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OCT. meeting - Will feature a discussion on the Lycoperdons and Calvatia (Puffballs) by Bob Ramsev, Educational Chairman. Our president, Morrie Gatcomb, will give some pointers on how to collect for the exhibit.

6th ANNUAL MUSHROOM & TOADSTOOL EXHIBIT

OCTOBER 18 & 19, PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER

It's that time again - the big event is almost upon us which means it's time to pitch in and help make this the greatest show ever. We urgently request all PSMsers to contact the various committee chairmen and volunteer their services. Experience not necessary. We'll find something even YOU can do.

We especially need specimen hunters for Friday, October 17th and Saturday morning October 18th. We hope that any who have the time will simply go to their own favorite hunting areas and collect. Bring them to the Eames Theater on Friday evening or Saturday morning. We suggest you collect only specimens in good condition and handle them carefully. Dig them up with as much soil as required to preserve their natural appearance.

Identification is not necessary. This will be handled by the Identification Committee. We can also use any fresh specimens brought in on Sunday morning to replace wilted or damaged displays. The season is approaching the peak, so specimens should be plentiful - any nearby wooded area will provide good hunting.

SO - Let's bring 'em in!!!



When the bulletin went to press last month we were lacking a couple of chairmen of committees - these have now been filled by intrepid volunteers:-

Hospitality (Food)	Dorothy Nendza	VI-2 3474 (Bainbridge I)
Membership*	Elsie Gatcomb	PR-8 4793

The chairmen will again be at tables at the front of the hall, ready and eager to receive your offers of help. 'Funny thing - when we get on the phone and call, everyone says "yes" (mostly) right off the bat. A lot of man hours have been used to find these workers- please volunteer and save us one of those many calls.

*TOM IMORI, our regular membership chairman is in California for a month to six weeks. Elsie Gatcomb has taken over his work until his return, keeping up the membership file, taking new applications and mailing receipts and literature; this in addition to coming to the Center once a month to help mail the bulletin. Sure proves that old saw - "If you want something done, give it to a busy person - the others don't have time.

Do you take an active interest and help the work along?

Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belongs"

SEPTEMBER meeting - Those who attended were thrilled by an exceptional slide show presented by Frances and Barbara Sharpe of Bellevue. The theme was "The Four Seasons" and included a marvelous collection of wild flowers, wild life and northwest scenes. No description by your editor could do justice to the photographic quality and subject selection, so will just say -

"Thanks a million, Frances and Barbara"

Dr. Stuntz followed with a report on the recent Botanical Congress.

Our good friend and fellow mycologist, Will Lowe, died on September 25, 1969. It was he who first introduced us to mycology. The tremendous courage of Will and his family during this past year has been remarkable. He gave so much of himself to others that the great void created by his passing will be filled with ever-present pleasant, happy memories. To all of us who knew him, loved him and shared his interests, he was a tower of strength. Good hunting, Will.

Morrie and Elsie Gatcomb

Ed's note:- As long as a person remains in our hearts and minds, personality lives on. Any who attended the exhibit last year will remember we were impressed with the most decorative and unusual display of the books. This was the work of Will Lowe and his two lovely and talented daughters (they made many mushroom drawings which added to the general interest.) Our hearts go out to his widow and family. He fought the good fight - now it's over and he has gone to a well deserved rest.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Russ Kurtz was appointed Society Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Marc Ungar who has left our northwest for a position with the Fairchild-Hiller Corporation in the east. We wish to extend our thanks to Marc for his efforts in the society and wish him all the best in his new position. Keep in touch, Marc.

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Bob and Georgia Ramsey suggested special educational classes for novice mycologists in the society and this subject will be further explored after the exhibit. Bob also gave a brief report on their attendance at the Washington Environmental Council Seminar and will discuss this at a future membership meeting.

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George Rafanelli gave an educational lecture on mycology at the meeting of the Northwest Academy of Dental Medicine on the 23rd of September. He said when he heard the name of the organization, he brushed his teeth (and they are a very good dental ad) and went.

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Have any of you visited our exhibit on the second floor of the library in the Technology department? It is in excellent taste and should provide good publicity for the exhibit.

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People who think they know everything irritate us who do.

REPORT ON FIELD TRIPS

Sep 6/7



Silver Fir Forest Camp-Mt Baker Forest. 24 persons, with 10 at an exceptionally delicious pot-luck. 79 mushrooms identified. Beautifully sunny both days. One good catch of *Pleurotis Porrigens*, several large batches of *Phaeolepiota Aurea*, one 5 pound bag of *Lycoperdon Pyriforme*. Elevation 1900 feet.

Sep 13/14

Soda Springs-Snoqualmie Forest. 113 persons, 46 at pot-luck, 72 mushrooms. Showers Saturday, Sunny Sunday. A number of guests came from Yakima. Wood by Bill and Bob Zimmerman. Ground dry. Several good hauls of *Herecium Coralloides*, *Ramosum*, *Weirell*, and lots of *Polyporus Sulphureus*. Elevation 3100 feet.

