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CLASSES, CLASSES, CLASSES

The fall class in mycology will be given in the Eames Theater in the Pacific Science Center starting Monday, Sept. 16th at 7 p.m.

The class will run through November 4th except for regular PSMS meeting nights. The class is for beginners, intermediates, and a good review for the more advanced. All common genera will be covered. Slides for most species are from the PSMS collection.

Fall is the ideal time to study mushrooms. Fresh specimens, directly from the field, aid tremendously in knowing the species, and class learning is immediately applicable to your next field trip (or your lawn). Bring specimens as the first half hour will be identification and discussion.

A modest fee of \$5 will be charged. The fee covers the rent of the Eames Theater and one copy of PSMS's booklet of instructional materials.

So reserve Mondays for a couple of months and join a group of interested and interesting people.

Anyone wishing to assist in the course, either in identification, instruction, or generally, contact Milt Grout, AT 4 - 2750

JENNIE SCHMITT'S CLASS TO BE HELD IN RENTON

Jennie Schmitt will hold her popular class for the beginning mushroom hunter again this fall in Renton.

The class will meet Thursdays, starting September 26th, from 7 - 9 p.m. It will be held at the Renton Highlands Recreation Center, 800 Edmonds N.E. (the same building the State Patrol is in).

Bring specimens, since the first forty-five minutes will be "show-and-tell".

For additional information call Jennie Schmitt at 255 - 5286 after September 9th.



Russula farinipes

FIELD TRIPS

by Martin Hansen

Also read the general information about field trips somewhere else in this issue of the Spore Prints.

Sept. 14 & 15 Masonic Park - 4 miles east of Granite Falls. (or 10 miles east of Marysville)
Go to Snohomish, then follow State Highway #9 (north) to the turnoff (east) for State Highway #92. Follow #92 (east) to Granite Falls and continue east (toward Verlot) for about 4 more miles. Then watch for the signs to the Masonic Park (you turn to the left) and the mushroom sign. There will be a \$2 charge per day per vehicle. Non-Masons (that means most of our PSMS members) are welcome at the park Friday-Saturday and Sunday only.

Sept. 21 & 22 Crystal Springs Forest Camp in the Snoqualmie National Forest. Go east on I - 90. Take the Stampede Pass Exit (which is about 10 miles east of Snoqualmie Summit) turn to the right and follow the mushroom sign.

Sept. 28 & 29 Lake Arrowhead. Travel toward Shelton. At top of hill, before entering Shelton turn left and follow signs to Lake Arrowhead. It's a ways past the turn, quite a ways (beyond Cloquallum).

Oct. 5 & 6 Soda Springs. Drive State Highway #410 east over Chinook Pass to the Bumping Lake Road 174. Follow this road to about 5 miles south of the American River resort.

Oct. 12 & 13 Dalles Forest Camp (= tentative destination)
Go east on State Highway #410 to 25 miles S.E. of Enumclaw. Harley and June Perkins leading.

LET'S HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT FOR THE FIELD TRIPS!
POOL - IT - BRING A FRIEND - AND/OR
POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER

LOOK FOR RHIZINA UNDULATA

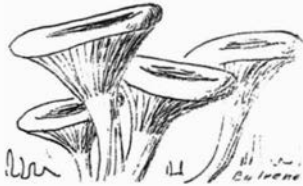
Remember the lecture on *Rhizina undulata* at our June meeting? (i.e. a fungus which attacks conifer seedlings)
Should you run across *Rhizina undulata* during your mushroom hunting this fall, Mr. Paul Morgan would appreciate it very much if you would call him (543 - 5769) or write him (% College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, 98195) about the location so he can include it in his study. Mr. Morgan does not have much information from east of the mountains.

Membership Meeting

Monday, September 9, 1974, 8:00 pm, Eames Theater
Pacific Science Center.

Program: A slide presentation on FALL MUSHROOMS by our very own Dr. Daniel E. Stuntz. His lecture about these fall species will be accompanied by his most colorful and charming descriptions, which we all love. Let's not miss this rare treat.

Following will be the ever popular PANEL QUIZ. We will provide the panel of experts to answer YOUR QUESTIONS, so be prepared with all those "things you have always wanted to know about mushrooms but were afraid to ask".



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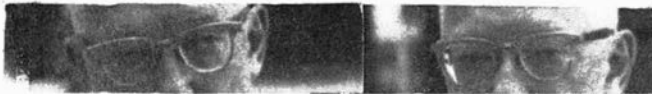
H.R.H.

The Board reconvened after the summer lull and one of the first things recommended was to open the doors of the Eames Theater for the monthly membership meetings at 7:30 pm so that members have more time to inspect the specimens brought in.

The Board voted to have a banquet next March and the banquet committee is going ahead with the plans and preparations for the affair.

Sunset Magazine plans to send a reporter and photographer to our Annual Exhibit. They also consulted PSMS on the general article about mushroom hunting coming out in the October issue.

