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Calendar

Dec. 14 Monday, 6:45 Beginners' Class

Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm

Dec. 21 Monday, Board Meeting, 7:30 at the Hendricksons

Dec. 25 Deadline for Spore Prints Material. Send all ma-
terial to 2559 NE 96th, Seattle, WA. 98115

Jan. 11 Monday, Membership Meeting and Beginners' Class
will be held at our new location: THE MONROE
CENTER, 1810 N.W. 65th, Seattle. For directions
on how to get there, and which entrance to use, see
page 4 of this issue and next.

March 12, Friday, The 18th Annual Survivors Barquet

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from your editors

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 1982 SHOULD BE SENT IN NOW

Your 1982 membership dues should be paid now. Please use
the enclosed renewal form, and send it directly to our mem-
bership chairman, Aino Kunz, 12552 - 19th N.E., Seattle,
WA 98125. Since the Society is moving, it would be best to
use this address for renewals. Dues are \$12 for a family mem-
bership; \$8.50 for a single membership; and \$6 for a student
membership. Aino will be at the December membership meet-
ing and you may pay in person if you wish.

New members who have joined PSMS since last September
have their memberships paid until December 1982.

Membership Meeting

Monday, December 14, 1981, 8:00 pm for the last time
in the McCurdy Room of the Museum of History and Industry

Program: We repeat what started as a fun meeting, was re-
quested by popular demand, and has become a tradition for
our Society: The annual Members' Photography Night and
Christmas Party.

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

After viewing the slides, we gather for the Christmas Party
with the best cookies and coffee in town. Be sure to attend
and get acquainted with your fellow PSMS members!

...AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING SOME COOKIES!

BOARD NEWS

H.R.H.

Since no agreement on reasonable terms could be achieved
with the Museum, PSMS again has to move. The committee
in charge found a very suitable meeting place: The MONROE
CENTER (formerly Monroe Junior Highschool) located at
1810 N.W. 65th Street. This facility offers us a very nice
meeting place for our monthly membership meetings at a very
reasonable fee; class room space for the classes in the fall
and the monthly board meetings. In addition, the former
playground is now used as an off-street parking facility. The
Center has promised to have the parking area lit by the time
we meet there on January 11th, 1982. The only possible
drawback that we can see is that the Monroe Center does not
have the excellent access of our former location.

The Society has to have an official mailing address, and since
the Monroe Center at this time does not have a long-term
lease with the Seattle School Board, the PSMS Board has re-
commended that the Hendricksons address be used as the mail-
ing address for the Society. The Hendricksons at the present
time are editors of the bulletin and are life-time members of
PSMS. The January 1982 membership meeting will be design-
ated as a "special meeting" for the purpose of amending the
by-laws with the new permanent mailing address.

The final accounting for the Annual Exhibit and the NAMA
Foray is not completed since not all the bills are in yet. A
report will follow later.

President Hermanson urges all chairmen of a Show Committee
to make a report of the activities and deadlines for such com-
mittee and forward the report to Bob Hanna. It sure will make
the tasks easier next year.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, December 21st at
7:30 pm at the Hendricksons.

BEGINNERS' CLASS CONTINUED IN DECEMBER M.M.H.

The second session of the Beginners' Class again will start at
6:45 pm on Monday, December 14, 1981 (that's the evening
of the regular membership meeting which will start at 8 pm).

The topics for this session will cover cooking and preservator
of mushrooms - what do you do with the mushrooms after you
have found them and collected them (cooking, drying, can-
ning, pickling, freezing, etc.). In the remaining sessions
we will cover Collecting (when; where, how); Basic Mush-
room Identification; a Learning Field Trip will follow in
March; and a Lecture on Spring Mushrooms in April.

A dark, rainy day brings out the mushrooms. A bright, sunny day brings out the hunters of mushrooms. The Saturday of the field trip to Lake Oakpatch was a beauty. Sixty-eight lovely, lively PSMS hunters registered in the book. Other hunters from Tacoma and Bremerton were out stalking the surrounding woods, but everybody was well spread out.

