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Calendar

- Dec. 10 Monday, Membership Meeting. 8:00 pm
- Dec. 17 Monday, Board Meeting, 8:00 pm (Note this one week earlier than usual)
- Dec. 26 Deadline for Spore Print Material. Send articles, photos, announcements, etc. to the editor, at 2559 NE 96th, Seattle, WA 98115
- Jan. 14 Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm
- March 14 Friday, The 16th Annual Survivors Banquet

SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 1980

Your membership dues for 1980 should be paid now. Just send your check to our membership chairman, Grace Jones, to her home address: 12238 - 78th Ave.S., Seattle, WA 98178. Dues are: \$10 for a family membership; \$7 for a single membership; and \$5 for student memberships. Grace will be at the December Membership meetings so that you can renew in person. But remember to send your check to Grace's home address, since PSMS is in the process of changing its mailing address, and this could delay things.

New members, who have joined PSMS since last September, have their memberships paid up till December 1980.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS ---- Your Editors

Membership Meeting

Monday, December 10, 1979, 8:00 pm in our new location

THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY

located at 2161 E. Hamlin (in the Montlake District).

Program: We repeat what started as a fun meeting, was requested by popular demand, and has become a tradition for PSMS: The members' Photography Night and Social Meeting held annually in December.

Our photography chairman, Ed Cantelon, coordinates the showing of slides, photographs and prints by our members. If any member wants to show slides, contact Ed (242-6115) and let him know ahead of time what you plan to show.

After viewing the photos and slides, a Social Meeting with the best cookies and coffee will follow. Be sure to attend and get acquainted with your fellow PSMS members.

AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE COOKIES!

BOARD NEWS

H.R.H.

Treasurer Earl Harrison reported that PSMS has not yet received a check from the Science Center for our share of Exhibit income. The Board empowered the Treasurer to settle all our remaining financial affairs with the Science Center.

Margaret Dilly (Banquet Chairman) has set Friday, March 14, 1980 as the date for the 16th Annual Survivors Banquet to be held at the South Seattle Community College. More on the Banquet on page 4.

Vice President Rick White indicated that he has the reports of 3 committee heads in regards to the Annual Exhibit, he expects to get the remaining ones soon, and then will write a comprehensive report about the duties of the General Chairman. This should make the organization and coordination of the Show a lot easier in the future. A committee was appointed to investigate sites and make recommendations to the Board in December as to where the Annual Exhibit should be held next year.

The Board voted to send a donation to Lake Oakpatch were PSMS held a field trip October 27 & 28.

Membership Chairman Grace Jones asked to have the members notified in Spore Prints to send their membership renewals to her home address (12238 - 78th Ave.S., Seattle 98178) so that the book work can be done swiftly, and the mail does not get "lost" in the move from the Science Center.

The Board, at length, discussed the necessity of security in the parking lot during membership- and board meetings. It was moved, seconded, and passed to have a member patrol during the dark winter months. (The Board thanked Ed Cantelon who was the patrol during the board meeting.) Also Carl Hermanson volunteered to call the Seattle Police Dept. and ask for the officer of the district to include the parking lot of the Museum in his rounds on the second Monday evening of every month. Also the Museum plans to install more lights in the parking lot and cut down some of the shrubbery.

LomNee and Stan March, Ben Woo and Takeo Mochizuki are reviewing the posters displayed at our Annual Exhibit to determine if they need repairs, updating, or if new ones are necessary.



Greetings to all and I hope your holidays are wonderful. December also is the month wherein we select a nominating committee for the purpose of nominating candidates for our officer corps for the coming year.

I would like to urge everyone, when the nominating committee calls you - think about becoming a candidate for an office. If you anticipate running for an office be sure to read the duties of the office so you know what each office entails. If you have never been an officer of a club - try it - you may like it!! I would also suggest to all of you who may be interested in holding a particular office - don't wait for the nominating committee to call you. Call a member of the Committee and let them know what you would like to do. Having served on this Committee before, I know how good it feels to be able to fill a position with someone who really wants the job.

It is true that not everyone can become an officer - but that is not to say that each and every member cannot contribute to the progress of his or her club in some way. So, get on the old band wagon and we hope to hear from you real soon. Happy Holidays.

(P.S. The names of the election committee members will appear in the December issue of Spore Prints.)

FORT WORDEN WILD MUSHROOM EXHIBIT John Parker

The sixth annual wild mushroom exhibit held at Fort Worden State Park on October 21, 1979 was a success in spite of the dry, hot summer, and the fact that the sinking of the Hood Canal Bridge kept the attendance down from other years. There were 159 varieties of mushrooms exhibited and some very unusual specimens displayed.

