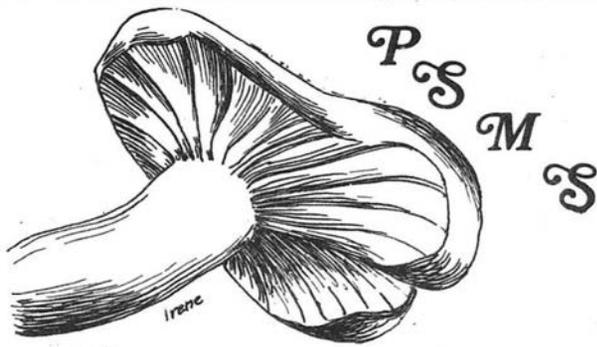


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CALENDAR

- Feb. 14 Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm
- Feb. 14 This month only - ACTUAL deadline for Spore Print material for the March issue. Send all articles, art work, and especially recent photos to the Editor, c/o 4029 E. Madison, Seattle, Wa., 98102 or bring the material to the membership meeting.
- Feb. 21 Board Meeting
- March 19 The 13th Annual Survivor' Banquet (No Meeting at the Pacific Science Center in March)
- April 11 Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm

BITS AND PIECES

H.R.H.

The North American Mycological Association reports that a species of *Pleurotus* growing wild (on wood) in Taiwan has been brought to cultivation on a commercial basis and a considerable industry has developed. The mushroom is believed to be *Pleurotus cystidiosus*. Canned mushrooms have been exported and are said to be of equal or better flavor than that of the *Agaricus* sp.

The USDA Crop Reporting Board reported that mushroom production in the U.S. hit a record high of 309.8 million pounds. The sales of fresh mushrooms totalled 142.1 million pounds, and the rest were processed.

Membership Meeting

Monday, February 14, 1977, 8:00 pm., Eames Theater
 The Pacific Science Center.

Program: Joy Spurr, photography chairman of PSMS, will discuss the topic Trees of Interest to Mushroom Hunters and illustrate her presentation with slides.

BOARD NEWS

H.R.H.

Since the December board meeting had been cancelled due to its proximity to the holidays, the Board approved the minutes of the November meeting, and got down to business.

President Jack Orth told the trustees that he had been informed that day that PSMS again will not be able to get the Eames Theater for the February membership meeting. After some discussion it was decided that the officers of PSMS will go to see the new director of the Pacific Science Center and find out what status he assigns to PSMS in the future. We are especially interested why we are always dumped (sometimes at the last minute) after we had been given a reservation for the Eames Theater.

The supply of the educational pamphlet of PSMS is rapidly being depleted, and the Education Committee is going over the material and updating it before a new printing is done. (For your information: 500 copies were reprinted which, it had been estimated, would last about two to three years. But since the pamphlet is used in our own classes; in the classes held by PSMS members; at the UW; was sold at the annual exhibit; and now a request came from out of town, the supply is nearly exhausted.)

Membership chairman, Ronna Randall Brown indicated that her work would be reduced tremendously if members, when renewing their memberships by mail, would include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. (Let's remember this next year). Treasurer, John Mudge, has closed the books for 1976 and his financial report on PSMS will appear in a later issue of Spore Prints.

The remainder of the discussion centered around the banquet and elections. Both topics are fully presented elsewhere in this bulletin.

SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS?

Joy Spurr is escorting an "Alaska Wildlife Spectacular" tour June 13 - 21, 1977 and if you are interested you might call her at 723-2759 and find out more about it.

WANTED: CLIPPINGS OF ARTICLES

H.R.H.

Your editor, and Dick Sieger, historian for our Society, would appreciate receiving from members clippings of articles on mushrooms and related subjects; or on activities of PSMS or its members for Spore Prints and the PSMS Scrap-book.

TAMARA DE FORD

If any member knows the correct address of Tamara de Ford or Ray Sanchez, please notify Joy Spurr. She has tried to send them an art display from the annual exhibit, but it has been returned from two places.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

their addresses and phone numbers will appear in the new roster.