Jennie Schmitt identified 71 specimens that were brought in on Saturday. Lots more fungi popped up Sunday after the light rain that fell Saturday night. Those of us who stayed overnight were all amateurs, so identification on Sunday amounted to matching specimens with those that were already named, and combing through the books. It was a good learning experience. Many new members came out on this field trip and no one went home empty handed. Edible mushrooms found close by in the comp were mostly Boletus and Suillus varieties.

Fifty-six diners enjoyed a feast on Saturday evening. Katherine - wherever you are - the mushroom soup was so-o-o-o good! Everybody had a good time, and the men living at Oakpatch really enjoyed having us. Jerry Young, on duty for the weekend, worked hard, setting up tables and benches and making us comfortable; Marie Weaver cheerfully watched us barging in and out of her kitchen. Debbie Ledford, the new director of Lake Oakpatch joined us for potluck. The Yuhls (as in all the years I can remember, ed.) were the gracious hosts.

P.S. To those of you still out there driving around on the back roads looking for Lake Oakpatch - Good Luck! The Yuhls solemnly promise to have accurate, explicit directions for getting there next time.

MILLERSYLVANIA STATE PARK FIELD TRIP REPORT

Ferris Anderson

In spite of it being Halloween, thirty-eight members left their homes to the trick-or-treaters and enjoyed a very fine weekend at one of our favorite field trip sites, Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st. Over ninety species of fungi were brought in by this fairly small group of foragers, and were identified by the experts, George Rafanelli, Jennie Schmitt, and Dick Sieger. Most abundant was the favorite, Conthorellus cibarius, but also notable were the Lyophyllum multiceps, spotted by Dave Schmitt along the road, Hildegard Hendrickson's "second only" Lepista nuda, and some beautiful specimens of red Amanita pantherina, brought in by ranger Bruce Bartling. Ranger Bartling also provided a resident bot in the shelter for the Halloween potluck dinner attended by twenty-five members. It was encouraging to see several new members out on their first field trip, and staying for the pot luck dinner. Co-hosts Ron and Lois Skoor and Joyce and Ferris Anderson enjoyed hosting their first field trip. We want to thank everyone for their help, and want to encourage other members to step forward and also host a field trip for the first time. It is a very rewarding experience!

LAKE ARROWHEAD FIELD TRIP REPORT

Libby Barta

Saturday, Nov. 7th dawned foggy and chilly, but the sun did come out later in the day. The pot hunters dispersed over a wide area into the timber which was readily accessible through logging and forest maintenance roads. By evening seventy-four species had been brought in and were identified by Jennie Schmitt and George Rafanelli. Cantharellus cibarius was fairly plentiful and the most sought after. Most every-

one found enough for at least a couple of meals, and some enough to preserve for future use. There was rumor of one lone Armillaria ponderosa having been found, but it did not appear on the display table. Numerous Russulas, Armillaria mellea, and some Suillus varieties were found.

A total of twenty-three families and individuals registered with thirty-five staying for a wonderful potluck supper. Guests from Portland, Oregon, were present. The day and evening were all the more enjoyable for the use of the Arrowhead Lake Club House, which was warm, dry, with electric kitchen, lights, and a cozy fireplace. The caretaker had coffee perking at 7 am. and the fire burning in the large fireplace.

Sunday was a beautiful and sunny day at the lake, and some folks went hunting again. Going home that afternoon, the fog closed in before we reached Olympia. We were thankful for such a nice day on the last field trip of 1981. The Bartas were hosts for the field trip. The use of the Lake Arrowhead facilities was arranged by Dave and Jennie Schmitt. Thank you.

MYCOPHAGY

Charlotte Turner-Zila

I want to start this new feature in Spore Prints with a mycophagy report from the 1981 NAMA Foray.

Demonstration sessions of the Mycophagy Committee proved to be most fascinating and well attended. The meetings were held in the large Victorian kitchen of Fort Worden's Officer Housing, with Larry Stickney the chairman and head chef. His many assistants were busily engaged in brushing delicate Shaggy Mones with soft pastry brushes; slicing lilac Blewits, mincing Fairy Rings, dicing onions, cleaning sand from Lepiota rachodes, seeding and chopping green and red peppers plus mincing fresh herbs. Other volunteers sauted ingredients in butter, simmered them in red or white wine, stirred in chicken stock or whisked in heavy or sour cream with a pinch of mace or a dash of sherry.

