. M. in Coos Bay, in the parking lot across the street from the Bunker Hill Grade School, south end of town on Hwy 101. The parking lot is on the left side of Hwy 101.

Dress for the weather--rain gear will be in order--and bring a lunch. For further information, call Steve Morgan at 466-5206, Brownsville.

Steve Morgan  
Trufflemaster

MEETING, Monday, October 5, 1987, 7:30 P. M., Large Conference Room, Forest Sciences Lab, 3200 Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR.

The program will be a panel discussion on "Mushroom and Truffle Conservation," and will include discussion of commercial harvesting. Panel members will include: Dr. James Trappe, Abdul Alsheikh, Chris Maser, Dan Luoma, as well as commercial dealers and representatives of the forest service and

timber industry. There will be time for audience participation as well. Please see the President's Comments for further remarks on this timely subject.

For more information, contact Steve Miller, 757-4408.

PORTLAND CHAPTER OF NATS NEWS

The October meeting and foray will be held October 25, 1987, 10:00 A. M. Meet at Far West Federal Bank, corner of S. E. 82nd and Division St., in the meeting room. The foray will be immediately following the meeting, to Paul Bishop's Beavercreek property. For further information, contact President Dan Wheeler, 774-0223.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Although it remains hot and dry in the Willamette Valley, the "signs" are out that suggest truffling season is not too far away. Matsutake have been found along the coast of Washington, and on the September NATS foray a Chanterelle was unearthed.

Take some time from your busy schedules and ponder some questions and polish your experiences with the

Mushroom Conservation issue. During the October NATS meeting we will be hosting a panel discussion on mushroom and truffle overpicking and conservation. Everyone or no one is an expert on this field because so little is know. Your impressions on the subject are very important! We will have a couple of expert truffle mycologists (Jim Trappe and Abdul Alsheikh), some local commercial mushroom dealers, a Management Perspective by Chris Maser, and a few amateur mycophagists. The audience will have ample opportunity to respond. Bone up on your arguments and be prepared to sway someones opinion. This has been and is a very emotional issue, and deserves our attention.

Also, put on your thinking caps for fresh ideas concerning the fall mushroom fairs coming up soon--Fall City, October 10-11, 1987, and OMS Mushroom Show, October 18, 1987. In the past the presentations by NATS have been well received and have contributed to an increased rise in membership. Thanks to all who have made past fairs a success, and try to set aside some time this year, too. We need you!!

Steve Miller  
NATS President

#### TRUFFLE CLASS OFFERED

A fall course entitled "Truffles and False-Truffles of the Pacific Northwest," will be offered at LBCC by Dr. Steven Miller of the Foresty Sciences Lab, OSU. The course will be non-credit and will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-10:00 P. M., beginning 29 September, on the LBCC campus.

A limit of 15 people was established by LBCC, so early registration is advised. You may register at the first class as well.

The course will describe the taxonomy ecology, and utilization of "Truffles," as well as techniques, responsibilities, and effects of procuring them.

The course fee is \$29.00, plus \$1.00 lab fee. There will be field trips.

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#### ADDITIONAL TRIBUTES TO HENRY PAVELEK

The ultimate greenhorns from California, we arrived in Oregon to settle by Cottage Grove Lake. Vern's enthusiastic urging had us travelling to Corvallis for the NATS forays, and it was Vern who first introduced us to Henry Pavelek.

Henry was impressive. In the classic sense of the term he was a "gentleman." Despite our utter lack of mycological sophistication, Henry courteously and in full detail answered all our many questions. We will always remember him as the gentle professor who conveyed to us his wisdom and sympathy spiced with wit and a quiet chuckle. Our lives were enriched from knowing him. He is missed indeed.

Ken and Jennifer Poole

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I was really shocked by the very sad news, the death of our good friend, Henry Pavelek. NATS friends are a group of my best American friends, and Henry Pavelek was a representative figure of them. I was greatly honoured by knowing him and working with him for more than four years.