Robert E. Burdick, M.D., Mr. & Mrs. Al Hutchison;
 Loren E. Lane; Vicki & Steve Young; Waldo Erickson;
 Eric Redder; Judy Blomster; Chris & Gladys Brant.

1977 BANQUET

Louise Rautenberg

Come and have a delightful, delicious and delectable time on Saturday, March 19, 1977 when we meet for the Annual Spring Banquet. It will be held at the Officers' Club at Pier 91. The social hour starts at 6 pm with dinner following at 7 pm. The Club is situated at the waterfront and is very tastefully decorated, similar to any good hotel restaurant in Seattle. Directions on how to get there follow this article. Tickets are \$7.50 per person for dinner and individual drink tickets are 75¢ for a glass of wine and \$1 for any mixed cocktail (since the Club does not allow us to bring our own.) Drink tickets are available at the time you purchase your dinner tickets and also during the evening of March 19th. Tickets are available at the February membership meeting or by sending your check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ronna Randall Brown, 4201 - 78th S.E., Mercer Island, Wa., 98040. Deadline for purchasing banquet tickets is March 12th since we have to guarantee the Club a fixed number by midweek. March 12th also is the last day a refund can be given for dinner tickets. Drink tickets that are not used will be refunded, but only drink tickets.

Dinner will be buffet style and will include roast beef, baked salmon with a variety of accompanying goodies, including mushrooms. There will be three separate buffet tables to facilitate serving and no long lines are expected this year. Musical entertainment will be provided by Ed Farmer. In past years everyone has shared in the decorating and table arrangements. Please do not bring table arrangements this year. They will be furnished, and may be purchased after the banquet. There also will be fantastic door prizes. Come and join in the good fellowship, the music and the fun.

DIRECTIONS TO THE OFFICERS' CLUB ON PIER 91

To get there, take Interstate 5 to the Mercer Street Exit. Go west on Mercer to Western Avenue. Go north on Western Avenue which turns into Elliott Ave. or 15th Avenue West. Watch for the signs (on your right) for W. Garfield Street and Pier 91. Follow these signs onto the bridge over 15th Avenue West and you will see a sign that says Pier 91. Come to a full stop, bear left down a ramp to the pier. Stop at the guardhouse where you must show your dinner ticket for entry. Continue west under the bridge, bear right and follow the sign to the Officers' Club. At the far end of the bridge supports you will make a sharp left. Again watch for the Officers Club signs. The Club is the last building on the right with a circular driveway entrance around the corner. There is ample free parking. Good Hunting!

SECOND INTERNATIONAL MYCOLOGICAL CONGRESS

This important meeting will be held August 27 - September 3, 1977 at the University of South Florida, Tampa. Information may be obtained by writing to Dr. Melvin S. Fuller, Secretary, IMC, Department of Botany, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 30602.

LETTER FROM GOVERNOR DIXY LEE RAY TO PSMS

Dear Friends: Your good wishes on my recent election are very much appreciated. It is particularly gratifying to hear from good friends such as all of you. I look forward to the challenge of the next four years, and knowing of your interest and support will make the task a little easier.

ASPEN MUSHROOM CONFERENCE

The Fourth Annual Aspen Mushroom Conference is designed for amateur mycologists, scientists and physicians interested in the identification and toxic properties of mushrooms. The Conference is sponsored by the Colorado Mountain College and the Beth Israel Hospital. It will be held August 7-12, 1977 Hotel Jerome, Aspen, Colorado.

An outstanding group of Colorado and visiting mycologists and physicians will serve as faculty for the Conference, among them Dr. Alexander H. Smith, Dr. Harry Thiers, and Dr. Roy Watling. The program will be structured for the beginner as well as the advanced student by offering independent teaching sessions for each group.