The above items represent the highlights of the August Board meeting while the rest took care of housekeeping items.



CALENDAR

Sept. 9 Monday Membership Meeting 8:00 pm
Sept. 14 & 15 Field Trip to Masonic Park
Sept. 16 Monday 7:00 pm Fall Class, Eames Theater
Sept. 21 & 22 Field Trip to Crystal Springs
Sept. 23 Monday 7:00 pm Fall Class, Eames Theater
Sept. 23 Monday Board Meeting
Sept. 27 Deadline for Spore Prints news
Sept. 28 & 29 Field Trip to Lake Arrowhead
Sept. 30 Monday 7:00 pm Fall Class, Eames Theater
Oct. 5 & 6 Field Trip to Soda Springs
Oct. 7 Monday 7:00 pm Fall Class, Eames Theater
Oct. 12 & 13 Field Trip to The Dalles Forest Camp
Oct. 14 Monday Membership Meeting 8:00 pm
Oct. 19 & 20 The 11th Annual Exhibit



Calbovista subsculpta found by the Cantelons near Darby (Montana) in early June. Total was 22 in a space the size of a living room.

DID YOU HAVE A NICE SUMMER?

FALL FIELD TRIPS by Martin Hansen

A new season is starting with this issue. Let's all turn out and make it a bountiful year. We are expecting the best crop of mushrooms and best potlucks ever.

NOTE: To accommodate members who (for various reasons) want to go on a field trip for one day only, we have scheduled the first two outings this fall to beautiful, close-by locations. All the other field trips can be travelled in one day, but might make it a rather strenuous day for some members.

We recommend attendance on Saturdays, when the area is not completely picked over, and for participation in the potluck.

Members wanting to form or share in car-pools must speak up at the September meeting so that a committee for this purpose can be organized.

Also at the September meeting there will be a sign-up sheet for PSMS members who would like to be hosts for the fall field trips. (p.s. ed.: If you want to know what you have to do as hosts, call our super-hosts Martin & Estella Hansen (242-8717) or Bill & Pauline Pollard (772-4632).

The dates and locations of the fall field trips are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Spore Prints.



Phylloporus rhodoxanthus - the only gilled Bolete see Smith, p. 71

NEED FOR ARTICLES, PHOTOS, ART WORK H.R.H.

Your editor appeals to all members to send in articles (written by members or clipped from your readings) as well as photos which would be of interest to the general membership and could be printed in the Spore Prints. And now I am talking to the artists among our members. Haven't you noticed the lack of art work in recent issues of Spore Prints? Your new editor is not talented along these lines and depends on you to help out. Please do. Send all articles, photos, and art work to Hildegard Hendrickson, %4029 E. Madison, Seattle, 98102

HELP, HELP, HELP . . . by Bill Pollard & Jack Orth

The time has arrived to start preparations for the Annual Exhibit. And once again the committee chairmen have to remind the membership that it's their show. And to make it a success requires the combined effort of the membership not just the help of a few dedicated members. The bulk of PSMS's financing comes from the Exhibit, thus it is imperative that we put on an attractive display. The more professionally the show is implemented the more people will come to see it, and the more money we will have to keep PSMS the best amateur society in the country. There will be sign-up sheets available at the September meeting and everyone is urged to volunteer his and her help under a committee that suits his and her talents best. If you think you don't have a talent, sign up anyway and we'll develop one for you from a list like:

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| Construction | Book Sales |
| Cleanup | Hosts & Hostesses |
| Greenery Collection | Hospitality |
| Decorations | Tray Arrangement |
| Specimen Collection | Just Plain Helpers |
| Arts & Crafts | |

Any assignment will involve only a few hours of your time in cooperation with other interesting people. Remember, you don't have to be a mushroom specialist, you just come to have fun in helping to make your show a success.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another season of mushrooming. The mycelia have been nourished by the spring and early summer rains, the nodes have formed. All that is required now is an occasional day of warm rain to herald in what may be a banner season.

The field trips are planned and listed in this bulletin. Those who have attended in the past need no urging to participate. For new members and those who have not as yet participated, I can't recommend the experience too highly. A central location is selected. Hospitality, instructions on where to hunt, identification and display is the order of the day. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask all the questions you wish. All knowledgeable members are more than willing to share. And of course, the pot luck. Bring a dish and a large plate. Gourmet is spoken here.

The Annual Exhibit is the single composite effort of the society and the participation of the entire membership is a requisite for success. Numerous committees under the general chairmanship of Bill Pollard and Jack Orth put on the Exhibit. I would hope that each of you would volunteer for committee membership. A full committee makes light work, and besides, it's a lot of fun working with, and getting to know your fellow PSMS members.