From Henry I have understood not only truffling but also American people. From him I have known what it means to be a gentleman. He was very much dedicated to NATS. His contributions to the society will live forever. His familiar chuckle and smiling face will always be in our minds!

Wang Yun  
Shenyang, China

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FALLS CITY THIRD ANNUAL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL,  
Saturday and Sunday, October 10-11,  
1987, at Falls City, Oregon. Festival  
starts at 10:00 A. M. and runs until  
sales stop. NATS will be there - we  
hope you are too!

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TRUFFLE OF THE MONTH

Zelleromyces gilkeyae Singer and Smith

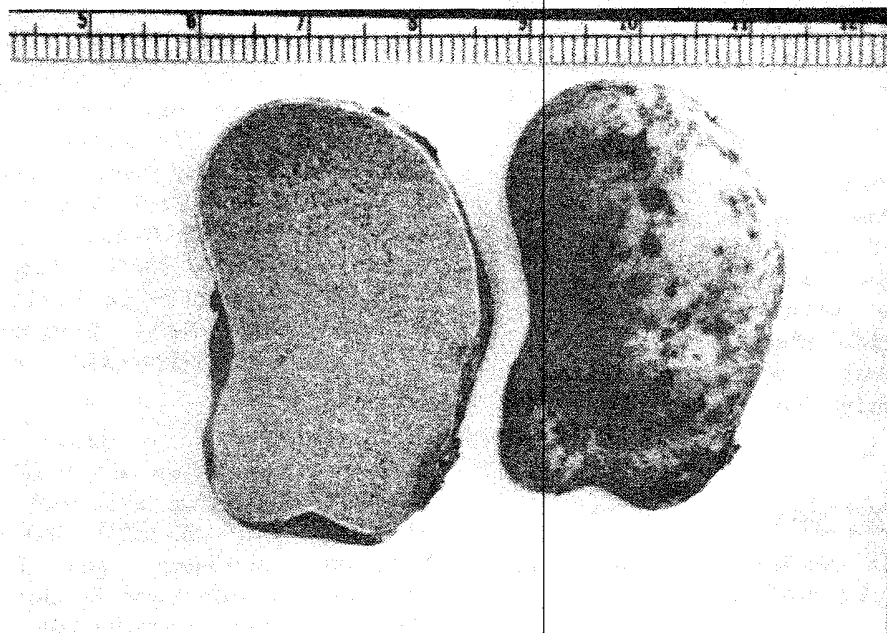


Photo by Dr. James Trappe

**ORDER:** Gasteromycetes

**DESCRIPTION:**

By Dr. Steven Miller

**ETYMOLOGY:** Named after Helen Margaret Gilkey of Oregon State University who collected the type specimen near Reedsport, Oregon, 22 October 1938.

**BASIDIOCARPS:** 1.5-3.0 cm diameter, subglobose to elongated or flattened, rarely multilobed and irregular.

**PERIDIUM:** Surface moist or dry, smooth, minutely velutinous young and in depressions, unpolished in age; yellowish white, or pale yellow young, greyish yellow to greyish orange in age, often mottled or streaked with brown; in cross-section 0.3-0.5 mm thick, white to pale yellow.

**GLEBA:** Loculate, locules labyrinthiform, 3-4 per mm, loosely organized, easily separable from each other, firm to rubbery; sterile base and fine, dendritic columella present, cartilagenous; white to orange white young, light orange to greyish orange in age, sterile base and columella

brownish orange, spores light orange in mass in the locules; latex abundant from the periphery of the peridium, columella and trama, milky white at first, then watery, drying dull bluish grey.

**ODOR:** Fruity, aromatic as in many Lactarius spp.

**TASTE:** Mild, starchy, mealy.

**HABITAT AND DISTRIBUTION:** Fruiting mostly in the fall, rarely in summer and spring, ectomycorrhizal with Douglas Fir in the Pacific Northwest.