Generally, in the late summer, the Aspen mountains are productive of a wide variety of mushrooms. Experienced leaders will conduct daily forays into the surrounding mountains to collect edible and poisonous species and study their field characteristics.

Adequate time will be allowed to participate in leisure mountain activities including the renowned Aspen Music Festival. For further information contact Aspen Mushroom Conference, c/o Beth Israel Hospital, 1601 Lowell Boulevard, Denver, Colorado, 80204. Phone: (303) 825-2190 - Ext. 354



1977 ELECTIONS ARE COMING

The nominating committee chaired by Bob Hanna (phone: 767-6381) and including Harley Perkins (phone: 486-8378) and Monte Hendrickson (phone: 523-2892) will accept nominations for the officers and board of PSMS now (yes, get on the phone and call one of them) and at the February membership meeting, when nominations will be closed.

You may nominate any member including yourself. But if you nominate a member other than yourself, you must get that member's permission to do so.

Candidates are asked to submit a less than 50 word biographical sketch and a black-and-white snapshot of self, so that the voters can read and see what they are getting.

At the February membership meeting there will be an expert photographer available for taking pictures of candidates.

MUSHROOM ROMANOFF

The following recipe was published by the Kitsap Peninsula Mycological Society. It sounded very yummy, yet is low in calories. Here it is:

Large Skillet; 1-1/2 lbs. fresh mushrooms; 2 Tbsp. butter; 1 Tbsp. lemon juice; 1/2 tsp. salt; 1/8 tsp. freshly ground pepper; 2 Tsp. all-purpose flour; 2 tsp. dill weed; 1 c. milk.

Wash mushrooms and trim off tips of stems; drain well. In skillet melt butter, add lemon juice, salt, pepper and mushrooms. Saute mushrooms about 5 minutes. Stir in flour and dill weed. Add milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. 6 servings, 100 calories each.

TRUFFLE STUDIES

Oregon Mycolog. Society

The OMS reports that Dr. James Trappe (the speaker at our October meeting) and Edward Trione received a \$31,982 grant. They will try and find out if truffles can be grown in the laboratory and then used to inoculate the roots of trees. If they succeed, then truffle growing could be a new and exciting industry in this country.

With this article we are continuing the series of profiles of PSMS members. Only after this article was written was it discovered that we have no photograph of the chairman of the PSMS Photography Committee, Joy Spurr. (But you know the old saying, the shoemaker has holes in his shoes.....) Nevertheless, we are going ahead with its publication and will furnish a photo of Joy in our next issue. In this presentation we are actually combining a previous profile from the January 1971 issue and new, updated information. Since Joy provided the profile data in excellent form, we are reprinting most of it as it was received.

"Don't remember much about my birth since it happened sometime in the middle of the night, quite a number of years ago on December 21, so I have been told. Guess I was supposed to be a Christmas present but apparently Santa Claus and the Stork had a little mixup in communications. I always say, COMMUNICATION is the greatest problem in the universe.

"The first 18 years of my life were spent in Minnesota (Albert Lea and Minneapolis). By this time I was tired of 20° below and more winters, and the hot, humid summers, so I boarded the G.N. Empire Builder for Seattle. The next 17 years involved secretarial and office management work, a boy friend and a marriage that has lasted 28 1/2 years to date.

"I supposedly retired from office work in 1955 but soon became active in community service programs, free-lance writing and photography. Our greatest love is the outdoors and all things of nature, so we just naturally fell into organizations like the Mountaineers, Evergreen Rock Club, University of Washington Arboretum Foundation and the Seattle Zoological Society. (she has served on the board and committees of all of these organizations at one time or other. That's getting involved).

"About the time the Puget Sound Mycological Society was formed, I started to photograph mushrooms, became a charter member, and soon became interested in seriously studying the fungi. This interest might have bogged down in utter frustration but for the great patience and kind help that Dr. Stuntz has given all of us in PSMS. But for his encouraging help, Roger and I would not be spending our weekends in a bent over V-shape, nose to the ground everlastingly searching out these little treasures of our meadows and forests. And, our finding Amanita verna near Battleground, Washington in 1970 gave us that extra incentive to keep looking for another "first".

