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THE 1984 WILD MUSHROOM EXHIBIT Michelle Q. Green

It is Exhibit time again, and everyone is strongly urged to volunteer. This is the major event PSMS organizes for the public and your involvement makes a difference. As you can see, there are still some blanks in a few chair positions. Sadly, if no one volunteers, that committee will either have to be dropped, or thrown together in a last-minute panic. Let's not allow that to happen! We are depending on you. There are written guides for each committee. Moreover, past chairs will be more than happy to give you advice. A new committee is noted below, Poster Distribution. We need a chairperson ASAP for this special committee. Richard Pauli has come up with a great idea for poster distribution, and we need you to take command. So don't delay. Call Dennis or Michelle today! Sign-up sheets for committee members will be available at the September meeting.

And speaking of the Exhibit poster, it is going to be a beauty. This professionally produced, full color poster will not only draw special attention to the Exhibit, but will also be a collector's item, to be sold to the public and to the membership (at a discount). The poster will be displayed in the Puget Sound area at the end of September, and will be ready for sale at the October meeting. The artist, Don Stayner, of Morgan Shawn Design, is painting six different mushrooms, all of which will be printed on the poster. Some of the original art work will be auctioned by silent bid at the Exhibit --- so keep your eyes open for them. They are gorgeous.

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE 1984 SHOW

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Mushroom Dyes	Carol Higgins	725-9369
Mushroom Receiving		
Mushroom Preservation	Ethel Bennett	784-6236
Publicity		
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Tray Arrangements	Marion Maxwell	271-7086

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Video	Richard Pauli	282-3525

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margaret Dilly

Greetings! Time went by so fast since June, it hardly seems that September could be here already. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and will come into the fall season refreshed and ready to settle down to mushrooming.

My own vacations were wonderful and interesting, and I shall share some of my slides and memories with you at our December membership meeting.

The beautiful sunshine in July and August has been glorious, but does nothing to induce the fruiting of mushrooms. I have heard reports that even the moss crunches under foot in the forest. Reports of chanterelles in seepage areas is encouraging but we certainly need some rain to produce the abundance everyone is used to.

The first field trip this fall is scheduled for the Masonic Park, and since this is not far, many go only for Saturday, and return home after the pot-luck dinner. This offers a great opportunity to practice our share-a-ride program which Sally Ann Hansen has been putting together. Give her a call at 244 - 5084 and help get the program off the ground.

The Annual Exhibit is just around the corner, and excitement builds about our new 1984 Poster, which is real quality and beautiful, as well as eye catching! The best part is that some of these professionally produced posters will be for sale. Watch for news about them in the October issue of Spore Prints.

Your Exhibit chairpersons will be at the September meeting, eager to meet and welcome you to one of their areas. With some two dozen or so committees you have lots of choice, but I urge you to spend time in several areas. Help set up or decorate, then collect some fungi, even if you can't leave town; look around, you'll be surprised what is hiding under that bush or tree. Men are always needed Saturday morning to carry trays for display, give preservation or feel & smell a couple of hours, or try your hand at assisting with food set-up, a little time selling books, and by all means, spend some time just browsing around, being helpful and friendly to on-lookers (this is called hosting). It doesn't take a lot of knowledge to direct people to the restroom or areas of interest. Then there is always the task of housekeeping (called clean-up) made lighter by many sets of hands. All in all, get involved and acquaint yourself with the whole spectrum and you'll find yourself well rewarded.

It is also time for our fall mushroom identification classes again which Milt Grout will teach. He is very devoted and spends much time and effort on this endeavor, so let's have a good turnout. Keep in mind too, that we now have a library available in the Monroe Center with many good books that can help to expand the knowledge acquired in classes.

Enough for now --- see you meeting night.



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Calendar

- Sept. 10 Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm
Sept. 15 Field Trip to the Masonic Park
Sept. 17 Monday, Identification Class, 7 pm, auditorium
Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Room 104
Sept. 21 Deadline for Spore Prints Material. Send to the
Editor, 2559 NE 96th, Seattle, WA 98115
Sept. 22 Field Trip to Crystal Springs Forest Camp
Sept. 24 Monday, Identification Class, 7 pm, auditorium
Sept. 29 Field Trip to Soda Springs Forest Camp
Oct. 1 Monday, Identification Class, 7 pm, auditorium
Oct. 6 Field Trip, destination announced next month
Oct. 8 Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm
Oct. 13 & 14 The 21st Annual Exhibit, Monroe Center
Hours: Sat.: Noon - 7 pm; Sun.: 10 - 6.