**EDIBILITY:** Edible. No recipes for this species are available at the present time.

**VOCABULARY:**

Dendritic - tree-like in shape.  
Labyrinthiform(is) - irregularly bent and crumpled.  
Trama(tramal plates) - divisions between chambers of gleba.  
Velutinous - velvety, densely covered with fine, short, soft hairs.

## OREGON MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY MUSHROOM SHOW

It is OMS Mushroom Show time, October 18, 1987, from 12-5:00 P. M., World Forestry Center in Miller and Forest Halls, 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland, OR. This is the 37th Annual Mushroom Show for OMS, and eagerly awaited by participants and viewers alike.

NATS will have a display again this year. Always a crowd pleaser, this years exhibit will be no exception! PLEASE volunteer as much time as possible to help with the show. It is always fun, interesting, and educational.

Remember your NATS membership card for admittance to the show. See you all there!.

## FINDS REPORTED FROM CHINA

Wang Yun, NATS member from Shenyang, China, reports the following finds:

July 1, 1987: Rhizopogon rubescens Tul., a first find of this species for Wang and a new find for Northeast China as well. The species was collected under Pinus koraiensis, in a 25 year old plantation in Kuan Diam County, Liaoning Province.

August 1986: Elaphomyces granulatus Fries, a new find for Northeast China, and Elaphomyces muricatus Fries, a new find for China, were collected in a mixed forest of pine and oaks and in moist forest soil.

Thank you for the report, Wang!

SYMPOSIUM/WORKSHOP ON CULTIVATION OF SPECIALITY MUSHROOMS, October 13-17, 1987, Vancouver, B.C. This event is jointly sponsored by the B. C. Mushroom Marketing Board and B. C. Research. Topics will include: hygiene and sanitation, spore and tissue culture, spawn preparation, mushroom life cycles, classification of fungi, disease identification and control, processing for market, and market overview.

For more information, contact William Chalmers, Western Biologicals Ltd., P. O. Box 46466, Station G, Vancouver, B. C. V6R 4G7; 604-228-0986.

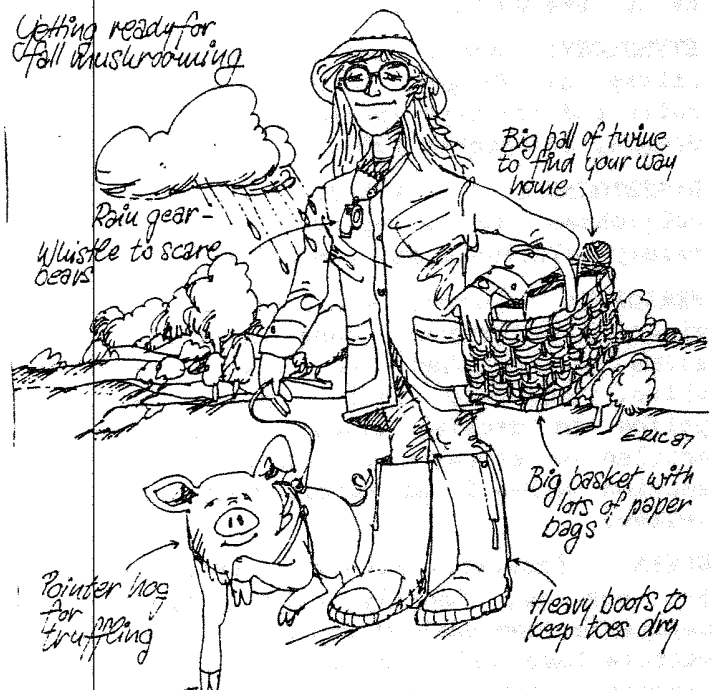
WILD MUSHROOM 87'CONFERENCE, October 29, 30, 31, November 1, 1987, Breitenbush Community.

An educational intensive conference, expressly designed for those interested in developing their skills and furthering their understanding of the taxonomy, chemistry, cultivation and ecology of mushrooms.

