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EDUCATIONAL FORAY TO LAKE ARROWHEAD

This is something brand new this year. On Saturday, November 9, 1974 all studious PSMS members are invited to participate in an educational foray at Lake Arrowhead.

The format of the foray will be as follows: The participants will gather fungi in the morning; return to the beautiful clubhouse in the afternoon; identify their finds and then an expert will give a lecture on a genus (or more, if time permits) and answer all questions related to his lecture. This is a "working" type field trip. However, all work and no play....., therefore a potluck is planned for Saturday evening; and thanks to Jennie and Dave Schmitt, we are invited to stay overnight (in our campers, trailers, tents, etc.) if we want to.

Directions on how to get to Lake Arrowhead: Travel towards Shelton. At the top of the hill, before entering Shelton, turn left, and follow the signs to Lake Arrowhead. It's a ways past the turn, quite a ways. When you finally reach the small community of Cloquallum (a store is in the left) you are nearly there. Beyond Cloquallum, take the right leg of the "Y" and Lake Arrowhead is about one-half mile past on the left.

This educational foray is an excellent opportunity for all of us to sharpen our identification skills, and learn more about fungi, especially now that the rains finally seem to have arrived.



A FINE SHOW

President Milton Grout

PSMS can be justly proud of a well executed, professionally styled and artistically displayed mushroom show. Unprecedented drought conditions in our area raised the specter of either a poor show or cancellation. Some rain in the Cascades and on the coast together with a massive membership effort produced a supply of fungi that greatly exceeded our best hopes. The badges of champion collectors go to the team of Rafanelli and Kurtz who together provided the unbelievable total of thirty-seven boxes.

Under the aegis of Jack Orth and Bill Pollard, the construction and decoration team prepared the scene to be followed by display and identification teams. The displays don't just happen by accident but rather through a combination of the unsuspected talent of ten to fifteen of our members arranging some sixty trays and the skills of our experts on identification. Artistry of our members comes to the front in the arts and crafts section and in the Science Theater where photographic artistry is shown. Book sales, membership information, special displays of mushroom dyes, preservation, drying, commercial growing and the newly developed technique of freeze-drying are some of the many highlights of our show. The usual selection of gourmet dishes, tastefully arranged, provided sustenance, sociability and a chance to relax for the many members who spent the full day at the show.

Perhaps most impressive of all is the group effort of an amazingly large number of people who gladly assisted in the many facets of the production of our annual exhibit. Few organizations can count on so many willing hands. A further plus is the fact that practically one-hundred percent of our members and their families attended the show.

As president of our Society, I would like to thank and compliment each of you who gave so generously of your time and skills. I sincerely believe that the quality of the end-results of your efforts are not surpassed by any other mycological society.



THE BANQUET

Dr. Patricia Winter

Our banquet committee under the able chairmanship of Dr. Winter and Kathleen Tracey have put together a super banquet which will be held on March 22, 1975 at the Moose Lodge (across the street from the Seattle Center Parking Garage). Not only were they able to hold the price per person to \$7.50, but they invited Dr. Stuntz to be the banquet speaker, and they have committed an excellent dance band to entertain us after the meal. In future Spore Print issues we will keep you informed where you can purchase your tickets.

Membership Meeting

Monday, November 11, 1975, 8:00 pm Eames Theater
Pacific Science Center

Program: Tricholoma of the Pacific Northwest.

Charlie Volz (the 1966 president of PSMS and THE expert on the genus Tricholoma, as well as a charter member (#5) will bring us up to date on the Tricholoma of the Pacific Northwest. He will show slides and talk on changes in nomenclature that have occurred within this genus since his last lecture. This should be very interesting.



Also on the program for this meeting will be a short book review on the current books in mycology by Scott Chilton, Chairman of the Educational Committee. He will recommend to you a book or books you should add to your library.

BOARD NEWS

H.R.H.

The Trustees (barely recovered from the work most of the Board Members put in on the Annual Exhibit the prior two days) met on Monday, October 21, and reflected on the Exhibit. All the good points were praised, and note was taken where further improvements (I don't know where this would be... ed.) could be made.

On account of the reduced attendance at this year's Show the Board will discuss the financial situation of PSMS when all reports are in.

The Board heartily endorsed the Educational Foray to be held November 9, 1974 at Lake Arrowhead.



Most of the art work in this issue of SPORE PRINTS was done by Irene O'Connor. Thanks Irene.

Now that the ice is broken, let all of our other talented PSMS members step forward and send in their art work, articles, photos, clippings of interesting articles, cartoons, and everything else you think other PSMS members would enjoy seeing in the SPORE PRINTS.



