SPORE PRINTS
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CALENDAR
April 10  Monday  10:00 a.m. Ramble in Seward Park
                 6:45  Planning Committee
                 8:00  Membership Meeting
        April 17  Monday  8:00  Board Meeting
        April 21  All day Friday, deadline for SPORE PRINTS
                   news. Mail to SP, 4029 E. Madison, 98102
        May 8      8:00  Membership Meeting
        May 22      8:00  Board Meeting

PSMS BEGINNERS CLASS  Taught by Milton Grout
Designed for the beginner, but a good refresher course for more experienced members, a series of five lecture-slide discussions will be held at Eames Theater on the dates below. No charge to members.

TIME:  7:30 to 9 p.m.  Please be on time.
DATES:  April 17 and 24 (Mondays)  May 1, 15 and 22 "

NOTE: Planning Committee meets 6:45 before regular meeting April 10. Science Center Conf. Room.

Monday, April 10, 8 pm, Eames Theater, Pacific Science Center.

Featured is THE NEW MORELITY!! panel discussion with slides of the Spring darlings - the morels. Since PSMS is doing a morel study and needs specimens (refer to your collecting sheet), this is a good time to learn the variations.

BOARD NOTES, MEETING OF MARCH 20
Keep this list. You can make a Chairman ecstatic by calling to volunteer your services before he or she calls you for something you didn't want to do at all. Vestigia nulla retrorsum. Onwards!

Meeting Programs........Charles Woodruff, GL 4 4747
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                      Formal Events
               SPECIAL MEETING
Prez and First Lady: Howard and Fay Meleen.
H’lo, Howard
April 8/9 Rockport State Park (near Concrete). Take Burlington exit from Freeway or Arlington exit and thru Darrington. Park is one-mi. west of Rockport. Burlington route is best road. Either route offers cottonwood bottoms to hunt on the way. Our quarry, Verpa Bohemica for the most part. A reconnaissance made by the Field Trip Committee on March 12 found patches of snow still showing, but Spring on the way.

The resident ranger, Mr. Les McKenzie, requests that trailers only use the 21 designated spaces. Campers are to use the parking area in front of the shelter. If more than 21 trailers arrive, Mr. McKenzie will find a place for them. Please check at the shelter before putting down your anchor.

Tariff is $1.75 per day for camping. There is a dump station for trailers but no hookups. Water taps will be turned on for us and modern rest room in operation.

Motorcycles are not allowed on trails in State Parks. Minibikes are not to be used anywhere within the parks. There is a good motorbike trail up Sauk Mountain. Have fun there.

Potluck will be 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the shelter.

If, in your wanders, you happen upon an old mill site, please convey this information to Mr. McKenzie; he will appreciate it.

This is a beautiful camp. Mr. McKenzie has extended to us a warm welcome. Let us relate with the ecology and let's leave a clean camp as we always do.

Ella and Ed Cantelon will lead this trip, assisted by Belle and Bernie Swaffield and Pauline and Bill Pollard.

APRIL 10 - Friday. WEEKDAY RAMBLE in Seward Park. A no-expert do-it-yourself (share the knowledge) identi-session after, over brownbag lunch. At Seward Park drive to left uphill, take right fork, park at picnic area parking. Meet at covered cook-shack at 10 a.m.

April 22, ONE-DAY TRIP. Lake Sammamish State Park, south end of lake. This is the center of a wide hunting area. Shelter available. Betty and Andy Yuhl will lead, assisted by Katherine and Paul Anson and Pauline and Bill Pollard.

April 29/30 Thunderbird Park, five miles east of Monroe on south side of Skykomish River, on Ben Howard Road. This will be roughing it in grand style, shelter with wood furnished, showers with hot and cold running, hookups with water, sewer and electric at $2.75 per day. Admission per person for day only is 50¢. Snohomish Co. Myco group will be joining us to learn how a field trip is run. Hazel and Paul Rule, active members of our organization, will be your hosts. Potluck 5:30 pm Saturday.

Leading will be June and Harley Perkins, assisted by Ruby and Doug Carmichael and Dorothy and Vic Nendza.

TO NEW MEMBERS: Contact one of the trip leaders at the shelter if you do not know where and how to begin. They will help you or if possible find someone to go and hunt with you. We have done this in the past on a couple-to-couple basis and have found it a happy way to know new people. We have not conducted group tours.

MOREL COMMITTEE REPORTS there isn't much action yet. "We have heard of finding True Morel down around White Salmon at about the 800' level. We have not seen these ourselves so are unable to do any official work on them. Seeing is believing. Let's get with it and sacrifice one of those choice little goodies for science.

"Let's all hunt up the morel collection instruction sheet enclosed with last month's bulletin. We have 1,000 official PSMS Morel Collecting Sacks just waiting to be used. If you need any (and you do), just contact one of the committee members listed on the reverse side of the instruction sheet.

"Good news for you mycologists out around Redmond - we have a bag distribution and collection point for you: Add to your list Clark and Marion Farmer, 11845 Willows Road, Redmond, phone TU 5-2048.

"With a little good weather and a lot of cooperation from all you loyal, devoted morelists, our next report should be more fruitful!"
MOREL NOTES FROM FAR AWAY, EXOTIC WISCONSIN

In Southern Wisconsin, the wiliest morel hunters look within a 75' radius around stumps of red elm trees which have been cut down three to seven years before. Since white elm decays faster, morels might appear the second year after cutting, but the third and fourth years will be better hunting. Fruiting will continue each May for three or four years, then dwindle out. Mushrooms may be scattered in a loose circle around the stump, unless it's on a slope. Then they'll be on only one - the downhill - side.

Contrariwise, morels may be found popping up at random under living ash, maple and white oaks. If the trees are cut, the mushrooms disappear.

Morels don't grow under live elms, or dead oaks. Odd, ent?

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ECOLOGY CORNER (We're painting ourselves into it...)

We have to look on our society as we look on the biological world in general, recognizing, for instance, the extraordinary contributions of the fungi, the mazes, the worms, et al., in the chemical reprocessing and fertility upgrading of the earth. We must learn to think of the functions of the trees' roots as being of equal importance to the leaves' functions. We tend to applaud only the flower and the fruit, just as we applaud only the football player who makes the touchdown, and not the lineman who opened the way. What society applauds as "creative" is often isolated out of an extraordinary set of co-equal evolutionary events, most of which are invisible. Evolutionary "touchdowns" are unpredictable - sometimes centuries apart. Who knows which child is to make the next breakthrough?

= Buckminster Fuller in the "What I Have Learned" series, Saturday Review, November 12, 1966.

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HELP WANTED, REAL MONEY INVOLVED!

Needed, a teacher for Fall Quarter, 1972 class in Beginning Mycology at Highline College. Not more than 20 pupils to start as beginners and go on to whatever the class can absorb. Number of classes to be determined later, probably one per week with perhaps one or two field trips. Classes probably held off campus, probably Highline H.S. or Burien Library. Fee will be determined later. That's the teacher's fee.

If you would like to teach such a class, please contact Mr. Elmer Sears at Highline College, CH 6-0644, or at his home, CH 2-1613.