



daniel e stuntz foray !!

The 1972 Daniel E. Stuntz Foray, May 26-28, was held in the Oregon Coast Range west of Salem. Experts bagged one first and one second: A *Ciboria* species (unnamed, poor dear) was found for the first time in Oregon, while a specimen known by the euphonious name of *Neourmula pouchetii* was found for the second time in Oregon.

Weather was hot and dry. About 50 avid and expert mycophiles gathered from as far away as Cornell University in New York, Waterloo University in Canada, San Francisco State, and the mysterious state of Texas.

Ascomycetes were the primary target. Other goodies found included our old friend *Amanita muscaria* and an egg-stage of *A. calyptoderma*. A few morels that had been found earlier were brought in for variety.

Actually, and this is rather comforting to those of us who seek and don't always find, the pickings were somewhat slim. Other additional joys were provided, however. Dr. Richard Korf, of Cornell, spoke on the Systematics of Pezizales. A table with microscopes was set up for the disportment of the collectors. Repasts were provided by the students of Oregon State University. Our Dr. Stuntz was toasted, according to Joy Spurr who attended, but not in champagne. Shucks.

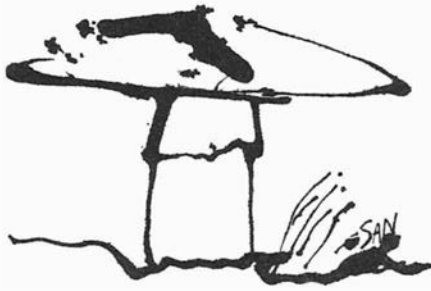
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membership meeting

Monday, June 12, 8 pm, Eames Theatre, Pacific Science Center.

A double bill will be presented featuring our very own Robert Ramsey who will lay bare (pardon the expression) the Secrets of the Amanitas. A further treat, the thirty minute Sierra Club film 'Alps of Stehekin' will depict struggles in the North Cascades National Park, or, rather, the North Cascades National Park Struggle. This is also our last membership meeting until September, so don't miss it. And don't show up in July, either.



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C A L E N D A R

June 12 Monday 6:45pm Planning Committee re: Educ
8:00 Membership meeting

* * * * * **CLOSED July and August** * * * * *

Aug. 21 Monday 8:00pm Board meeting

Aug. 25 All day Friday, deadline for Spore Prints news. Mail to SP, 4029 E. Madison, 98102

Sept. 11 Monday 6:45pm Planning Committee
8:00 Membership meeting

March 31st Annual Survivors Banquet

MORE! MORE!

The Education Committee, people we all love and trust, are in desperate need of help! You need not be an educator to be on the Education Committee, and, as we may have mentioned, it is a good opportunity to educate yourself. Don't hang back shyly, see Bob Ramsey; or better yet, go to the Planning Committee at 6:45 pm June 12 and pitch in. All Education people are welcome and expected at this unprecedented, new meeting.



"It is possible to confuse anything with anything."

BOARD (AND BIRD) NOTES

May 22. These formal proceedings were observed by a solitary mallard who walked sentry outside the door and finally sailed off into the pool in front of the Science Center. This is what he heard:

Banquet plans are taking shape. Those who survive, or plan to, should put March 31st down on the calendar. Place: The Exhibition Hall at Seattle Center. Helen Wasson is planning a very special surprise that she won't talk about—yet.

The Board voted \$100 for the Seattle Public Library to purchase recommended mushroom books (we recommend the books). This will provide a central point for our members to have access to information as well as promoting mycology and mycophagy city-wide.

Dina Chybinski was elected official representative of our Society at the symposium "The Arboretum in Time of Crisis" which will be held June 8th and 9th at the Hub Building at the University. Saturday, the 10th, the symposium will be open to the public for questions and answers. If you have a question or an answer, or would like to hear some, please feel free to attend.

Nasty comments were made to the effect that taking more specimens than you need is a no-no. One is usually adequate unless you plan to do intensive eating or research. This is especially true of local parks and well-travelled or scenic trails, and is even more especially true when you are there with/as the PSMS. This is also true of wild flowers and other features of the environment. Don't be guilty!



FIELD TRIPS

by Martin Hansen

▶ PLEASE NOTE CHANGE ON AMERICAN FORKS TRIP!!! ◀

NEW, NEW, ALL NEW REVISED TRIP!!