Faculty includes: Gary Menser, Kit Scates Barnhart, Paul Przyblowicz, J. Q. Jacobs, Paul Stamets, Gary Lincoff, Mike Wells, Bob Osaki, Preston Alexander, Bryce Kendrics, David Aurora, and others. To register, write to Breitenbush Community P. O. Box 578, Detroit, OR. 97342. Telephone: 503-854-3501, 854-3314.

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Morgan, Truffle-master. Steve has seven of his photographs included in the new and revised edition of THE NEW SAVORY WILD MUSHROOM, by Margaret McKenny and Daniel E. Stuntz, revised and enlarged by Joseph F. Ammirati, 1987. His photograph of the Oregon White Truffle, Tuber gibbosum Harkn., is especially good. Published by University of Washington Press, Seattle, the book sells for \$25.00 clothbound and \$12.50 paperback. You will enjoy this book!

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From MYCOFILE, newsletter of the Vancouver Mycological Society, Sept 1987.

APRIL 1987 FINDS

4/25/87 Near Holman Wayside Park, Polk County, OR.  
N 44 56'00" W 123 06'07" 200'  
Melanogaster sp.....Welles Bushnell  
Tuber sp., immature.....SAA

4/26/87 Garland Road, Four miles north of Newberg, OR.  
N 45 18'01" W 122 58'19" 660'  
Barssia oregonensis Gilkey.....Roger Knight  
Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....Janya Ross  
Tuber sp.....SAA

MAY 1987 FINDS

5/02/87 Near Camp Sherman, Jefferson County, Oregon  
N 44 27'38" W 121 38'24" 2350'  
Hysterangium coriaceum Hesse.....Dan Wheeler

5/02/87 15 miles up the North Fork Siuslaw River, near Florence, OR.  
N 44 01'30" W 124 52'40" 100'  
Barssia oregonensis Gilkey.....Gary Menser  
Fischerula sp.,immature(2 coll.).....SAA  
Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge(2 coll.).....SAA  
Rhizopogon sp., immature.....SAA  
Tuber sp., immature.....SAA

5/06/87 Sherwood, Oregon  
N 45 21'24" W 122 50'20" 600'  
Endogone flammicorona Trappe & Gerd.....Janya Ross  
Rhizopogon sp.....Roger Knight

5/09/87 Two miles south of Beaver creek, Oregon - Clackamas County  
N 45 17'17" W 122 32'04" 550'  
Barssia oregonensis Gilkey.....Roger Knight  
Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....SAA  
Tuber sp.(2 coll.).....SAA

5/16/87 Lofton Reservoir, Quartz Mountain, Lake County, OR.  
N 42 15'56" W 120 49'04" 6500'  
Hysterangium crassirhachis Zeller & Dodge.....Don B. Rice

5/16/87 Ripplebrook Ranger Station, Hwy 224, Clackamas County, OR.  
N 45 04'45" W 122 02'30"  
Gautieria monticola Harkn.....Roger Knight  
Hysterangium coriaceum Hesse.....SAA  
Rhizopogon sp., immature.....SAA

JUNE 1987 FINDS

6/06/87 Pelican Butte Road, Klamath County, OR.  
N 42 30'10" W 122 07'17" 4400'  
Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....Pat Rawlinson

6/06/87 Two miles south of Beavercreek, Clackamas County, OR.  
 N 45 17'17" W 122 32'04" 610'

Endogone flammicorona Trappe & Gerd.....Dan Wheeler  
 Hymenogaster parksii Zeller & Dodge.....SAA  
 Hymenogaster sp.(2 coll.).....SAA  
 Martellia brunnescens Sing. & Smith.....SAA  
 Martellia sp.....SAA  
 Rhizopogon colossus Smith.....SAA  
 Rhizopogon hawkeriae Smith.....SAA  
 \*\*Rhizopogon sp. novum, possible.....SAA  
 Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith(4 coll.).....SAA  
 Tuber californicum Harkn.(2 coll.).....SAA  
 Tuber sp.(2 coll.).....SAA