BOOK SALES Judi Boa

There will be no books for sale at the September membership meetings. John Kunz will take orders, if anyone absolutely needs a book. Be sure to purchase the books you desire at the October membership meeting, when you will receive the regular member discount. No discounts are given during the Annual Exhibit.

Membership Meeting

Monday, September 10, 1984, 8:00 pm in the auditorium of the MONROE CENTER, 1810 N.W. 65th Street, Seattle.

Program: The founding president of PSMS, Ben Woo, will present a slide-illustrated lecture on the genus *Boletus*. Ben is an expert in this family, and makes his topics very interesting and humorous.

BOARD NEWS

H.R.H.

Vice President John Kunz chaired the August Board Meeting since President Dilly was out of town. The minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held June 18th, were approved. The special meeting was held to discuss the publicity for the 1984 Annual Exhibit. Specifically, the production of the professionally designed poster was approved as well as a press packet.

The Board heard reports from the standing committees. Coleman Leuthy, Education Committee Chair, wants to introduce a new way of displaying the mushrooms brought in at the monthly membership meetings. See more elsewhere in this issue.

There will be no book sales at the September membership meeting (Judi goes on a well-earned vacation). If anyone has to have a certain book, John Kunz will take orders, and Judi will call the person upon her return. NOTE: Members are encouraged to purchase their books at the October membership meeting, since no discounts will be given during the Annual Exhibit.

Judi Boa also presented a copy of the *Pholiota* Book to the PSMS library, and a copy of the new mushroom poster designed by Sea Otter Press, was hung in Room 104.

Sally Ann Hansen is working on a car-pooling (share-a-ride) system. She would welcome suggestions and assistance. Call her at 244-5084.

PSMS FALL MUSHROOM IDENTIFICATION CLASSES

The very popular, informative, necessary, interesting, and rewarding fall class in mushroom identification will be held Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at the Monroe Center in the auditorium on the main floor.

Classes will be held beginning Monday, September 17th and will run on consecutive Mondays through November 5th, except for regular Society meeting nights. A fee of \$6.00 per person will be charged to pay for the rent for the room.

The class again will be taught by Milton Grout, assisted by President Margaret Dilly. All common genera will be covered and will be amply illustrated with slides from the PSMS collection. The class will be structured with the beginner in mind, but will be in sufficient depth to interest the intermediate groups as well, and will also serve as a good review for the more advanced.

Fresh specimens directly from the field will be identified and discussed. All participants of the class are requested to bring specimens, and the first half hour will be spent on identification. (P.S. from your editor: our PSMS mushroom identification classes are one of the rare remaining bargains. Milton Grout teaches the class as one of his many contributions to our Society, and would prefer not to charge anything to the "students". However, the rent has to be paid, and that's all you are charged.)

Below you will find the schedule for the field trips for September 1984. Please note that we cite only one date, the one for Saturday. However, all the locations have overnight facilities for tents, campers, trailers, etc.

On Saturday we will have the organized portion of the field-trip, i.e. hosts, coffee & cookies, collecting, identification of the fungi brought in, and of course, the potluck dinner. On Sunday you are on your own. We are going to try this new format, since this seems to be what has evolved in the past year or two. Everyone is welcome to stay the whole week end, of course.

Sept. 15th Masonic Park, located four miles east of Granite Falls. From Snohomish follow State Highway #9 (north) to State Highway #92. Follow #92 (east) to Granite Falls, and continue for four miles. Watch for the sign (on your left) indicating a left turn into the Masonic Park (a private camp ground). Note: The park manager, Mr. Brooks, will collect a day-use fee of \$2 per vehicle; or an overnight fee of \$4. per vehicle. After your initial entry, please close the gate yourself after each passage. After 9 pm overnights are asked to remain within the park. PSMS has reserved the large central shelter and kitchen, which also features a refrigerator for our use. This is a very attractive park. Hosts will be Edith Godar & Marie Guillas.

