

APRIL MEETING Monday, Apr. 10, 8 p.m. Eames Theater, Pacific Science Center. Front door please. More marvelous member slides - the last ones were smashing - AND Joy Spurr's sound/slide presentation which has been recommended with enthusiasm by many. Identification session after.

FIELD TRIP NEWS Paul Nestell has volunteered (hurray, hurray) to be Field Trip Chairman. He has extensive outdoor knowledge and experience, and a generous heart - he contributed 3 lbs. of dried morels to the Annual Dinner menu, which I am told is the equivalent of 200 lbs. of, er, wet morels. That is an almighty contribution, which added greatly to the pleasure and unique tone of our annual bash. Thank you, Mr. Nestell.

FIELD TRIP April 8 and 9 Skagit Valley. Some of the best morel country in the state, and active now. We'll be meeting at ROCKPORT STATE PARK, about 30 mi. east of Sedro Woolley. When you get there (anytime) follow the mushroom signs. You are encouraged to camp overnight - it's only \$1.50 per family: includes firewood, showers, flush toilets - typical rugged, pared-to-the-bone pioneer roughing it.

AND MORE FIELD TRIPS each weekend in April and first weekend in May. We'll rotate far-out camping trips with close-in day trips. For whens and wheres call Paul Nestell EM 3-3645; Mrs. Knud Larsen EA 4-9733; Paul Stappenbeck EA 5-5463. Before 8 p.m., please.



HERE ARE YOUR NEWLY-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES and their duties so far allotted. No force was used, or hardly any:

- George Rafanelli, president RO 7-4408
- Al Crosetti, vice president LA 3-9123
- Russ Kurtz, treasurer SU 4-3382
- Mary Hugs, secretary 743-4175

Board members:

- Thomas Imori, Membership PA 5-9886
- Basil Ferguson, EM 3-0826) Co-Chairmen,
- Yoshitaka Ogata AD 2-2874) Fall Exhibit
- Paul Rule EM 2-8390, House (alias cleanup!)
- Steve Fisher CH 2-9347, Education
- Ladell Black LA 3-0398, 1968 Annual Dinner
- Ben Woo EA 4-7617, Librarian
- Dick Black LA 5-2449, Photography
- Charles Volz EM 3-5465 Identification
- Connie Young EA 3-3857, Publicity/Bulletin
- Franz Coe AT 3-9661, At Large for a While
- Advisors: Dr. Dixy Lee Ray and Dr. Dan Stuntz

All board members were present the first meeting. They were happy, well-behaved and cooperative. No hazing was allowed. There was some giggling, but no spitwads. An auspicious beginning. You may wish to save the above list so you know who to volunteer to.

"In the fields of observation chance favors only the prepared mind."  
--Louis Pasteur



B I G ANNUAL SPRING FIELD TRIP  
May 21 - Chiwaukum Creek Forest Camp. Directions, details in May.



"He that high growth on cedars did bestow,  
Gave also lowly mushrumps leave to grow"  
--Robert Southwell  
"Scorn not the Least"



NAG NAG NAG in the interests of conservation. If you entirely pick-out a whole patch of any species, you don't know whether mushrooms will ever grow there again. Not much is known of the life of spawn. Some last for a year; some for a century. Most are shortlived, so if you don't leave a mushroom to spore off and start new spawn, you have murdered a species. If you are picking only for identification, until you learn what you are finding, just bring two or three. You don't need a sackful. Let's leave some for another generation of fans.

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The Pierce County Poison Control group have asked for speakers and slides for a luncheon meeting April 17 in Tacoma. George Rafanelli and Russ Kurtz have nobly offered to test their food and deliver slides and speeches on poisonous mushrooms.



JUST ANOTHER MONOTONOUS SUCCESS: Notes on a Delightful Evening

Anne Mack, Connie Wood and Dorothy Henderson, working frantically the afternoon of the Eve, did a great, imaginative job on name tags which loosened the party up at once. Really, as much as another bartender would have.

The membership, that's you there, contributed good will and hilarity - we really are a good group, doesn't it to you? Except for our modesty, we'd be perfect.

Dr. Dixy Lee Ray's speech communicated outstandingly with each listener. Communication itself was the essence of her talk:

Ben Woo did his usual exhilarating job of MCing. The response below from Lepiota Barsii came in later by mail.

that amateur groups such as this Society, by their lay members' contacts with science, however tenuous, act as a bridge between the world of professional science and the world outside. Understanding can flow in one direction; information in the other; both these flows interchangeable in direction to the ultimate purpose that the people of science receive support from a more informed, hence more sympathetic layman, who in turn receives support in the development of his individual potential via the research and encouragement of the scientific world, and so circularly. Science for people and vice versa. Members of this Society can contribute, receive and pass on with greater ease than most - we've got an idea what's happening. This is the ideal - let's try anyway. Thank you, Dr. Ray.

MOREL-ESS SINCERELY...including a message from the President

We have here a communication difficult to classify, which comes as no surprise to an amateur mycologist. It figures. Here we go:

Dear Sirs and Madams: This serves to give you notice that after the Annual Mycological Society Dinner I turned green. I would like to enter my claim for the prize Mr. Woo offered for said accomplishment. Since then, however, I have faded, and since Mr. Woo did not specify whether a permanent green or a transitory green was the criterion, I will gracefully relinquish my claim. (signed) Lepiota Barsii

Dear Lepiota Barsii: Congratulations! You have a valid claim. No time requirement was specified. This is the first incidence of this phenomenon where ingestion of mushrooms was a contributing factor. All other accounts of similar symptoms refer to Irish whiskey as the contributing toxin and dramatic recovery was in all cases experienced by the afflicted when removed from the environment of exposure, usually a pub. Your anonymity is understandable and secure. You will suffer no unsolicited intrusion from newsmen or the medical profession - even psychiatrists!

Your prize is in possession of the Society officers and will be presented on claim at any future membership meeting. If an intermediary is preferred, please ask him or her to present your dinner nameplate label. More or less sincerely,

G. W. Rafanelli, President, PSMS

There is an essay titled "Mycophile and Mycophobe" in Edmund Wilson's "The Bit Between My Teeth" that is chiefly concerned with "Mushrooms, Russia and History" by Gordon and Valentina Wasson. This latter book is a beauty, we hear tell, and this beauty costs \$125.00 per set, edition limited to 512. Why, do you suppose? Anybody who gives up smoking for a year could afford the book.

Yours for morelity,

Connie Young, editor