"I guess everything I do is a special event for me --- communicating with old friends, meeting new people, traveling, participating in organization committees and activities, the challenge of a new photographic subject, surviving the Survivors' Banquet, etc. Most of the time I am so busy doing something that I don't have time to figure out whether it is a special event or not."

This "doing something" also includes gardening, canoeing, geology, botany, and zoology, as well as being a writer and photographer for Pacific Search magazine.

By the way, the 1971 profile also was presented without a photo of Joy.

MEMO TO ALL MEMBERS

H.R.H.

The new 1977 Membership Roster is being compiled now. To insure that your name, address, phone number is included exactly the way YOU want it to read, please call or write Ronna Randall Brown, 4201 - 78th S.E., Mercer Island, Wa. 98040, phone 232 - 8998. If you don't contact her, YOU will be sorry for another year. Also please report a change of address promptly since we get more and more letters returned.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

H.R.H.

The Michigan State University Extension Service, Bulletin Office, P. O. Box 231, East Lansing, Michigan, 48824 has issued a series of pamphlet, all authored by Mrs. Ingrid Bartelli, which are excellent and worth many times their price. Send your prepaid order to the above address.

May is Morel Month in Michigan (#614)	Price: 25¢
Mushrooms Grow On Stumps (#E-924)	" 75¢
Wood Waste Makes Wonderful Mushrooms(#E-925)	60¢
Best of the Boletes (#E-926)	" 60¢

If you have not done so, I urge you to obtain the free copy Trees of Washington published by the Department of Agriculture that describes thirty trees. It is bulletin #440 and you can get it by calling 344 - 2686 or writing to "Bulletin" Cooperative Extension Service, Room 538, King County Courthouse, Seattle, Wa., 98104. The booklet gives a key, two pages of leaf types, and each page describes buds, twigs, bark, wood, fruit, size, growth, location, and other important characteristics. It is in black and white, and might be something to study before the spring mushroom season begins.

A new book by Orson K. Miller, Jr. and David F. Farr, titled An Index of the Common Fungi of North America (Synonymy and Common Names) is causing much discussion in mycological circles. The book lists some 4,000 names of 350 genera and 78 families used in 28 major guides published in the USA prior to 1975. This should bring some order out of the chaos faced by amateurs for years. The book can be ordered from the International Scholarly Book Service, P.O. Box 555, Forest Grove, Oregon, 97116, Price is \$15.

An excellent book for the serious student or teacher of mycology has been published by the University of Washington Press, titled Mycology Guidebook edited by Russell B. Stevens. The book is the result of the work of a committee of the Mycological Society of America and each chapter is authored by a different expert in the field. Price is \$15.

Dover Publications Inc., 180 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014, has reprinted a famous and still useful manual by Miron E. Hard, titled Mushrooms Edible and Otherwise. This was a famous basic text since its original printing in 1908. Dover has again provided a real service to the mycological community by reprinting this classic and providing an appendix by Dr. Martina S. Gilliam bringing the early nomenclature up to modern taxonomy standards. The price is \$7.95.

California Mushrooms is a very good guide for both amateur and professional mycologists. It is authored by Dr. Harry Thiers and he for the first time reveals some of the mystery of the west coast Boletes. Price is \$15.95 and it has been published by Hafner Press, Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc. 866 Third Avenue, New York, NY. 10022.

The Alaskan Mushroom Hunter's Guide by Ben Guild is about to be published by Alaska Northwest Publishing Company, 130 Second Avenue South, Edmonds, Washington, 98020. It is written for the amateur mushroom collector with 101 illustrations. It is the first full treatment of Alaska's mushrooms.



OUR THANKS go to Louise Rautenberg who contributed the beautiful drawing for the cover.