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CALENDAR

- Nov. 9 & 10 Educational Foray to Lake Arrowhead
- Nov. 11 Monday Membership Meeting 8:00 pm
- Nov. 18 Board Meeting, 8:00 pm
- Nov. 22 Deadline for Spore Print material.
Send all articles, art work, photos to the
editor, % 4029 E. Madison, Seattle, 98102
- Dec. 9 Monday, Membership Meeting 8:00 pm



ARTICLES FORGOTTEN ON FIELD TRIPS

Anyone who forgot something on a field trip (forks, knives, pot - lids, etc.) there is a good chance that Estella Hansen is carrying it around from field trip to field trip, hoping that the owner will speak up. So, if you are missing something, call Estella at 242-8717. It is customary to keep the found articles to the end of the year, and then donate them to a worthy cause.

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS

We want to thank all committee chairman, their committee members, and just all who helped stage our beautiful 11th Annual Exhibit. Sunshine and dry weather or not, we had a big display and everything went well.

Jack Orth & Bill Pollard

All the committee chairman also want to thank everyone who assisted them and made their own job a lot easier and enjoyable. Because they pleaded so hard, I am specifically mentioning Kathleen Tracey (Hospitality) and Dr. Patricia Winter (Freeze-dried Exhibit) who could not stop praising their committee members.

And of course, we never could put on an exhibit without our Dr. Stuntz and Kit Scates (who comes all the way from Idaho). Thank you, are just two little words, but they sure mean a lot.

SHOW STATISTICS

Dorothy Henderson

Number of species represented:	270
Leading Genus:	Russula 20 species
	Lactarius 13 species
	Boletus 13 species
	Suillus 12 species
	Inocybe 11 species
	Amanita 10 species
	Romaria 10 species

Total Attendance: 4097

Paid Attendance 3000



WANTED: COOKIES FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING

For the social part of the December membership meeting we need some cookies. We appeal to our gourmet cookie bakers and ask them to double their recipes when they bake their Christmas cookies and bring some to the membership meeting. Please call Margaret Dilly (phone 782-8511) if you plan to bring some, so we can plan accordingly. Thank you.

CALLING ALL CAMERA FANS . . . again

This is an additional reminder about the "Photographers Night" which will be the highlight of our December membership meeting. It is still not too late to get out your camera and take all those pictures about mushrooms and related items and show them in December. For all the details consult your September issue of the Spore Prints. If you plan to show any pictures, slides, etc. in December be sure to contact Joy Spur during the November membership meeting, or call her at 723-2759.

REPORT ON THE QUINAULT SEMINAR G. Rafanelli

On October 12 & 13th, Jack and Nancy McDonald invited the following PSMS members to lead the Quinault Seminar: Dr. Stuntz; Scott Chilton; Howard & Fay Mel- sen; Irene & Bill O'Connor; and George & Jenny Rafan- elli. Also participating were Lynn Brady and Angelo Pelegrini. This was the third seminar organized by Northwest Enterprises and most of the participants (who came from the Grays Harbor, Olympia, Tacoma and Seattle areas) were hunting mushrooms for the first time. All meals (including breakfast) prepared by the Quinault Inn included mushrooms.

MUSHROOMS WANTED again

Wanted: fresh or air-dried: *Tricholoma pardinum*. Bring them to the membership meetings or call Scott Chilton, office: 543-1773 or home: 362-0804.

Wanted: *Cortinarius cinnamomeus* and *Cortinarius sanguineus*, as well as Polypores that have apparently intense flesh color. Carol Higgins (phone 725-9369) can use them in making dyes. You can bring them to the membership meetings or call Carol.



PICKLED MUSHROOMS

Ethel Bennett

copied from Helen Goerkes' "Old Cookbook"

Sufficient vinegar to cover the mushrooms. To each quart of mushrooms, two blades pounded mace, one ounce ground pepper, salt to taste.

Choose some nice young button mushrooms for pickling and rub off the skin with a piece of flannel and salt and cut off the stalks; if very large, take out the red inside and reject the black ones as they are too old. Put them in a stew-pan, sprinkle salt over them, with pounded mace and pepper in the above proportions, shake them well over a clear fire until the liquor flows and keep them there until it is all dried up again; then add as much vinegar as will cover them; just let it simmer for one minute and store it away in stone jars for use.

When cold tie down with bladder and keep in a dry place. They will remain good for a length of time, and are generally considered delicious.

P.S. If anyone tries the above recipe let me know how it comes out. I couldn't find a piece of flannel or a bladder to try it out, so Good Luck to you daring experimenters.

LAKE ARROWHEAD FIELD TRIP by Jennie & Dave Schmitt

The turnout for the Lake Arrowhead field trip on September 28 & 29 was surprisingly good, considering the dry fall weather we are having. Even though the expectations of the field trip participants (for mushrooms that is) were not very high, everyone had a good time; and those who did go into the woods went home with mushrooms for the table. Our first lady, Louise Grout, out-did us all by finding a *sparassus*.

