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Puget Sound
Mycological
Society

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SEPTEMBER MEETING- MONDAY Sep. 8 EAMES THEATER PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER'
8:00 PM

- PROGRAM- "Wildflowers and Mushrooms," slides and narra-
tion by Frances Sharp of Bellevue
- AND --- Dr. Dan Stuntz will briefly discuss some of
the papers presented at the sessions of the
Botanical Congress
- ALSO --- Tables will be set up with the various chairmen
for the upcoming exhibit- figure out where
you can do the most good and sign up.

IDENTIFICATION SESSIONS BEFORE AND AFTER MEETING

JUNE meeting - (doesn't that seem a long time ago?) was a huge success and if any member wasn't impressed with the importance of the women in our society, he just wasn't listening. Elsie Gatcomb and Fay Melsen prepared an excellent program - we were shown many items which the interior decorators are now suggesting - in the mushroom motif. These included dishes, materials, foot stools and other things. Joy Spurr gave her excellent slide show and after that we were treated to coffee and cookies (which had been baked and donated by the ladies). Everyone ended the season on a high note (how high can you get on coffee) and here we are now, ready to start the fall season.

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One of our members was so impressed by the program, that being a member of the Quinault Garden Club, she persuaded Joy to repeat her performance. So on August 4th, it was the good luck of ye old editor and his faithful tag-along to attend that meeting. If you think we have enthusiasm over our finds, you should have seen the interest in the beautiful blooms on display in the Lake Quinault Lodge (and after all, the members grew them.) Margaret Henrickson, the president, reported an attendance of more than 60. There were guests from surrounding territory garden clubs - Aberdeen, Olympia, Humptulips, McCleary and others too numerous to report. The meeting was followed by a special luncheon at the lodge. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Moore from Spring House, Pa. They are a couple of enthusiastic mycologists who were vacationing on the peninsula and we had made the trip over there especially to meet them; the garden club happened to be at the same time and was thrown in for good measure to add to their enjoyment. Not only were we able to help them find several species of mushrooms, but also showed them what beautiful weather we have.

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WEAR NAME TAG *** WEAR NAME TAG

The most important event of the year is our annual exhibit in October. This year it is October 18 and 19. This show brings more people to the science center than any other during the year. A lot of planning, blood, sweat and tears go into the success of it. The chairmen of the different committees will be at a table at the meeting. Look this over and VOLUNTEER! PLEASE?

CHAIRMAN FOR THE SHOW-

Other chairmen:-	Chuck Woodruff	GL 4-4747
Art Exhibit & Sales	Charlie Proctor	SH 7-2540
Arrangement	Bob Ramsey	JU 8-6955(Tacoma)
Book Sales *	Marc Ungar &	PA 5-9934
	Al Crosetti	LA 3-9123
Cleanup	Ralph Nolan	WE 2-3855
Collection (Mushrooms)	Paul Nestell	491-5648(Olympia)
Construction	Dave Schmitt	AL 5-5286
Hospitality (Food)	OPEN - HELP! HELP!	
Hostess (Floor)	Belle Swaffield	CH 4-2559
Labeling (typing)	Carol Kottong	SU 3-1642
Publicity	Geo Rafanelli	RO 7-4408

The telephone numbers were given for you eager beavers who can't wait for the meeting to volunteer. If you can't reach the chairman you are calling, call Chuck; he'll be happy to hear from you. Let's make this the best show ever (and that's going some)

Remember- your membership is your admission to the show.

*Speaking of books - our own cook book exceeds even our fondest predictions; members bought, looked and then re-ordered for gifts. We are getting a number of repeat orders, so we would like to call to your attention that Pauline Shiosaki, editor and publisher, will be on hand to accomodate anyone who wishes to make a purchase (she might even autograph them.) This is the last meeting (Sep 8) where you can buy them for \$3.95 plus tax. Please note, total \$4.13. If you are not using a check, we would appreciate even change or nothing larger than a \$5.00 bill. Change making can get pretty hectic. Marc Ungar reported a sale of 250 to a jobber (Puget Sound News.) They may also be found in most of the good book stores, Archway, Shorey, University, as well as Bon Marche and Frederick & Nelson, at retail price of \$4.95, plus tax. After the exhibit the price will be retail. So hurry, hurry!

MARGARET McKENNY

April 17, 1885

August 4, 1969

We were saddened to learn of the death of one of our most esteemed members. However, her personality will live on - and on. Miss McKenny was best known for her ardent and energetic work as a conservationist and defender of wilderness areas. Her extensive work with mushrooms brought a constant flow of persons to her home as inquiry was made as to the edibility or poisonous qualities of them. She helped found the branch of the Audubon Society in Olympia and was its president and prime mover for many years; she was an associate editor of Wise's Encyclopedia of Gardening. She taught creative writing and floral design, painting, poetry and writing. In addition to our well-used book "The Savory Wild Mushroom" she wrote more than 15 books. In recognition of her work in conservation, the Miss Margaret McKenny Site was established in the Capitol Forest area in 1967. Time and space do not permit the telling of all of the accomplishments of this remarkable woman (there are many more) but we are proud of our association with her and feel our lives were much richer thru having known her. She was more than a member; she was also one of our valued advisors. At the time of her death, the society sent a token of our esteem, but plan in the future to make a more permanent form of memorial.

