

DECEMBER MEETING

Monday night, December 13, 8:00 pm, Eames theatre, Pacific Science Center. If we all keep our fingers crossed and hope he doesn't come down with a bad mushroom, Mr. William Street of the Ostrom Mushroom Company will make his long-awaited appearance to tell of Life with *Agaricus hortensis*. Even if he doesn't come with gift-wrapped samples, we will welcome him to join with our members in a holiday coffee social following. Given continued warm weather, we may even have some specimens to identify to wind up the evening.

SCHOOL STARTS

January will bring back-to-school for members of the Society, with the first Session of the four-lecture series to be presented during the monthly meeting. In case you missed the announcement in last month's Bulletin, we plan an introductory course on the fleshy fungi to be given concurrently with the monthly meetings during the months of January, February, April and May (March being the Annual Meeting). The course will deal with botany of fungi, nomenclature, terminology, generic concepts of the Friesian system, use of keys, and the bases of modern taxonomy. The lectures, being prepared by a Committee headed by George Rafanelli and advised by Dr. Stuntz, will be supplemented by slides and other visual material, and each member will be supplied with printed material for home study. The sessions are planned to occupy not over one hour of meeting time, leaving room for programs of popular interest. The January program will be a discussion of the *Boletus* group and its occurrence in the Puget Sound area.

BOOK REPORT

The discount offers pertaining to Edible & Poisonous Mushrooms of Canada by J. W. Groves and Mushrooms of Eastern Canada & the U.S. by Pomerleau are no longer available from the Society. We still have the Dept of Agriculture's Bulletin on Mushrooms at 25¢.

POISON MANUAL

As a public service project of the Puget Sound Mycological Society, the Board has voted to undertake the preparation of a poisonous mushroom manual for distribution to the hospitals of the Seattle area. In the face of growing public interest in mushrooms and the evident lack of a reliable and quickly-accessible source of information for identification and treatment of mushroom poisoning, we feel a special responsibility for filling this need. Dr. Morton Bassan of the Board will Chair the Committee for this project. We visualize the end product to include a comprehensive listing of all known poisonous mushrooms in our area, with colored photos for quick identification, descriptions, toxicology and medical information. The format would be arranged to permit quick diagnosis by persons not expert in mycology. We recognize this undertaking to be a major commitment, involving a great deal of research and work, and urge all members with special skills to contribute their services toward achieving this worthy goal.

PHOTO PROJECT

Following up our note of last month requesting assistance of the members in fattening our photo and slide collection, we enclose the following handy form from Chairman Dick Black for the convenience of all. The previous paragraph underlines the importance of having a comprehensive collection of photos of the Puget Sound fungus flora.

PUGET SOUND MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Pacific Science Center, Seattle, Washington

Dear Member:

Both for scientific interest and as a basis for our future identification and teaching sessions a library of mushroom photographs is necessary. Judging by past slide shows there are probably enough good photographs available right now to start a collection that we can all be proud of. If you can help us with this project please start by filling out the following form or phone me at LA 5-2449 for any further details.

DICK BLACK

- () I have pictures to donate outright to the library.
- () I have pictures which may be duplicated for the library.
- () I will take pictures of specified species for the library.
- () I will take pictures of specified outings for the library.
- () I would like to help with the organization of the library.

My pictures are mainly of mushrooms () people ()

I use the following formats:

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16 mm still	()	()
35 mm or 828	()	()
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