Field trip for American Forks (June 10/11) has been cancelled because Chinook Pass is still closed. In its place is presented a brand new, better than ever field trip: With the best pot-luck ever.

June 17/18 Clear Lake Camp. Roughly 7 miles east of White Pass on U.S. 12 (or off of U.S. 12). We hope to find Boletus in this area. If necessary, the plastic shelter will go up. We are prepared. See you there.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Thunderbird Park - April 29/30 by Martin Hansen
We had a mixture of weather; it rained like "HAIL" (quote Martin Hansen), we had snow, rain, sunshine, and more snow.

There were 98 people on the register, 78 for the best pot-luck we have ever had, and 35 mushrooms identified. To quote our worthy past president, "This is a good display of fall and winter mushrooms." There were not too many for the pot.

We were happy to have members of the Snohomish Mycological Group with us on this trip. We hope they will come again.

June and Harley Perkins led the trip. They made a hundred gallons of coffee (more or less) with the help of Ruby and Doug Carmichael, and Dorothy and Vic Nendza. Our field trip leaders kept such a nice fire going in the huge circular fireplace that many people didn't want to leave it for the indifferent weather outside. Our gracious hosts were JoAnn and Robert Rule, daughter-in-law and son of Hazel and Paul Rule. They made us most welcome; everyone enjoyed the weekend.

Tumwater Forest Camp - May 20/21
by Virginia Kessner

Sixty-six people signed in, and 50 stayed for the best potluck ever.

About 50 varieties of mushrooms were brought in, and 25 identified. There was a lot of gigas—one giant, found by the Melsens, was sent in to be freeze-dried for the fall show. Also some morels, discinas, hygrophorus, and a lot of Calvobista. Also a jet-black mystery mushroom.

We need another C.C.Corps. The fireplace they built in 1933 are finally falling apart. Howard Melsen saved my size 9 B's from becoming size 6's when a 500 (?) pound piece of the fireplace came loose.

Beautiful weather Friday and Saturday, rained all Saturday night, but the sun came out Sunday. Wonderful cooperation from all PSMS members.



THE BREMERTON (Wash.) SUN Wednesday, May 17, 1972

Big Mushroom Found

Mushroom hunting may not be in full swing just yet, but Mrs. Earl Peck, 5636 Erland Point Road, has what she thinks is the granddaddy of all morel mushrooms. The largest one measures 13½ inches but would probably be too tough to eat, she said. The smaller one, 11 inches in length, is even larger than the ones the Pecks like for eating. Common to the northwest region, the morel is usually found in shaded areas and tastes something like chicken when sliced, dipped in egg and pan fried in butter. —(Sun Photo.)

THE TAXONOMICAL TIRADE

Below are further Latin translations from A. Pilat, last heard of in the March issue. All the cautions advanced at that time still apply.

- cockeianum - referring to mycologist M.C. Cooke
- cornea - hornish
- cornucopioides - resembling the horn of plenty
- crispa - frizzed
- cristata - crested, resembling a crest
- cyanescens - turning dark blue
- deliciosus - tasty
- digitaliformis - thimble-shaped
- disseminata - as though sown
- edulis - edible
- elegans - graceful
- emetica - emetic
- equestre - pertaining to a knight
- esculenta - palatable
- fasciculare - forming bundles
- fellea - bitter as gall
- flaccida - slack
- flava - yellowish, golden
- flavovirens - leaf-like
- fomentaria - used for tinder

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formosa - beautiful
 fragilis - brittle, breakable
 frondosus - having many leaves (caps)
 fulva - ruddy, yellow-brown
 fusipes - with a spindle foot
 galericulata(us) - with bonnet or helmet
 galopus - with milkfoot (stalk)
 gelatinosum - gelatinous
 gemmata - pearly
 georgii - referring to St. George's Day
 (early in the year)
 granulatus - granulated
 grevilleii - referring to the mycologist
 R. K. Greville

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 haematopus - with bloodfoot (stalk)
 hemisphaerica - semi-spherical
 hirsutum - haired
 hypothejus - sulphur-coloured at the base
 hypoxylon - woody at the base