6/13/87 Twenty miles south of McCall, Idaho-west side Cascade Reservoir  
 W 44 31'27" W 116 02'59" 4200'

Hysterangium crassirhachis Zeller & Dodge.....Marie Bailey

6/13/87 Thirty miles south of McCall, Idaho, on Payette River  
 N 44 05'32" W 116 57'05" 3800'

\*\*Martellia trappei Wang sp. novum.....Leeds Bailey

6/13/87 Paul Bishop's Tree Farm, Beavercreek, OR., Clackamas County  
 N 45 16'47" W 122 33'31" 500'

Barssia oregonensis Gilkey(2 coll.).....Dan Wheeler  
 Genabea cerebriformis(Harkn.)Trappe.....SAA  
 Hymenogaster sp.....SAA  
 Martellia subochracea Smith.....SAA  
 Martellia sp.....SAA  
 Tuber murinum Hesse(2 coll.).....SAA

6/19/87 77th & SE Division, Portland, OR.  
 N 45 30'29" W 122 35'20" 250'

Scleroderma sp.....SAA

6/19/87 McDowell Creek area, one mile from McDowell Creek Park, Linn County, OR.  
 N 45 27'39" W 122 46'00" 800'

Scleroderma fuscum(Corda)Fischer.....Michael Enright

6/20/87 34197 NE Colorado Lake Drive, Corvallis, OR., Linn County  
 N 44 34'20" W 123 12'37" 210'

Hysterangium coriaceum Hesse.....John Rawlinson

6/20/87 Rickreall Creek Road, Polk County, OR.  
 N 44 55'44" W 123 06'50" 500'

Gautieria monticola Harkn.....Welles Bushnell  
 Hysterangium coriaceum Hesse.....SAA  
 Hysterangium crassirhachis Zeller & Dodge(2 coll.).....SAA  
 Martellia brunnescens Sing. & Smith.....SAA  
 Martellia sp.....SAA  
 Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....SAA  
 Tuber rufum Fr.....SAA

6/21/87 Peterson's Butte, Linn County, OR.  
 N 44 29'50" W 122 57'00" 650'  
 Hymenogaster boozeri Zeller & Dodge.....Dan Wheeler  
 Tuber rufum Fr.....SAA

6/22/87 Van Duzer Corridor, Lincoln County, OR.  
 N 45 02'40" W 123 48'05" 600'  
 Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....Welles Bushnell

6/22/87 Bellfountain and Alpine, OR., Benton County  
 N 44 21'48" W 123 20'55" 300'  
 Martellia brunnescens Sing. & Smith.....Lorraine Shearer  
 Tuber levissimum Gilkey.....SAA

6/30/87 Rickreall Creek, Polk County, OR.  
 N 44 55'44" W 123 06'50" 500'  
 Barssia oregonensis Gilkey(2 coll.).....Welles Bushnell  
 Gautieria monticola Harkn.....SAA  
 Hysterangium crassirhachis Zeller & Dodge.....SAA  
 Hysterangium setchellii Fischer.....SAA  
 Zelleromyces gilkeyae Sing. & Smith.....SAA

JULY 1987 FINDS

7/10/87 Lofton Reservoir, Quartz Mts., Lake County  
 N 42 15'56" W 120 49'04" 6500'  
 Rhizopogon occidentalis Zeller & Dodge.....Don B. Rice

7/11/87 Century Drive, Deschutes County, OR.  
 N 43 59'45" W 121 33'55" 3500'  
 Gautieria monticola Harkn.....Dennis Wedam  
 Hydnotrya variiformis Gilkey.....Welles Bushnell  
 Steve Morgan, Pat Rawlinson, Dennis Wedam  
 Hymenogaster sublilacinus Smith.....Don B. Rice  
 Hysterangium coriaceum Hesse.....Dennis Wedam  
 Melanogaster tuberiformis Corda in Sturm.....Steve Morgan  
 Don Rice, Wally Voigt  
 Rhizopogon semireticulatus Smith.....Welles Bushnell  
 Rhizopogon sp.(2 coll.).....Welles Bushnell  
 Peggy Rice, Norene Wedam(2 coll.)

