

# Newsletter

Of the

# **New York Microscopical Society**





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# **Members' Meeting: NYMS' Open Laboratory**

Led by John Scott (Re)connect with NYMS' Microscopy Lab!

January 31, 2016, 12 noon-5 PM 66 Mt Prospect Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013

RSVP suggested. RSVP and questions: <a href="mailto:nyms.events@gmail.com">nyms.events@gmail.com</a>

Our January 31 Open Lab program will begin with a short orientation to our most accessible microscopy laboratory resources, continue with a short tour of Lab resources, and conclude in concurrent demonstrations of basic "how-to" for selected most accessible standard biological, metallographical, polarizing, and stereobinocular microscopes. We will also demonstrate our newly launched Leica DVM-2000 digital microscopy system\*. Leica has donated the optics, electronics, mechanicals and software, and it's running on NYMS' newly acquired PC and monitor.

Demonstrations will lead into participants' enjoying hands on viewing of selections from our extensive collection of prepared biological and mineralogical slides, as well as selections from our 3-D collections of minerals, sands, and miscellaneous objects and materials. Guidance will be available.

Doors will be open at Noon. Refreshments will be available. For additional information, please contact Mel Pollinger (pollingmel@optonline.net), or call (201)791-9826, or by cell: (201) 314-1354 (meeting day only)

\*John Scott setting up the Leica\_DVM-2000 digital microscopy system.



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# Awards Given by the New York <u>Microscopical Society</u> The New York

microscopical Society takes great pleasure in recognizing and rewarding individuals who have contributed to either the activities of the society or to furthering microscopy. These awards are described in our website and in a pdf file for our email newsletter recipients. All members are eligible to nominate individuals for these various awards, and are encouraged to do so. John A. Reffner, Awards Committee Chairperson

# Awards Committee

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# The Mission of the New York

**Microscopical Society** is the promotion of theoretical and applied microscopy and the promotion of education and interest in all phases of microscopy.

#### **Alternate Meeting Notifications**

Please note that due to time constraints in publishing, some meeting notices may be available by calling Mel Pollinger at 201-791-9826, or emailing: pollingmel@optonline.net

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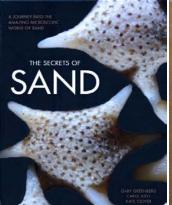
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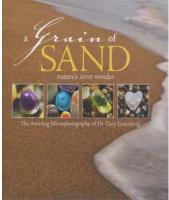
# New From the NYMS Library:

The NYMS Library contains over 3,700 cataloged volumes, among these is a full set of McCrone's Particle Atlas and copies of Microbe Hunter Magazine.

### Come on down and read!

Contact: Mel Pollinger (201) 791-9826, or email Mel at pollingmel@optonline.net





**NYMS 7130** 

NYMS 7131



Microbe Hunter Magazine is produced for amateur microscopists of all ages. It is a serious work for the serious hobbyist.

Available at the NYMS Library and from the publisher: http://www.microbehunter.com/

# Out-Of Archive NYMS Bulletins and Journal can be purchased by NYMS members.

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# **About The Mystery Photo Previous**

**Edition:** It is the dried fruit of Trapa natans, falsely called water chestnut. Trapa natans is a very invasive water plant clogging waterways and drains, a big problem for reservoirs (Tappan lake) It is hard to get rid of once it is established (google). We found the seed pods by the hundreds on the shore of the Hudson river near Englewood. They look like iron and are almost as hard.

Idendified by Wiebke Hinsch, image by Mel Pollinger

## Sundew by Jeff Glover See email Supplement Section Cover Page (by email only)

Settings the same for all macro or closeup photos. Camera - OLYMPUS OM-D E-M5 Lens - 12-50, F3.5 - 5.3 EZ ED Macro Capable Zoom.

Auto focus was on. Flash - On camera, TTL metering gives correct exposure.

