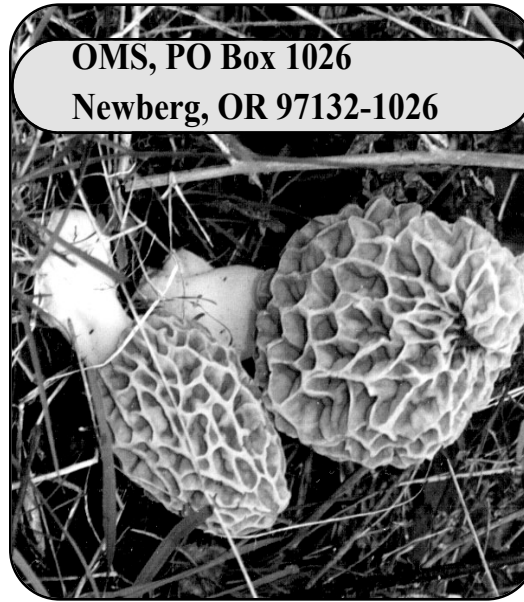


*The Oregon Mycological Society is a nonprofit organization founded in 1949 to promote the study and exchange of information about mushrooms.*

*The members are a diverse population of amateur and professional mycologists. All share a common interest in mushroom identification for the purpose of food, recreational experiences, and scientific study.*

*Our membership extends throughout the Pacific Northwest Region as well as the rest of the country. Some members currently reside outside of the U.S. as far away as Japan.*

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## Oregon Mycological Society since 1949



**Welcomes You!**

<http://www.wildmushrooms.org>

*The purpose of the Society shall be to study, collect and identify fungi, to educate members and the public in fungi identification, and to promote safety in the gathering and consumption of fungi.*

**ACTIVITIES**

**Monthly Meetings** are held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the World Forestry Center located, adjacent to the Oregon Zoo, at 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland. Each meeting features a guest speaker with a program on some mushroom-related topic, often including slides and displays. This presentation is preceded by a short business meeting.



The mushroom identification table encourages members to bring specimens for others to identify, and there's a table for sharing magazine articles and other materials of interest.

Books on mycology and a broad spectrum of mushroom-related topics are available for purchase at the meetings. An education class is usually held prior to the meeting, starting at 6:30 p.m.

**Field Trips** are held throughout the year during the mushroom fruiting season, generally on Saturday or Sunday. Participants gather at a specified location and then break into small groups to collect mushrooms in the area. Experienced members assist in identification and field study of our finds. These are excellent opportunities to learn mushroom identification at the side of experienced mushroom hunters.



**Forays** are semi-annual weekend trips for the purpose of concentrated mushrooming and study. Workshops are conducted with the guidance of professional mycologists. Location of the forays varies from mountain to coastal settings to sample the many Pacific Northwest species.

**INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMITTEES**

The Society actively encourages development and participation in interest groups, such as the mushroom cultivation, conservation, and species specific study groups. Many members also belong to the North American Mycological Association or the North American Truffling Society.

**RESOURCES**

**Library:** OMS owns an extraordinary collection of mycological literature including many rare books. Material is professionally catalogued and available to members by arrangement through the library committee.

**Book Sales:** The latest in mycological publications are available at meetings for purchase by members at substantial discounts. Included are available collectors volumes, guides to identification of mushrooms, articles from journals, calendars, cookbooks, and Mushroom Magazine.

**Education:** Classes in identification and other topics for beginners and advanced mushroomers are held at various times throughout the year. Classes are held usually during the hour prior to meetings. Members sometimes teach courses at local parks and colleges.



**Newsletter:** Published bi-monthly (6 times yearly), Mushroomers provides schedules of events, field trip information, committee reports and club news, as well as information about other mycological societies. Members are encouraged to submit photographs and articles of interest for publication.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Mushroom Show:** This annual fall event of great popularity in the Portland Metro community features extensive displays of labeled specimens abundant at this time of year. Identifiers, book sales, illustrated lectures, cooking demonstrations, and information on toxicity and edibility make up much of the show. Member participation is fantastic and we have a lot of fun.

**Toxicology:** Our toxicology committee provides identification and support services to the Poison Control Center in cases of mushroom poisoning throughout the state. The members maintain a pool of information on the identification of poisonous mushrooms, the latest information on the toxins, and information on antidotes (if any!).



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**Oregon Mycological Society Membership**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amt. enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ family members e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU, EITHER REGULARLY OR OCCASIONALLY, BE WILLING TO DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Serve on a Committee
- Serve on the Board
- Chair a Committee
- Bring Refreshments for 1 Meeting
- Organize a Foray
- Lead a Field Trip
- Contribute an Article or Photos for the Newsletter

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE OF THESE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS OR COMMITTEES:

- Conservation Committee
- Culinary Group
- Education Committee
- Field Trips
- Book Sales
- Hospitality Committee
- Library Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Meeting Programs
- Spring/Fall Foray
- Annual Show
- Truffle Group
- Toxicology Committee
- Mushroom Cultivation

**Initial joining fee** (including first year dues) is \$25 per person, \$30 per family and \$22 for seniors or full-time students.

**Subsequent annual dues** are \$17 per person, \$22 per family, \$14 for senior citizens or full-time students.

New members joining after October 1st will be paid up through the end of the following calendar year.

Make checks payable to: *Oregon Mycological Society* and mail to:

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