The Jefferson County Mycological Society wishes to thank all of our friends from PSMS for coming over and helping to put on this show. As more and more PSMS members retire, they elect to come over here to live, and so it is like coming home to see the familiar faces and to greet, again, the wonderful people who make up PSMS.

The pot luck on Saturday evening was much better than in previous years, and many tempting dishes were served. There was plenty of food and everyone seemed to have a good time. Isn't it strange how good food tastes after one hikes through the woods searching for mushrooms all day?

Fort Worden is a fine park in which to hold a mushroom exhibit. There are hook-ups for campers and trailers, new rest rooms, kitchen facilities, and a beautiful beach for strolling. There is plenty of parking, and the park is close to the city of Port Townsend. We look for bigger and better exhibits in the years to come.

As the JCMS is a non-profit organization, it does not charge any admission fees. Our club does not have any dues (as such) and all of our expenses are paid from the money we make from the sale of books. We sold every copy of "The Savory Wild Mushroom" and could have sold many more.

We hope PSMS will schedule a field trip to Fort Worden every year on the date of our annual exhibit. You'r welcome here.

OAK PATCH FIELD TRIP REPORT Betty Yuhl

Come along on a PSMS field trip, specifically the one held at Lake Oakpatch over the weekend of October 27. Three trailers came over on Friday, the rest of the members arrived Saturday and Sunday. Forty-five signed the guest book and

23 filled up at the potluck Saturday evening. All day long there were cloudbursts with sunbreaks in between, and the temperature was mild.

Not many mushrooms were found for the dining table, but a good number (118) different varieties were brought in for identification. George Rafanelli did a super-sleuth job and even identified the little brown ones.

A newcomer will find lots of value in a field trip besides the what, and where of mushrooms. You meet old friends; make new ones; learn how to can Chanterelles (blanch, pack in 1/2 pt. jars, then process 45 minutes at 10 lb. pressure -- as done by Mildred Bronner); hear "true" stories of all the Chanterelles, Boletes, or Matsutake found right across the road last year; and perhaps get to taste one of the gourmet dishes prepared by Dick Sieger.

And so this field trip came to a happy ending, with mushrooms and people dry and warm in the cookhouse. Hosts for the trip were John Lockwood, Emory and Mildred Bronner, and Betty and Andy Yuhl. They had a lot of assistance from Bert Shields and Rusty Bowen who are employed at Lake Oakpatch.

MILLERSYLVANIA FIELD TRIP REPORT Dorothy Viers

Welcome rains to the Puget Sound Area brought out some 60 mushroom hunters to the last field trip of 1979. Members of the South Sound Mycological Society of Olympia joined us on Sunday, November 4th.

Millersylvania State Park covers a huge, level area that produced 120 plus species of mushrooms which Jennie Schmitt identified. Contrary to earlier field trips this fall, these fungi were fresh and moist. Some were even soggy! Many people went home with Cantharellus cibarius in quantity, some Le-pista nuda, Lyophyllum decastes and Armillaria mellea. There were fresh buds of Boletus zelleri throughout the park.

Dave Schmitt recruited some helpers and used his pickup to get some slab wood from a local sawmill. It kept the fireplace going all the time. We had a cozy pot luck (good as usual) in the enclosed kitchen with electric lights !!! 36 people sang Happy Birthday to Joyce Anderson and Fay and Howard Melsen. A nice way to end the fall mushroom hunting season. P.S. Someone lost a stainless steel bowl that had a chocolate cake in it. Please call Dorothy at 522-8595 for its return.

MORELS IN THE FALL ? ? ?

Herold Treibs of the Tri Cities Mycological Society reports that for their annual show (September 30) the most unusual display consisted of four fresh morels which had been collected that afternoon. They had been growing in a planter bed covered with bark in front of a physician's office. The club dried the four specimens for reference.

MUSHROOM CAPITOL OF THE WORLD Mycophile

This is the title given to Boyne City, Michigan, by its modest and self-effacing Chamber of Commerce. The basis for this ambitious claim is the annual National Mushroom Hunting Championship held in Boyne City the second weekend in May. The hunters register at the C of C office and receive a number and paper bag. At starting time, all hunters fan out for a 90 minute search for morels. A siren is sounded to end the hunt and all hunters take their bags to an official who staples the bag shut and checks the picker's number. The top ten hunters are then asked to hunt again the following day in a new spot. Various prizes and a championship is selected. In the two days the hunters usually collect about 20,000 morels.

For the Annual Meeting and Survivors Banquet in 1980 the focus is on ELEGANT DINING. The date set is Friday, March 14, 1980. The place is South Seattle Community College. The food will be prepared and served to you at your table by the Hospitality and Food Service of this facility. We have been promised "gourmet food" served in the "highest fashion". All reports I have received of previous events held at the facility have been very favorable.