EV setting - minus .7, ISO - 200, F-stop - F22, Images shot in JPG Fine mode. All handheld using view screen and manual "pre-focus" method. Paint Shop Pro used to tweak contrast and shadow a bit. Images cropped to give best appearance for what is to be viewed. Location - Lehigh Gorge State

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# Visitors Always Welcome to NYMS

Although most of our lecture meetings, workshops and classes are held in the NYMS Clifton facility on the last Sunday of the month, the building may be opened for special purposes at other times, by appointment only. For such an appointment, please contact Mel Pollinger by phone at (201) 791-9826, M-F noon to 9:30pm, or by email at pollingmel@optonline.net.

### From The Editor ...

if you have an email address: Getting the newsletter by email means you can receive an extended pdf version that cannot be sent by "snail mail." Even if you only continue your USPS delivery of the newsletter, NYMS needs your email address for reporting priority events and special news. Being able to contact you quickly by email means better communication between you & NYMS■■ Mel

## **Need to use a Microscope?**

The various microscopes that are presently set up on the main floor of the New York Microscopical Society building in Clifton, N.J. are there for the use of its members.

From Gary Mayer: In need of parts for older Olympus Microscopes? Contact J.C. Ricky in Ohio at (740) 862-9252

# **Microscope Cleaning Kit**

A complete set of tools and accessories to keep your microscope in optimum operating condition. The kit is put together by our previous Curator/Educational Chairman, Don O'Leary, and available directly from NYMS, while they last, for only \$35.00 plus shipping & handling, or may be purchased at a meeting. Call or email Mel Pollinger for details (see page two for contact numbers).

# NYMS Meeting Dates

Most meetings of NYMS are usually held in Clifton on the last Sunday of the months of Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, Sep., Oct. Exceptions will be noted in the Newsletter.

NYMS microscope slide collections are available for study at meetings and by appointment.

Please be aware that our website is continuously updated.

# **Answer to Mystery Photo for Nov-Dec 2015**



It is the dried fruit of Trapa natans, falsely called Water Chestnut. Identified by Wiebke Hinsch. See page 3 for details. Did you guess correctly?

# **Mystery Photo for Jan 2016**



Want to take a guess? Send it to me by email or call me: <a href="mailto:pollingmel@optonline.net">pollingmel@optonline.net</a>, (201) 791-9826

# **Additional Historical NYMS Supplements**

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# **Attention NYMS Members**

Got something to sell? Article to publish? Pictures for the newsletter? Looking to buy something? Want to use the library? Want to use a NYMS microscope? For any of the above, contact the Editor, Mel Pollinger.





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# N.Y.M.S. Supplement Section



# WINTER IS FOR MICROSCOPY III. SOME PROTOZOA

# Anthony Thomas

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In Part I, March 2015 Newsletter showing some unicellular algae, I wrote:

"It's now time to take a brief look at some of the multicellular algae, the filamentous algae, and the aquatic protozoa......
to be continued."

Part II (April 2015) looked at some multicellular and filamentous algae;

Part III considers some of the winter protozoa.

The term "Protozoa" is a taxon of convenience consisting of a large diverse group of animals that are not necessarily closely related.



### **Amoeboids**

Included here are the single-celled flexible 'bags' of protoplasm which move by the protoplasm flowing out in the form of pseudopodia; 2 basic types, naked and testate.

# 1] Naked amoeboids

These species appear to have no fixed external shape, a circular or elongate central area with 'arms' (pseudopodia) sometimes described as a 'stellate morphology' (i.e., star-like).

Figure 1 shows some of their forms and their internal structure. There is a clear outer hyaline cytoplasm (hc); an inner granular cytoplasm (gc); a single nucleus (nu); several food vacuoles (fv), some empty and some with food; and pseudopodia (ps) or 'false-feet'. 3 images of live individuals and 1 image of an individual fixed and stained with a formaldehyde/malachite green mixture.

