

PUGET SOUND MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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The Society is now an actuality with a Corporate Charter, Members, Officers and Trustees, Money in the Bank, and Great Plans! This bulletin will come to you monthly with news of the next meeting, doings, reports, rumors and sundry information needed to keep you informed. For the time being, until we are organized and geared to turning out a full fledged journal, this newsletter will be our official publication. Suggestions are welcome from all for making the bulletin more interesting, informative, and like who we can get to help edit and publish it.

COMING MEETINGS: April 13, 8:00 P.M. Pacific Science Center
Program: Dr. Stuntz - "Painless Taxonomy or How
Mushrooms Got Those Godawful Names."

May 11, 8:00 P.M. Pacific Science Center
Program: Man from Dawn-Fresh Mushroom Farm -
"Why hunt when you can grow your own?"

ELECTION RESULTS: The election last month gave us the following officers and trustees:

President Benjamin Woo
Vice Pres. Charles D. Volz
Secretary Meriel Albright

Trustees Elsie Burkman
Frantz E. Coe
Robin Drake
Akira Horita
John G. Kleyn

FIELD TRIPS: Starting next month, the Society will conduct its first field trip. We now have 108 members and, as suggested at the March meeting, we are proposing to divide the members into groups based on the part of the city they live in for the purpose of making up smaller crowds for field trips. Each group will be under the coordination of one officer or trustee, will be organized with a resident chairman and deputy and will be accompanied by a technical advisor. Dr. Stuntz will act as technical advisor with one group at a time during the course of the year, and we hope to have a graduate or senior student accompany each of the other groups. In order to make the game more sporting, we will have each group report on their finds and at the end of the year will present a suitable award to the group with the most species found and identified.

The Board discovered that if the city is divided into five areas, to be known as NW, NE, CENTRAL, SW and SE, there will be approximately 23 to 26 members in each group, which with family memberships will give some 40 to 50 in each area who will be eligible for field trips. Since this probably is too large a gang to handle, the trips will be on a reservation basis, first come first served, with the limit on size to be determined by the Chairman for the area. In fairness to the members, the policy will be to take members only for the time being, until we see how this works out.

The respective areas with their Chairman and Deputies are the following:

NORTHWEST (Mail zones 77, 33, 07, 03, and Edmonds)
Chairman: Charles Volz EM 3-5465
Deputy: Hugo Kopta ME 3-0702

NORTHEAST (Mail zones 55, 25, 05 and Bothell)
Chairman: Al Crosetti LA 3-9123
Deputies: Paul Delaney LA 4-4971
Gerald Alfred EM 2-7158

CENTRAL (Mail zones 99, 19, 09, 02, 21, 01, 14, 22)
Chairman: Ted Clark EA 3-5656
Deputy: Dee Poole EA 2-6139

SOUTHWEST (Mail zones 06, 16, 26, 46, 66, 68, 40, 50, 88,
Federal Way, Vashon and Tacoma)
Chairman: Abraham Goo CH 3-5734
Ceputy: Arthur Kaku CH 2-2939

SOUTHEST (Mail zones 34, 44, 00, 18, 78, Renton,
Mercer Island, Bellevue)
Chairman: George Tokuda PA 2-6211
Deputy: Jim Adkins AD 2-2047

The scheduled date for the first trip will be Sunday, May 10, which is the day before the May meeting. This is to let the groups bring in their specimens for verification of identification at the meeting. We realize this will be on Mother's Day and only hope that you will take your mothers mushroom hunting. (We had considered moving the field trip and meeting a week ahead but shuddered at the consequences of having fifty people showing up on the regular meeting night. The guard would disown us.)

Modus Operandi will be for members wishing to go to call their respective Chairman for reservations, stating number of persons in family attending. There should be a cut-off date about one week before the trip. Chairmen will work out details for rendezvous point, transportation, size limit of groups, etc. We will have a meeting of the Chairmen a couple of weeks before the trip and designate the area for each group to visit. We plan not more than two trips each spring and fall, leaving the members free to explore on their own after learning some of the ropes on the tours.

COMMITTEE WORK

Since the Society, like any organization, is only the carpophore that arises from the mycelium of committee work, (don't throw it!) we are establishing the following tentative committees, to which we hope the members will gravitate in accordance to their talents and interests.

FIELD TRIPS	Frantz Coe
PUBLICATION	Elsie Burkman, Charles Volz
EDUCATION & HISTORIAN	Aki Horita
PUBLIC RELATIONS & EXHIBIT	Robin Drake
PROGRAM	Charles Volz
LIBRARY	John Kleyn
PHOTOGRAPHY	John Uitti

The titles and functions of these committees may be changes later, and other committees may be added to fit the activities of the Society as they may develop. Suggestions from the members will be welcome in any of these fields.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Members of the Society will be able to attest to their membership following the next meeting, at which will be issued the new membership cards. Those who do not attend will find theirs in the next mailing. The promised Charter Membership Certificates are being worked on and will not be ready until May sometime.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Keep in mind that we would like to hold a public exhibit in the fall in line with our public service mandate. Plans are in the works for forming a group which will serve as a public information bureau for identifying poisonous mushrooms. Those interested please contact Charles Volz. Further on will be an evening class this fall on taxonomy, probably with limited size, conducted by Dr. Stuntz, from which will develop a cadre of members who can teach others in the subject, ultimately making available to the public such a class. Knotty details are involved here, and we can only promise to develop this as quickly as practicable.

MEANWHILE, Spring is upon us. Meriel has picked the first reported crop of morels, in an undivulged spot under apple trees on a sub-tropical island. Good hunting to you all - see you at the meeting.

Ben Woo