On Saturday evening we had a fabulous pot luck. So much food was left over, that we staged a hot lunch on Sunday. PSMS members who live in Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Tacoma and Olympia came over and visited. They do not have the opportunity to come to many field trips with us, so we were very glad to see them.

Altogether we found 54 specimens. Forty-four families signed the register, and 62 participated in the pot luck on Saturday evening.

With the able assistance of Vic and Dorothy Nendza we had a very nice weekend. Now, if the weather will just stop being so nice we are looking forward to more of the same.



NO RAIN IN RUSSIA EITHER

(The following article from the Chicago Tribune also appeared in the Seattle Times, October 15, 1974.)

Moscow - Central Russia is basking in the balmy "golden autumn" in more than a century - long, lazy days filled with sunshine and falling leaves. Weathermen are amazed. Energy officials are ecstatic. Pilots are delighted. Everybody else is sick of it.

"My God, all this sunshine!" a Moscow woman wailed. There's not a single mushroom in the forest. This weather has spoiled the mushroom season!"

Around Moscow, mushrooms are more important than sunshine in the fall. During normally dark, sodden, gray-skied Russian autumns, city dwellers throng into the surrounding forests with baskets and pick the mushrooms that thrive there. Mushroom-picking is a tradition honored by time and loved from birth, like football in America.

During the first part of October, Moscow temperatures hit a record 72 degrees, 43 to 48 degrees above normal.

But a vast stationary high-pressure area sprawled across Central Russia for more than a month, depriving the mushrooms of the dark and damp they need for growth.

Soviet weathermen, whose records date back 100 years, said there never has been an autumn like this one. The high-pressure pocket, they said, pulled warm air up from the south so Muscovites were able to walk around in shirtsleeves while swallows were freezing to death in Switzerland.

Mystery Mushroom



Since this fall season has been so dry, even the mystery mushroom could not be found, but we are on its trail and hope to present it next month.

SODA SPRINGS FIELD TRIP

H.R.H.

Again we set out for Soda Springs on October 5 & 6th with little hope of finding mushrooms and great expectations of meeting good friends and exchanging "mushroom stories" from better years. Some of our members set out Thursday and spent the night at the Dalles Forest Camp, and hunted in that area with considerable success (*Sparassus*; *Hericium*; *B. edulis*). The weekend weather was brilliant which added additional charm to the Chinook Pass and Bumping Lake area. Actually, the tips of the trees in the pass glittered white, and the morning temperature at Soda Springs was 26°, warming up considerably later on in the day.

Then came the surprise, Jennie and Howard identified over 96 species (and we did not expect to find anything) among them *Cantharellus cibarius*, various *Boletes*, *Lactarius deliciosus*, and of course, *Armillaria ponderosa*.

Twenty-two families signed the register, and 25 participated in the potluck.

After the gourmet meal, Jack Orth and Jennie Schmitt entertained us with a slide show, since Jack has rigged up his projector so that he can run it on battery-power.

Soda Springs turned out as one of the most enjoyable field trips of this fall season.

DALLES FIELD TRIP

by June and Harley Perkins

The continued, dry and balmy weather for the field trip to the Dalles Forest Camp on October 12 & 13 made many of us wonder whether it will be a mushroom hunt or a social outing. However, there were 102 mushroom species identified, plus 20 or more identified only as to genus. Brian Luther and Jennie Schmitt were kept pretty busy at the I.D. table. Thanks Jennie and Brian for a job well done.

Our field trip chairman, Martin Hansen, found a prized *Armillaria ponderosa* within 30 minutes of the camp. It was displayed on the table where Brian could keep constant watch. And a non-PSMS member got away with four large *B. edulis* found a short distance from the shelter, before we could stake them out for showing to new members. The persistence of Nettie Mae Mathews also paid off: on Sunday she found her first Matsutake ever, and in addition she came across a large number of fine *B. edulis*.

Fifty families signed in for the potluck, which was outstanding as usual. Following the potluck we enjoyed a fine slide presentation by Jack Orth and Jennie Schmitt. On Saturday, our guests, the Junior Naturalists from the Zoological Society were pleased with their introduction to wild mushroom hunting. Nettie Laycock, Reynaldine Sandahl, Estella Hansen, Bill Pollard and Dave Schmitt led small groups through the park and everyone came back with something in their bag.

You'd never believe who the last person was to turn in Saturday night . . . Bill Pollard.

Thanks to Nettie Laycock and Reynaldine Sandahl for co-hosting, and as usual to Pauline and Bill Pollard.