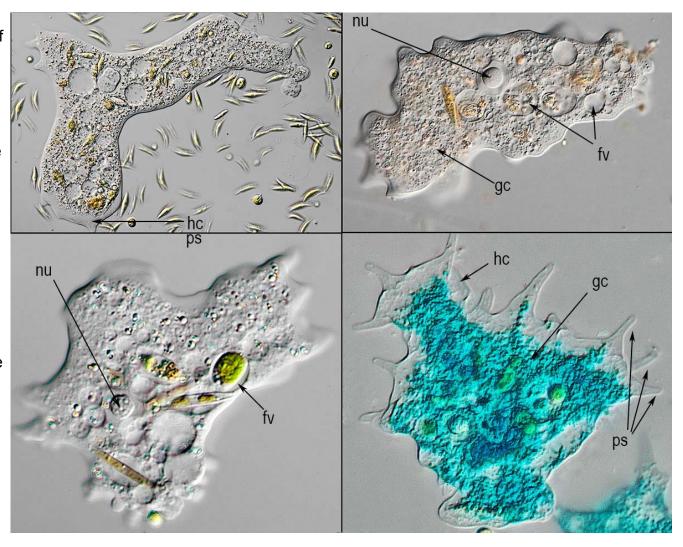


Fig. 1. Naked amoeboids

Most of the naked amoeboid protozoa are usually found 'sliding' over a surface. In contrast, the Sun Animacules (Heliozoa) are free-floating amoeboids. They are unicellular and roughly spherical with many pseudopodia supported by radiating axiopods (Figs. 2, 3, 4)



Figs. 2 & 3. Two species of Sun Animacules



Fig. 4. A Sun Animacule with very long axiopods

## 2] Testate amoeboids

Fig. 5.

These little single-cell animals are truly amazing – they construct houses called tests. These tests can be like half a sphere, flat bottomed with a domed top, or vase-shaped. The test may be proteinaceous and is often covered with inorganic particles such as sand or with secreted plates. In either case there is a single opening through which the pseudopodia protrude. The tests are resistant, I often find empty intact tests in samples of pond detritus.



Amoeboid tests: a - focused on dorsal surface of an empty test showing the circular bottom opening.

- b same test but focussed on bottom opening,
- c test from the top but focused on the bottom opening showing a live amoeboid within, nu = nuclei, fv = food vacuole, te = test wall

Fig. 6. Living testate amoeboid, focused through dorsal surface of test to show a single pseudopodium (ps) extending from the bottom opening of the test; it is just possible to see the hyaline cytoplasm at the leading tip and the granular cytoplasm behind.



Fig. 7. Test with living amoeboid (am) a - ventral view looking through circular opening b – dorsal view showing sand grains, diatom shells and pieces of wood? (black) that consitute the test Fig. 8. Enlargement of the dorsal surface of the test showing sand grains, diatom shells (blue arrows), and tiny pieces of wood ? (black) am a 100µ

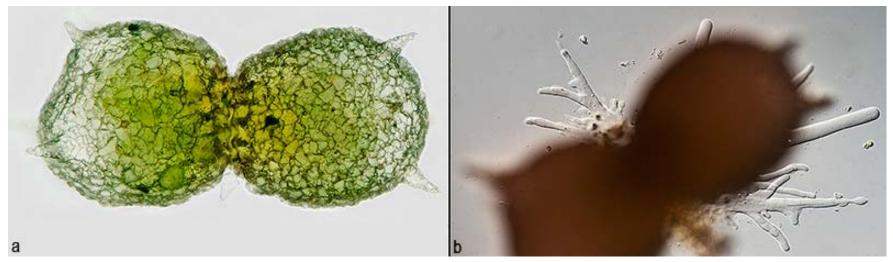


Fig. 9. a - two testate amoeboids conjugating. Tests appear to be made of sand particles, dorsal view. b – another pair of conjugating testate amoeboids, focus on slide where pseudopodia are extending.