Finally, the profusion of fall mushrooms makes it tempting to try new species. Caution is the watch word. Be absolutely sure of your identification, and, if possible, have your identification confirmed by an expert. Even then, for further insurance try only a little at first, saving a full fresh specimen. The really poisonous ones are few, relative to the total flora. With practice one can readily develop a list of fine mushrooms that can be identified and enjoyed with confidence.

Good hunting!

A BIT OF ANCIENT HISTORY by Jennie Schmitt

i.e. Report about the Field Trip last spring to Clear Lake. On the field trip to Clear Lake, June 8 & 9, 1974 we found puffballs, coral (lots of it) and clavaria. We all had gone there with expectations of lots of the (elusive) boletus edulis, but very few were up. Monte and Hildegard found a few, and Mickey Breznikar found one. However, a good time was had by all the 16 families who signed the register and the 36 persons who participated in the potluck (best ever). (Note, in 1973 at Clear Lake we more than double the above number at the field trip.) Thirty-seven plus specimen were turned in and identified. We want to thank our hosts, Martin and Estella Hansen & Bill and Pauline Pollard for the event. (p.s. The editor and family ventured back to Clear Lake the following weekend, thinking that more boletus edulis would be up, however, our luck was running out. In the spring of 1974 the boletes just did not come up at Clear Lake, or we could not find them.)

A POISONED CAT

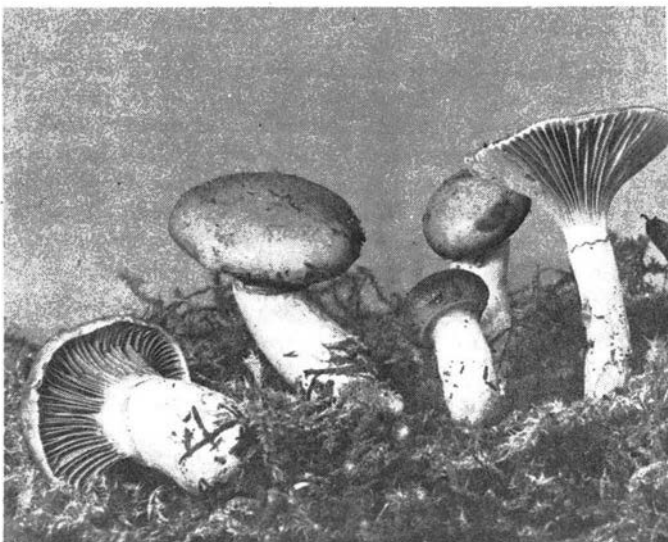
Believe it or not. Last spring one of our PSMS members received an s.o.s. about how to save a cat which had ingested amanita pantherina. The cat showed all the symptoms usually observed in humans under similar circumstances. Relax, the cat survived, but it is believed to be a first.

BOOKS

H. R. H.

The following books were purchased by the Seattle Public Library from funds donated by PSMS: Stuntz: Savory Wild Mushroom (2 copies); Snell: Glossary of Mycology; Smith: Mushroom Hunter's Field Guide (2 copies); Ramsbottom: Mushrooms and Toadstools; Bontasco: Color Treasury of Mushrooms; Miller: Mushrooms of North America; Krieger: Mushroom Handbook; McIlvaine: One Thousand American Fungi (3 copies) .

At the August Board meeting it was suggested that an inventory be made of the library of the PSMS and that these books be made available to members at a convenient location. When this task is completed the information will be printed in the Spore Prints.



Gomphidius subroseus

CORRESPONDENCE

Members of PSMS are invited to attend a Foray Workshop sponsored by the Tri Cities Mycological Society. It offers a weekend of hunt and identification of mushrooms for the serious mycologist.

The workshop starts at noon, October 25 - 27 at the Tom Wootton State Park, Tucannon River Canyon of the Blue Mountains, east of Dayton, Washington. The adviser will be Dr. Alexander Smith, from the University of Michigan, author of numerous mushroom books. Other prominent mycologists will be present to help on identification. Dormitory lodging and camping facilities are available. For information and registration write to Donna Anderson 912 N. 62nd Ave., West Richland, Wa., 99352.



CALLING ALL CAMERA FANS Joy Spurr

Let's have a photography night at the December membership meeting. If you have a camera and like to hunt mushrooms, take some pictures on your forays this fall.

Your photograph is your very own creation. If you like it that is all that matters. This is not a contest. We are not going to be concerned about nitty-picky regulations. Let's just have fun looking at mushroom pictures.

We will project the 35mm color slides. If you have large prints (either black & white or color) we will find a place to hang them. If you have small prints there will be plenty of table space. There will be time for each participant to talk about his-her photos.

One little rule: put your name on your slide or print. It is preferable to have the mushroom properly identified. But if you don't know what it is, maybe, we can get some wild guesses from the audience.

Everyone who has pictures to show contact Joy Spurr at the November membership meeting or by phone (723-2759) Now go to work. Don't just fill your basket with edible goodies, take pictures (thru w in some people pictures too.)