The results were eagerly taste-tested by an army of participant observers who had brought in the treasured mushroom harvest. Well received were a Marasmius oreades canape spread, a Coprinus comatus bisque, Lepista nuda stroganoff, Hericium coralloides with crab. All were delicious and rich and caloric.

The following recipe for Blewit Meat Loaf is one which Larry Stickney shared with me:

1 egg; 1 lb. ground chuck; 1-1/2 cup bread crumbs; 1/2 cup cooked swiss chard (or spinach); 1 small onion, diced; 1/2cup sauted mushrooms with their juices; 1/4 tsp. garlic salt; 1/2 tsp. salt plus dash of pepper (if desired); 1/3 can hot tomato sauce.

Beat egg with a fork, add all liquids and stir. Add the bread crumbs and let the mixture stand for a few minutes. Stir with a fork so that the bread mixture is uniformly moistened. Add other seasonings, onion and ground meat. Mix thoroughly. Pile in deep baking dish and bake in pre-heated 300° F. oven for 1-1/2 hours.

Options: (1) A small amount of sauce, hot or plain tomato sauce, may be poured over the top of the loaf for further color or flavor, when serving. (2) Try ground turkey with some sausage meat mixed in, instead of higher priced beef.

P.S. If a PSMS member has a favorite way of incorporating certain spices in mushroom cookery, please share this experience with us, by sending a copy to Charlotte Turner-Zila via Spore Prints.

SURVEY ABOUT A PROPOSED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Due to the overwhelming enthusiasm with which Kit Scates' educational program was received at the NAMA Foray, we are surveying the membership to find out if they would be interested in having such a program offered by PSMS. Basically we are talking about a program in which Kit Scates with the use of identification keys developed by her, slides and lectures is attempting to get mushroomers to the point where they are able to identify a mushroom as to genus. This is a very intensive program, and the "students" are expected to work very hard.

Now to the survey: PSMS needs to know how many people would be interested in such a program since a fee of about \$10 - \$15 (depending on the number signing up) would have to be charged. This course would be offered on a Saturday and Sunday in either February or March. The lectures last about 2-1/2 hours, with questions and answers following. In the questionnaire, which is part of the renewal notice for the 1982 dues, let the Society know if you are interested. (This is not a commitment, just an indication of the interest, since about 75 members would need to sign up to make this program financially feasible.) Please answer the questionnaire one way or the other.

KEYS TO PACIFIC NORTHWEST MUSHROOMS

Enough Keys are now completed that the Pacific Northwest Key Council is ready to distribute them. Below is a list of the completed keys and their prices. They can be ordered from Jennie Schmitt, 13737 Peninsula Place S.W., Port Orchard, WA 98366.

		Cost	Color Code
Agaricus	by Margaret Dilly	40¢	pink
Amanita	by Don Goetz	75¢	buff
Armillaria	by Judy Roger	40¢	white
Boletaceae	by Kit Scates	\$1.50	multicolor
Cantharellaceae	by T.&G.Gospadnetich	40¢	canary
Collybia	by Helena Kirkwood	35¢	white
Coprinus	by Dr. F.VanDeBogart	50¢	canary
(sect.Lanatuli)			
Cortinarius	by Dr.D.Stuntz	\$3.00	gold
Cystoderma	by Nettie Laycock &Reynaldine Sandahl	30¢	yellow
Gomphidiaceae	by Kit Scates	25¢	white
Helvellaceae	by Herold Treibs		in preparation
Hydnaceae	by Dorothy Henderson	35¢	pink
Hygrophorus	by Dr.D.Stuntz	\$1.25	green
Inocybe	by Dr.D.Stuntz	15¢	white
Lactarius	by Coleman Leuthy	\$1.75	white
Lentinus & Lentinellus	by Tak Mochizuki	35¢	buff
Lepiota	by Dick Sieger & Gary Menser		in preparation
Lepista	by Gene Butler	35¢	pink
Leucopaxillus	by Judy Roger	30¢	white
Limacella	by Kit Scates	15¢	green
Lycoperdales	by Robert Ramsey	\$1.25	white
Melanoleuca	by Bob Chehey		in preparation
Marasmius	by Mariana Bornholdt		in preparation
Mycena	by Amy Miller	\$1.75	white
Nidulariales	by Robert Ramsey	35¢	gold
Omphalina	by Dorothy Tarr		in preparation
Panaeolus	by Gary Menser	30¢	green
Pezizales	by Dr.Harold Larsen	\$1.25	white
Phaeocollybia	by Christel Goetz	35¢	canary