The cost must yet be firmed up, but expect it to be between \$10.00 and \$11.50 (Inflation has hit the food industry too! However, I think you will be very satisfied and find your money well spent.)

Ben Woo has graciously consented to be our Master of Ceremonies. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Joseph Ammirati. He has filled the teaching position left vacant at the University of Washington when our beloved adviser and friend, Dr. Daniel Stuntz, retired.

Watch for more details in your January issue of Spore Prints. In the meantime mark the date on your calendar and plan on treating yourself to a most pleasurable evening out!

GUEST EDITORIAL

Dennis Krabbenhoft

I think the time has come that we take a good look at the By-Laws of our organization, which read: "It shall be the purpose of this organization to foster and expand the understanding and appreciation of mycology as a hobby and a science." Also I understand that Margaret McKenny as well as Charles McIlvaine often spoke of fungi as "my little friends the mushrooms". I am sure all of us agree, we regard them as friends.

And we do regard all of our fellow PSMS members as friends. My PSMS membership is a most enjoyable experience, and I am sure I speak for most members. However, PSMS is in a time of major transition: we are moving out of the Science Center; have found a new "home" in the Museum of History and Industry, but still have to find a location for our major undertaking of the year, the Annual Exhibit.

During all of these happenings, misunderstandings, disagreements, and friction have developed, as are bound to occur in an organization where many people are involved. Those disagreeing may feel slighted and may be tempted to "abandon ship". They may feel that their abilities or advice are no longer wanted or needed. Some, older and charter members, feeling a strong loyalty to the Science Center, may be tempted to leave, saying that PSMS isn't what it used to be.

But whatever YOUR feelings, now is the time when all of us are needed and should say to ourselves: "Hang in there! You are Wanted! You are Needed! So that we together continue the work the founders of our organization intended. Ours is not just an organization for its own sake, or merely for our enjoyment. It's for the sake of our little friends, the mushrooms.

CAMEL LAYER CHOCO SQUARES

Joyce Anderson

(Joyce brought these squares to the Millersylvania field trip and we are providing you with the recipe since many people asked for it.) They are super!

1-14 oz. pkge caramels; 1/3 cup evaporated milk - Melt together over low heat and set aside.

1) 1 pkge German Chocolate Cake mix

- 2) 3/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 3) 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 4) 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 5) 1 - 6oz. pkge semi-sweet chocolate chips

Mix by hand 1 - 4 and put a little more than half into a greased and floured 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350° for 6 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over the top. Drizzle melted caramels over the chocolate chips. Run a knife through to 'lightly marble' the two. Drop remaining dough mixture over the top at random. Make drops same size for even baking. Bake 15 more minutes. Cool slightly and refrigerate 30 - 45 minutes to set caramels and chocolate layer.

OF THIS AND THAT

H.R.H.

Congratulations go to long-time PSMS member Martin Hansen and his new bride, Mabel Smith. The wedding was Saturday, Nov. 17, 1979. They hope (time permitting) to get more involved in PSMS again.

Since his retirement from Boeing last summer, Lyle and Joy McKnight have become travelers. After spending several months (on a job) in the East, they attended the November membership meeting, and the next day took off again, in their trailer, for San Diego.

Joy and Roger Spurr also are traveling. They should be at the southern tip of South America about now, photographing flowers, birds, and fungi, of course.

Happy Birthday wishes are in order for Emory Bronner who recently celebrated his 80th. May we all be as active as Emory if we are blessed to reach this age.

Many thanks go to Elsie Burkman who contributed the lovely cover of this issue of Spore Prints. Elsie has done numerous drawings with ink gathered from Shaggy Manes (Coprinus comatus). She stores the ink in her refer "where it keeps better!"

Our field trip chairman is planning a winter field trip to the enlarged and remodeled plant of Ostrom's Mushroom Farm in Lacey. More later when the plans are firmed up.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

H.R.H.

Over one hundred new members have joined PSMS this fall (even though it was a very mediocre mushrooming fall) that we have to consider these people as true and dedicated mycologists. Their names and phone numbers are included as an insert in this issue of Spore Prints. Please combine this insert with your copy of the current membership roster for future reference.

And to all the new members we again say WELCOME and we hope many of you will become active in all endeavors of our Society, collecting, preserving, cooking, studying, etc.

As a beginning, make yourselves known at the December membership meeting, which by being mostly a social meeting welcoming also the Christmas Season, is especially suited for this. You will recognize the "old-timers" since most of them will be wearing red name tags. Don't hesitate to ask them any and all questions you may have. They all are nice and friendly folks.

You have taken the first step of becoming a member, so now make the most of your membership and get involved. You usually get as much out of an organization as you put in.

We hope to see all of you, December 10th at the Museum of History and Industry. (P.S. Don't forget the cookies!)