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Annual Survivors' Banquet

ATTEND ANNUAL DINNER MEETING MARCH 13

Join with friends to celebrate our survival of another year and to learn the results of the election for new Society leaders.

Deadline for banquet reservations is March 6 so mail in the \$6 tab per person today. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your check and our volunteers will send your tickets along. Or you can obtain your ducats from Belle Swaffield, event chairwoman, at the meeting February 8.

Hold the date and time: Saturday, March 13. The no-host social hour begins at 6 p.m. in the Nisqually Room at the Seattle Center. Dinner will be served promptly at 7 p.m. in the Snoqualmie Room.

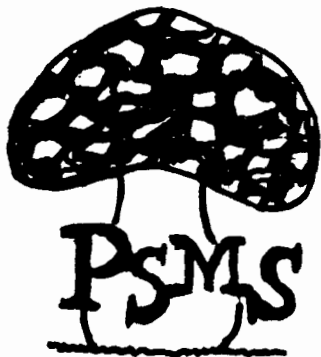
Our seventh annual soiree will be held in the North Court Rooms of the Center, Warren Avenue North and Republican Street. The Nisqually Room may be entered from Republican or via the Center grounds. The menu will feature baron of beef and fillet of salmon. There will be plenty of mushrooms, both decorative and edible.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, director of the Pacific Science Center. She has chosen an intriguing subject title: "Water, water, everywhere..." Whatever her subject, Dr. Ray always holds her audiences spellbound. We are indeed fortunate she will be with us.

In addition to the introduction of incoming officers and trustees, awards and prizes will be conferred. Our Society likes to combine a little pleasure with business at the annual meeting. The master of ceremonies will be genial Ralph Nolan, former president and chairman of the Society's long range planning group.

CATCH THE THIRD CLASS - JUST BEFORE FEBRUARY MEETING

The third in the series of mushroom classes will be presented from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., February 8, in the Eames Theatre, Science Center. Later classes will be given on Feb. 22, March 8 and 29, same place and time.



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At the upcoming membership meeting - 8 p.m., Feb. 8, in Eames - a narrated slide show entitled "The Four Seasons" will be featured. Giving the program will be Frances Sharpe, a Bellevue member. Among her slides will be unusual photos of mushrooms which Frances has not been able to identify. She will appreciate the help of any member in identifying them.

LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Also, at the Feb. 8 gathering, Claude Dilly's Election Committee will present its slate of nominees for officer and board positions. After the report the floor will again be open for additional nominations. Just be sure you have the consent of anyone you wish to nominate.

When nominations are closed, the floor will be available for statements on behalf of candidates (otherwise known as good old fashioned electioneering). Please keep your speeches short.

Ballots will be mailed with the March bulletin. The Committee urges you to mark and return your ballot immediately. All ballots to be counted must be in the hands of the election tellers prior to the March 13 annual meeting. A ballot box will be placed on the reception desk at the banquet for those desiring to turn in ballots at the last minute. But please mail your ballots by March 10. Doing so will enable the Election Committee to count all ballots and still have time to enjoy the banquet festivities.

WANT an illustrated booklet on morels? Write Cooperative Extension Service, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. Ask for "May is Morel Month in Michigan". No charge as far as we know.



ANATOMY OF A FIELD TRIP



By Paul Nestell

(Field trips are one of the Society's vital functions. The number of members - new and old - taking part in them continually increases. As you can see by Paul's outline, a foray involves a great number of tasks. How about volunteering to give Paul and Carol a badly needed hand at an outing next spring or fall? Ed.)

All field trips are on weekends, with some commencing on Friday so, arrive early, set up signs, posters and rule sheets. Build fire, put up plastic if needed, welcome all commers and be sure they sign the log (please print), get a name tag on. Ascertain how many will be at the Saturday evening potluck. Do they have a stove or lamp we can use? If so, get the lamps going (PSMS has been furnishing the gas). Make coffee or tap beer keg.