Pleurotus & allies	by Dorothy Brown	35¢	blue
Pholiota	by Elsie Coulter	\$1.00	buff
Polyporaceae	by Dr. D.Stuntz	\$2.50	white
Ramaria	by Kit Scates	\$1.00	multicolor
Russula	by Ben Woo		in preparation
Sarcosomataceae	by Bob Maguire		in preparation
Strophariaceae	by Paul Stamets		in preparation
Tremellales	by Joy Spurr	40¢	white
Tricholoma	by Charles Volz		in preparation
Tricholomopsis	by Elsie Coulter	30¢	canary

October 1981 Total \$23.30

For postage add 10% or \$1.00 whichever is greater. Include your check made out to PNW Key Council.

ITEMS FORGOTTEN ON FIELD TRIPS

If you have forgotten something on a field trip there is a good chance that you can claim it at the December membership meeting. Any item not claimed will go to charity.

MANY THANKS go to Irene O'Connor (a PSMS member since 1966 who lives on the Olympic Peninsula) for contributing the beautiful cover for this issue. In addition, Irene and husband Bill have donated 10 mushroom books to the PSMS library. They are appreciated! We always look forward to seeing them at the Annual Exhibit and usually at the Survivors Banquet.



WE MOVE IN JANUARY 1982

M.M.H.

Our new meeting place, starting with the January 1982 membership meeting will be the MONROE CENTER (formerly the Monroe Junior High School). It is located on NW 65th Street west of 18th Ave. NW. The best route is by 15th Ave.NW to 65th. There is a traffic signal at the intersection.

From the South, if you come by the Alaskan Way Viaduct, take the Western Ave. off-ramp which leads to Elliot Ave.W., 15th Ave.W. and over the Ballard Bridge to 15th Ave.NW. and turn left at NW 65th, and right on 18th Ave. NW.

From the North, if you come by Aurora, turn right on N 105 or 85th and go west to 15th Ave. NW, turn left and go south to NW 65th, turn right, go three blocks to the Monroe Center.

If you use Interstate 5 from the South, take the 50th Street off-ramp, turn left on N. 50th Ave. Go to Green Lake Way North, turn left (45°) on Green Lake Way N. to N.46th and go under Aurora. Follow the arterial which becomes NW Market Street, turn right at 15th Ave.NW and left at NW 65th. (N.45th off-ramp may be used, but traffic is worse.)

If you use Interstate 5 from the north, take the 85th St. off-ramp, go west on N.85th St. to 15th Ave. NW, turn left and go to NW 65th and turn right to the Center.

There are two large parking lots north of the building which can be entered from 18th Ave. NW. The entrance to the Auditorium is also from 18th Ave. NW. Signs inside direct you to the room. The Monroe Center requests that we use the parking lots so that we will cause less impact on the neighborhood.

Bus Line #15 (Alki-Admiral Way to Blue Ridge) goes to 15th NW and 65th Street. Also Bus Line #43 (Ballard to Montlake) gives cross-town service.

PSMS 1982 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Enclosed is my check for
\$ 12.-- Family Membership
\$ 8.50 Single Membership
\$ 6.00 Student Membership

Send your check and this form to
Aino Kunz, PSMS Membership Chairman
12552 - 19th Ave. NE
Seattle, WA, 98125

Please state your correct address and phone

SURVEY ABOUT THE PROPOSED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

I am interested in attending _____

I am not interested in attending _____

on a Saturday and Sunday in the near
future.

(This survey is not a commitment, just an
indication whether enough members are
interested so that we will know whether
it is financially feasible to hold it.)

For details on this program see your
December SPORE PRINTS