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Fig. 10. A vase-shaped testate amoeboid, a - side view with 2 very long pseudopodia extended

b - same amoeboid on microscope slide with pseudopodia spreading over bottom of cover glass

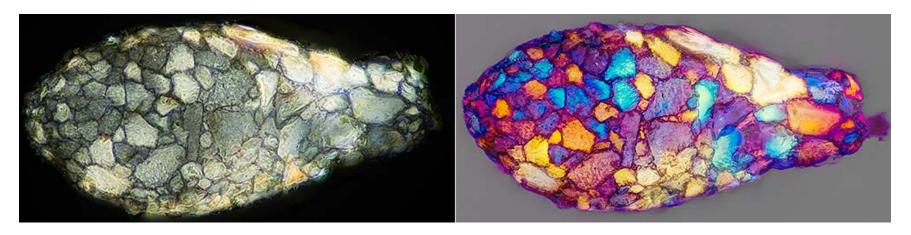


Fig. 11. A vase-shaped test. Left as illuminated with normal lighting, right when illuminated by polarized light. Test appears to be made entirely of sand grains, opening at narrow end top of the vase.

# 3] The ciliates

These are by far the commonest protozoa in all of my samples. Usually very active and fast swimmers which have to be slowed-down to get a decent photo (Protoslo from Carolina Biological Supply Company works well).

3.1 **Paramecia**, the "Slipper animalcules", are the 'classic' ciliates being among the first to be seen by microscopists and are widely used in school biology classrooms. Relatively large single-celled protozoa which are just visible, especially when numerous, with the unaided eye. There are several species in the genus *Paramecium* of which *P. bursaria* is readily recognized by its green colour thanks to the endosymbiotic green algae living within its protoplasm (Fig. 12).

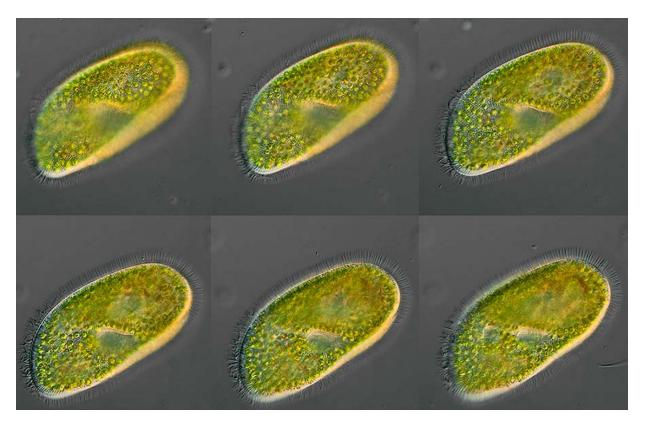


Fig. 12. Paramecium bursaria, 6 planes of focus

The other paramecia are colorless but are visible under the microscope thanks to their cell wall and the complex organelles within the body.

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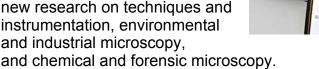
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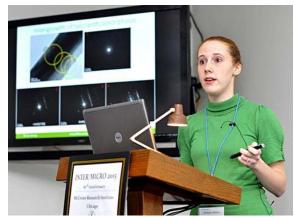
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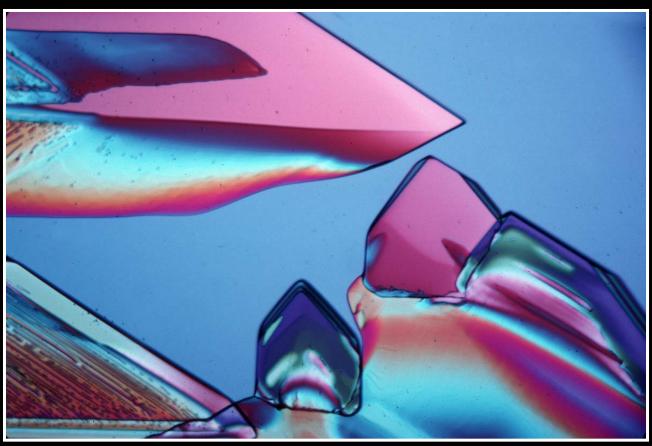
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