Sep 20/21

Swauk Camp-Wenatchee Forest. 101 persons, 47 at pot-luck, 105 mushrooms. Mostly sunny both days, ground wet, specimens to Drs. Stuntz and Brady by Mary Gaylord. Plenty of wood by Forest Service; good fire in a dandy fireplace, excellent pot-luck. Lots of *Hericium*, *Chanterelles*, *Boletus*, *Lentinus Pholiotas*, *Pleurotis*, *Russulas*, *Pollyporus*. Ed's note:- the pot-luck at this outing earned us the name of "Gourmet Society." It would be impossible to mention the variety of unusual dishes and yummy desserts - in fact no one person could possibly have eaten even a tiny sample of everything. One stuff-gut was heard to remark she wished she was a cow with two stomachs in order to take advantage of all the food. But for sheer originality, one of our new members "takes (pardon, brings) the cake." This huge cake was in the form of a brown stump, with decorations running up that truly looked like moss and greenery; mushrooms made from frosting, lay at the base of the stump. Anything as beautiful as this wouldn't really have to taste good, but it tasted better (if that were possible) than it looked. Thank you, Jo Prokop. Elevation 3000 feet.

Sep 27/28



Falls Creek-Olympic Forest on Lake Quinault. 77 persons, including several from the Tacoma Myco group with 36 at pot-luck which included nine different wines, 111 mushrooms identified, specimens to Drs. Stuntz and Brady by Mary Gaylord, wood by Claude Coffman, Vic Mendza, Hal Bartlett and Bill Zimmerman. Hard rain Saturday, mostly sunny Sunday. Several good hauls of *Cantharellus Cibarius*, *Boletus Edulis*, *Dentinum Repandum*, various *Clavaria*. Elevation 600 feet.

Oct 11/12

No trip planned. You're on your own. Good Luck. Last scheduled trip so far is

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

NOTICE:-

Please do not take identification tags when stealing sample mushrooms on field trips!!!

Paul Nestell, Field Trip Chairman

Do you attend the meeting and outings and mingle with the flock?

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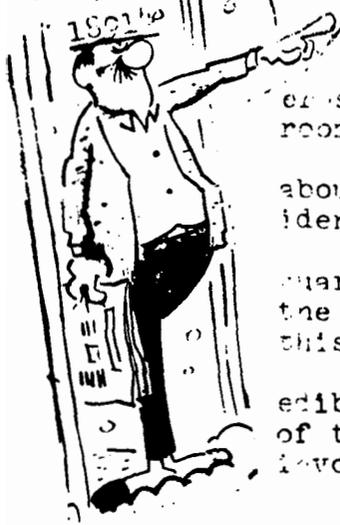
Do you come occasionally and criticize and knock?

BOOKS



Just happened to remember - this is your last chance to buy our cook book at \$3.95 plus tax - at the October meeting. After the exhibit - and at the exhibit the price will be \$1.00 more.

Don't say I didn't warn you (H&N) Hurry, hurry. We still continue to get many repeat orders.



How many of you have had telephone calls from a
respective mycologist, wanting you to identify a mush-
room over the phone? Many of you, I'm sure.

How many of you agreed with the budding bot hunter
about putting the specimen in the refrigerator for future
identification at the university or at a PSMS meeting?

How many of you have discussed with them the safe-
guards against leaving these where another member of
the family might inadvertently find some reason to eat
this tiny morsel?

Nothing should be in the cool, cool food box except
edibles unless they are properly marked and each member
of the family has been carefully warned about the dangers
involved. (MG)

There are mushrooms that can kill you
Some will nauseate or chill you
And there's others that will fill you
with delight

Some are simply unhygienic
And a few hallucinogenic
Which will land you in a clinic
in a fright

So the thing to do is fry 'em
Get the wife and kids to try 'em
Then it's easy to identify 'em
Right? (RMN)



It has been said that a
Roman emperor was very
fond of mushrooms and
always took great care
to eat only "safe" ones.

Yet he was killed by
POISONED MUSHROOMS -

His empress had add-
ed poison to the
imperial delicacy.

(Let's heed our prez)

From the September issue of "Pacific Search," journal of natural science
in the Pacific Northwest:-

MUSHROOM KEYS TO BE NEW PS FEATURE

A series of keys to the identification of Northwest mushrooms,
prepared by the Puget Sound Mycological Society for Pacific Search,
will be a new feature starting with October. Each key will describe
mushrooms that are likely to be found locally, in laymen's terms ---

Ed Note: For those of you not familiar with this publication we
cannot recommend it too highly as a source of up-to-date
information on the natural sciences of our great northwest.
For information on subscription write to Pacific Search,
Pacific Science Center, Seattle Wa 98109.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Tacoma Mushroom Society.

We are in receipt of their first bulletin - it is small,
but mighty. One page just filled with information and clever drawings.
It looks as though this club is really active from the number of trips
they are taking.

They have a copy of our book book and will have it at their
next regular meeting (October 6th) where their members will have an
opportunity to look it over and buy. Here's hoping they will be re-
ordering and if their experience is similar to others, we'll be
sending them more books. Good luck, Tacoma.