ATTEND MEETINGS

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BRING PENCIL
YOURSELF

FACTS ON THE FALL FUNGUS FRENZIES

Here are the outings for September and October as presented by our trip chairman, Peerless Paul and his able assistant, Carol (Nestell)

- Sep. 6 & 7 Silver Fir Forest Camp-Mt. Baker Forest. Take Interstate #5 to Bellingham - State #542 thru Glacier
- Sep. 13 & 14 Soda Springs-Snoqualmie Forest. State #410 over Chinook Pass to Bumping river - up river road 5 miles
- Sep. 20 & 21 Swauk Camp Ground-Wenatchee Forest. Over Snoqualmie Pass to the Jct of #97 (5 miles east of Cle Elum) then north on #97, 18 miles.
- Sep. 27 & 28 Falls Creek-Olympic Forest. On Lake Quinault
- Oct. 4 & 5 The Dalles-Snoqualmie Forest. 25 miles east of Enumclaw on #410

Oct. 11 & 12 OPEN--have you any suggestions?? Paul would welcome them. We must have shelter with fireplace.

Before we list the last field trip, we would like to insert this information for new members or any who have not attended these outings. DRY WOOD is essential. There is a pot luck on Saturday evenings at tentatively 5 o'clock. These are really gourmet affairs with each one pridefully presenting his (oh yes, we have some real men chefs) or her favorite recipe- with and without mushrooms. When everyone has gorged themselves we gather 'round the friendship fire to get better acquainted. WET wood doesn't lend itself to this occasion - it could be a drizzle.

Oct. 25 & 26 Masonic Park. 4 miles east of Granite Falls, which is about 10 miles east of Marysville, off #5. Non-Masons are asked to donate \$1.00 per car. Wood furnished (ah,me) ++++++

Report on last field trip- this was a 3 day trip over Memorial Day at Silver Falls(Wenatchee). There were 134 persons- about 85 at pot luck. 54 mushrooms were identified, including quite a lot of Boletus Edulis. For the people who got out and really hunted there were bushels, beer boxes, shopping bags and other containers full of morels.

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PUGEY SOUND MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY welcomes the following new members:-

- Aufderhar, Weston L. (Doris M) 114 24th St SE. Auburn 98002 TE 3-0481
- Damitz, Laura. 506 Riverview Dr. Auburn 98002 ---
- Fay, Rex (Peggy) PO Box #55, Easton 98925 656-2233
- Hayes, Mark J. PO Box 371, Bellingham 98225 ---
- Hunter, Paxton W. 3512 NE 94th St. 98115 LA 5-3740
- Johnson, Lyle E. 2801 130th Ave SE Bellevue 98004 SH 7-9792
- Prokop, Mrs. Clayton (Jo) 632 N. Charlotte, Bremerton 98310 ES 3-2225
- Whittington, Mrs. Nettie, 1017 108th Ave SE. Bellevue 98004 GL 4-6606

Welcome - and we hope to see you at the first meeting of the fall.

Suggest that you file this sheet away for future reference- for the field trips above - cut out this list and add to your membership roster

If you are a typist and looking for work, call Elsie Gatcomb I'll clue you (type mailing labels for bulletin)

POISON

Like the folks who named Walla Walla (they liked it so well they repeated it,) so again and again we say "NEVER, NEVER take a chance on eating wild mushrooms without positive identification. An estimated 2,500 different kinds grow in Washington; although a few dozen are edible, an equal number are poisonous. Yet, if you can positively identify just one edible kind, and if you are aware of similar appearing kinds fruiting at the same time which might be inedible or even poisonous, then you can collect safely. We cannot do the work of learning for you. It is the user's responsibility to make his own decisions. Neither the society nor our experts assume responsibility for the safety and well-being of any collector. You must teach yourself!

THE PREZ SPEAKS



Several people with whom I've re-established contact since the mycological holiday began in early summer have commented about their lack of participation searching for mushrooms during these months, consoling themselves with vacations, visits from relatives, etc. Now they're waiting for the fall rains to begin so they can start a fresh season. One of these is Dr. Ron Petersen from the University of Tennessee. Remember the speech he gave off the cuff last year at one of our meetings? By the way, he said four mycologists will be here this fall to go on some field trips with us. We may be able to con one of these silver-tongued orators into a 30 minute speech while they are here. At the time this bulletin goes to press, your president expects to go on a field trip with the Forestry Service and other mycologists from the Botanical Congress.

Two important events are coming up in the near future; first field trip and first regular meeting. Come to the meeting (Sep. 8) and volunteer for a job on the exhibit. Only a month away - in October. MG



ODDS 'N ENDS

We will have an exhibit in the main public library-2nd floor in technology department, with posters, ceramic display and our cook book. Sep 18 to Oct 18.

CLE ELUM

Contest. We've told you before about the mushroom contest every year - this year the Mushroom Queen was Christina Maland of Roslyn and she made a very pretty addition to the 4th of July parade. Wish we could reproduce the good picture we took.

Carol Kottong

Our thanks to this member for personally mailing out 125 notices of the publication of the cook book with no advance notice - seemingly with little effort. We can use more good typists like you (especially for typing labels for the mailing of the bulletin.)

If you are not a typist but would like to help mail the bulletin, call Fay Melsen, PR 8-8191

A PLACE

I know a place where Boletes grow
Densely clustered, row on row,
Interlaced with sound Clavaria,
Bounded by the Armillaria
Cibarius and Clavatus too.
Don't you wish you also knew?

Rafanelli