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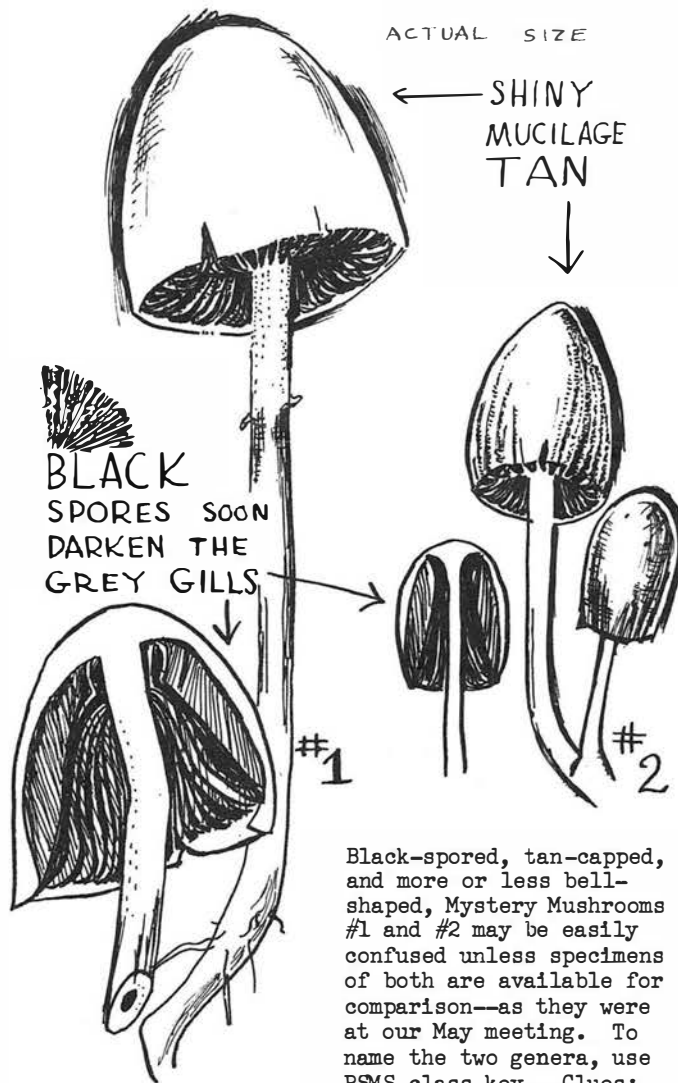
Mushroom Fever Nets Pickers



Mushroom pickings are anything but slim in Boyne City next weekend. In this little (population 3,000) town usually known for its skiing and sports events, mushroom-plucking becomes top priority in the 13th Annual Mushroom Festival. The May 12-14 event unites mushroom hunters in a quest for the morel variety, delicacies that are the most desired of Michigan's 2,000 kinds of wild mushrooms. A \$75 cash prize goes to the top picker in Saturday and Sunday morning contests. Novice pickers register at 9 a.m. Saturday in the big top tent nestled in the city park. Your equipment should include a basket or paper bag (never put your mushroom cache in plastic bags or they'll suffocate), a knife and sturdy walking shoes or boots. Also, dress warmly for Boyne's unpredictable weather. At 10 a.m., the city conservation marshal leads the procession of cars (screaming sirens included) bearing mushroom pickers out of Boyne City to the top-secret happy hunting grounds. Once there, a gunshot signals the start of 90 minutes of frantic plundering, with the winner taking all (home). The spectacle is repeated Sunday morning. Word of caution: Morel mushrooms are edible, but some types are poisonous and deadly, so Boyne City Boy Scouts will be around to assist amateur pickers. Don't munch from the wrong mushroom bunch!

These doings from Detroit were contributed by Hildah Nolan. She says there is a contest in Cle Elum that started a few weeks ago and runs until the 4th of July. If you feel competitive. . .

mystery mushroom



Black-spored, tan-capped, and more or less bell-shaped, Mystery Mushrooms #1 and #2 may be easily confused unless specimens of both are available for comparison—as they were at our May meeting. To name the two genera, use PSMS class key. Clues: The attached, blackened gills of #1 are white-edged where they've pulled away from the stipe. #2 has free gills and the glistening particles which provide #2's species name are not always present.

Answers: #1 *Panaeolus semiovatus* (Lange p. 144) #2 *Coprinus mucosus* (McKenney/Stuntz) p. 157, Lange p. 140.

ADEQUATE AMANITA APPRECIATED

"I wish to thank the many PSMS members who collected *A. pantherina* for me this spring. They, and others, helped me collect more than 150 pounds over a three month period. Most of this came from prairies in the vicinity of Fort Lewis. I now have sufficient material to carry out chemical investigation this summer." Scott Chilton.

It was probably the best pot-luck he ever had.