7/11/87 Devil's Lake, Century Drive, Deschutes County, OR.  
 N 44 02'07" W 121 45'38" 4500'  
 Hysterangium coriaceum Hesse.....Dennis Wedam  
 \*\*Hysterangium sp. novum, possible.....John Rawlinson  
 Leucophleps magnata Harkn.....SAA  
 Rhizopogon subsalmoneus Smith.....Norene Wedam  
 Rhizopogon sp.....Pat Rawlinson  
 Thaxterogaster pingue(Zeller)Sing. & Smith.....Welles Bushnell  
 Steve Morgan, Pat Rawlinson(4 coll.)

7/18/87 Two miles south of Beaver Creek, OR., Clackamas County  
 N 45 17'17" W 122 32'04" 600'  
 Barssia oregonensis Gilkey.....Dan Wheeler

	Martellia sp.....	Dan Wheeler
	Rhizopogon parksii Smith.....	SAA
	Rhizopogon villosulus Zeller(4 coll.).....	SAA
	Rhizopogon sp., immature.....	SAA
	Tuber sp.....	SAA
	Zelleromyces gilkeyae Sing. & Smith.....	SAA
7/18/87	West side of Mt. Hood N 45 25'27" W 121 43'15" 5500'	
	Rhizopogon smithii Hosford.....	Dan Wheeler
7/22/87	LongFiber Tree Farm Road, Hwy 18 N 45 09'05" W 123 21'30" 1200'	
	Leucogaster sp.....	Welles Bushnell
7/22/87	Van Duzer Corridor, Lincoln County, OR. N 45 02'40" W 123 48'05" 600'	
	Leucogaster sp.....	Welles Bushnell
	Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....	SAA
	Tuber rapaeodorum Tul. & Tul.....	SAA
7/26/87	South of Cascade Locks, OR., Hood River County N 45 40'12" W 121 53'22" 4000'	
	Gautieria monticola Harkn.(2 coll.).....	Susan Wortman
7/26/87	Paul Bishop's Tree Farm, Clackamas County, OR. N 45 16'47" W 122 33'31" 500'	
	Alpova diplophloeus(Zeller & Dodge)Trappe & Smith.....	Dan Wheeler
	Fischerula subcaulis Trappe.....	SAA
	Martellia sp.(2 coll.).....	SAA
	Rhizopogon hawkeriae Smith.....	SAA
	Rhizopogon zelleri Smith(2 coll.).....	SAA
	**Stephensia sp. novum.....	SAA
	Tuber sp.....	SAA
7/28/87	Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey, CA. TBA	
	Scleroderma sp., immature.....	Leonard Pflanz
7/28/87	Hillock Burn Area, 14 miles southeast of Estacada, OR N 45 10'18" W 122 15'06" 3900'	
	Gautieria monticola Harkn.....	Howard Beguelin
	Leucogaster sp.....	Welles Bushnell
	Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....	SAA
	Thaxterogaster pingue(Zeller)Sing. & Smith.....	Howard Beguelin
	Truncocolumella citrina Zeller.....	Howard Beguelin Mayetta Bushnell

AUGUST 1987 FINDS

8/01/87	Rickreall Creek, Polk County, OR. N 44 55'44" W 123 06'50" 300'	
	Hymenogaster sp.....	Steve Morgan
	Hysterangium crassirhachis Zeller & Dodge.....	Welles Bushnell Steve Morgan, Dennis Wedam