Saturday morning: get up early and build fire, welcome and log, plan hunting and have oldsters take out newcomers. Set up identification tables. Keep coffee and cookies going all day. P.M: build fires in cooking stoves, fill the lamps, bring in extra garbage cans (no matter how many times you say: "Everything burnable goes into the fire," most of it doesn't). Be sure to have plenty of wood (please bring some). Arrange for potluck, bring in extra tables if necessary, have plenty of coffee and tea, also paper cups, plates, napkins, spoons, etc. for forgetful people. After eating, clean up everything, especially foods, as we don't wish to attract bears. Have plenty of wood for the friendship fire. Stay up till last to turn out the lamps.

Sunday morning: get up early and build fire, make coffee, send groups out to hunt, welcome and log, keep coffee and cookies going all morning. After lunch, police the grounds and clean up the shelter. Anyone can have the plastic for removing it. Dump all leftover mushrooms into the brush out of sight. Put out the fire when leaving. Keep a record of all mushrooms taken on each field trip. At year's end this record is typed and copies are given to Dr. Stuntz, Dr. A.H. Smith, the PSMS President and Historian. Keep at least two copies to settle arguments and one for permanent filing.

Help wanted: Firemen and loggers. Hostesses to make and serve coffee and cookies. An experienced chef to run the potluck. A flunky to fill and light lamps. Strong and tall men to put up plastic, move tables, carry in the wood, clean up the joint and throw insubordinates into the creek. Leaders to take out newcomers. Greeters to welcome everyone. Anyone with a broken leg or other affliction can man the log book, pass out name tags.

Get all the help you can on identification. If there is any doubt, send or take them to Dr. Stuntz. Keep contact with Drs. Robert Benedict and Lynn Brady of the U.W. Pharmacognosy (poison) Laboratory as poisonous mushrooms are always needed. A list of wanted species should be posted at all field trips.

B.C. . . . by Johnny Hart



PROFILE OF A SOCIETY V.I.P

I have a soft spot in my heart for this month's V.I.P. - Charles Volz - as he was president of the Society when my husband and I joined. Charles was one of the people who started the P.S.M.S. and who has been a tremendous help to the club. You will find him identifying mushrooms at the meetings since he is one of the most knowledgeable members in our group.

Charles was born at Columbus, Montana, but he has lived in Washington most of his life. He attended the University of Washington and got his B.S. degree in biology. He works for the National Marine Fisheries Service as a fishery biologist.

Trying to list all of his accomplishments and interests is a formidable task so I'll just mention a few. His wife, Mary, is Greek which just naturally leads to an interest in anything Grecian. He and Mary both enjoy photography and have quite a collection of pictures of archeological sites in Greece. Charles also enjoys: exotic cooking (foreign specialities), archeology, playing the guitar. He is currently learning to play the bousouki, being the owner of the best collection of bousouki music in Seattle. He belongs to the Greek organization, Ahepa, several biological societies and is a Phi Beta Kappa.

Charles and Mary have three grown children and four grandchildren. Their oldest daughter is a professional violist and Mary plays the viola in the Allied Arts Orchestra.

Mushrooms have been an interest for Charles ever since he was a little boy and his father taught him how to collect them. He is currently working a key for the Tricholomas to be published in the Pacific Search. He thinks the morel is the finest mushroom, with the Boletus edulus running a close second. Good hunting this spring, Charles. Maybe if you play your bousouki, the mushrooms will pop right up out of the ground!

-- Barbara Lansinger

(Because of the press of other activities, this will be Barbara's last profile. Thanks, Barbara! Now, who would like to take on this interesting assignment? Ed.)

MUSHROOM KEYS: "Key on Puffballs and Earthstars" is in the January, 1971 issue of Pacific Search. Keys on Coprinus and Cantharellus will appear later this year. It is anticipated that each issue of the local periodical will contain articles on mushrooms.

The special subscription rate for PSMS members is \$3 per year (ten issues). Sub cards and current issues of Pacific Search will be available at our meetings. Or you may send your subscription directly to Pacific Search, 200 2nd Ave. N., Seattle 98109, with the notation that this is a "PSMS sub".

Reprints of a key on Northwest Amanitas may also be obtained at the next meeting. The cost is 16¢ each, individual issues of the magazine sell for 53¢.