	Hysterangium setchellii Fischer.....	Welles Bushnell
	Steve Morgan, Dennis Wedam(2 coll.), Norene Wedam, Dan Wheeler	
	**Hysterangium sp. novum.....	Pat Rawlinson
	Martellia brunnescens Sing. & Smith.....	SAA
	Martellia sp., immature.....	Evedene Bennett
	**Radiigera sp. novum.....	Evedene Bennett
	Rhizopogon hawkeriae Smith.....	Dan Wheeler
	Rhizopogon rogersii Smith.....	SAA
	Rhizopogon vinicolor Smith.....	Dennis Wedam
	Zelleromyces gilkeyae Sing. & Smith.....	Steve Morgan Pat Rawlinson
8/05/87	Rickreall Creek, Polk County, OR. N 44 55'44" W 123 06'50" 600'	
	Melanogaster sp.....	Welles Bushnell
	**Radiigera sp. novum.....	SAA
	Rhizopogon parksii Smith.....	SAA
	Tuber murinum Hesse.....	SAA
8/09/87	Vista Ridge, Mt. Hood, Clackamas County, OR. N 45 25'27" W 121 43'15" 5900'	
	Rhizopogon subsalmoneus Smith(3 coll.).....	Susan Wortman
8/16/87	Paul Bishop's Tree Farm, Beavercreek, OR., Clackamas County N 45 16'47" W 122 33'31" 530'	
	Martellis sp., immature.....	Dan Wheeler
	Rhizopogon villosulus Zeller.....	SAA
	Scleroderma fuscum (Corda)Fischer.....	SAA
8/16/87	Two miles south of Beavercreek, OR., Clackamas County N 45 17'17" W 122 32'04" 600'	
	Hymenogaste sp.(3 coll).....	Dan Wheeler
	Rhizopogon hawkeriae Smith.....	SAA
	Zelleromyces gilkeyae Sing. & Smith.....	SAA
8/23/87	Mt. Adams, Southside at Timberline, WA. TBA	
	Rhizopogon vulgaris (Vitt.)M. Lange.....	Susan Wortman
8/26/87	Wickiup Plains, Deschutes County, OR. N 44 03'09" W 121 48'10" 6100'	
	Elaphomyces muricatus Fr. ....	Welles Bushnell
	Hydnotrya cerebriformis Harkn.....	SAA
	Hydnotrya variiformis var. pallida Trappe.....	SAA
	Rhizopogon evadens var. subalpinus Smith.....	SAA
	Rhizopogon subcaerulescens Smith.....	SAA
	Thaxterogaster pingue(Zeller)Sing. & Smith.....	SAA



COMMENTS FROM DR. TRAPPE

Tuber rapaeodorum Tul. & Tul., collected by Welles Bushnell, 7/22/87, is possibly the first report for North America.

Stephensia sp. novum, collected by Dan Wheeler, 7/26/87, is an extension of range of this sp. novum from Otis Bynum's place (Marion County) to Clackamas County.

Hydnotrya cerebriformis Harkn., collected by Welles Bushnell, 8/26/87, was used by Michael Castellano for attempts at isolating this species in pure culture.

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NATS WELCOMES the following new members:  
Richard Ottens, New York City, NY.;  
Susan Wortman, Portland, OR.; Janice  
and Bruce McKay, Salem, OR.; Robin and  
Alan French, Sheridan, OR.

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CALENDAR

October 3, 1987 - Foray to Coos Bay, OR., 7:00 A. M. at Benton Center, 10:00 A. M. in Coos Bay.

October 5, 1987 - Meeting, Large Conference Room, Forest Sciences Lab, 3200 Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR., 7:30 P. M. Panel discussion on Mushroom and Truffle Conservation.

October 10-11, 1987 - Falls City Mushroom Festival, 10:00 A. M. until sales end.

October 18, 1987 - Oregon Mycological Society Mushroom Show, 12-5:00 P. M., World Forestry Center, 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland, OR.

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WILLAMETTE VALLEY MUSHROOM SOCIETY will have a small mushroom exhibit at the Salem Public Library, October 25-26, 1987. NATS will contribute to the display. Stop by and enjoy this display!

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