Sept. 22 Crystal Springs Camp Ground: Travel Interstate #90 east over Snoqualmie Pass. Nine miles beyond the summit, take the Stampede Pass Exit (#62). Turn right at the stop sign, then right again just before the bridge. Crystal Springs is always a productive area and normally yields many varieties of mushrooms. Hosts will be Alice & Gilbert Austin

Sept. 29 Soda Springs Camp Ground: Travel east on State Highway #410 over Chinook Pass. About 17 miles past the summit, turn right onto Bumping Lake Road No. 174 and continue for about 5 miles to Soda Springs Forest Camp -- on your left. Again, in normal seasons, we expect to collect the following edibles: chanterelles, boletes, and possibly Armillaria ponderosa. Hosts for Saturday will be Grace & Paul Jones.

Oct. 6 There will be a field trip. Location will be given in the next issue of Spore Prints.

Additional hosts/hostesses are needed for field trips. It's a fun chore -- and gives you a crash course in getting to know fellow members. Phone Alice or Gilbert Austin (1-888-2606) to arrange a date. Or talk to us at a membership meeting.

1985 WILD MUSHROOM CALENDAR Tatiana Roats

The 1985 Wild Mushroom Calendar with paintings by Tatiana M. Roats is available to members at the low cost of \$8.00 at membership meetings. The regular price is \$10.00.

ATTENTION ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN Tatiana Roats

A desperate plea to all closet artists and craftsmen to come forward and display their talents at our Annual Exhibit. Contact me: phone: (206)842-3750 or write to 12025 Venice Loop N.E., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.

DID YOU SEE THE A.T.&T. MUSHROOM COMMERCIAL?

Members of PSMS were consultants during May and June for the AT & T Communications commercial "AT&T is in Mushrooms", a TV commercial designed to promote long distance calling among small business customers. The commercial was created by the New York office of McCann-Erickson Advertising. PSMS member, Don Smetana, a copywriter at McCann-Erickson's Seattle office, was technical adviser. Don and Carl Hermanson collected prime specimens of Boletus edulis over a vast area on the east side of the mountains. They were sent to Los Angeles where they were used to make models as well as used in the dish of Pheasant aux champignons presented in the restaurant scene. Production crew from Los Angeles, people from McCann-Erickson and AT&T Communications did the commercial at Tip Top Mountain meadow, near Leavenworth. Don, Monte & Hildegard Hendrickson acted as technical consultants on location. PSMS services earned a \$2,000 donation to the Daniel E. Stuntz Foundation. Monte & Hildegard donated an additional \$200 to the Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS - FIELD TRIP REPORT TO CLEAR LAKE

MAY 26 - 28.

Joy McKnight

Through rain, snow, sleet, and hail we made our way over White Pass. Well, maybe not hail, but the weather was bad on Friday. Saturday morning was cool and dry, and later became partly sunny, as the day wore on - which made for good mushrooming. The rain must have held some people away, as thirty people signed in for Saturday. All of them found a good supply of excellent morels, and a few found some very nice Boletus edulis. We had twenty-two people for a gourmet potluck. Jennie Schmitt and Nettie Laycock identified 28 species. On Sunday, a few people stayed over, and the weather turned very warm, with more mushrooms found, and 14 people for another delicious potluck. It was even warmer on Monday (Memorial Day, May 28th) when we all left there. Dave & Jennie Schmitt, and Joy & Lyle McKnight were co-hosts for this very pleasant outing.

(P.S. It was also noted that we should impress all members to carry a compass when going into the woods (and knowing how to use it) since someone became lost, and experienced some unpleasant moments until found).

REPORT FROM THE FIELD TRIP TO TUMWATER, JUNE 2 & 3

We did not get an official report as to attendance, species identified, etc. However, the grapevine told of most people finding prime Boletus edulis. Also competition for the shelters in campgrounds seems to increase, or the forest service is not too well organized. Even though some other group had supposedly also reserved the shelter, all ended in harmony.

REPORT FROM THE FIELD TRIP TO SODA SPRINGS, JUNE 9

Since Chinook Pass had been opened for some two weeks, we scheduled a field trip into this beautiful area. On Friday, conflicting reports about a temporary pass closure, due to snow slides, discouraged a number of people. The brave and hardy ones found B. edulis and morels above 4,000' elev. I think it was the first potluck without a hot dish, and we had many lovely desserts. A good time was had by all.

FALL FORAY OF THE KEY COUNCIL, SEPT. 21 - 23

The Tri-Cities Mycol.Soc. is inviting PSMS members to the fall foray of the Key Council which will be held at Camp Wooten in the Blue Mountains in S.E. Washington. Food & lodging is available. For more information call Margaret Dilly or Herold Treibs (509)967-3641.

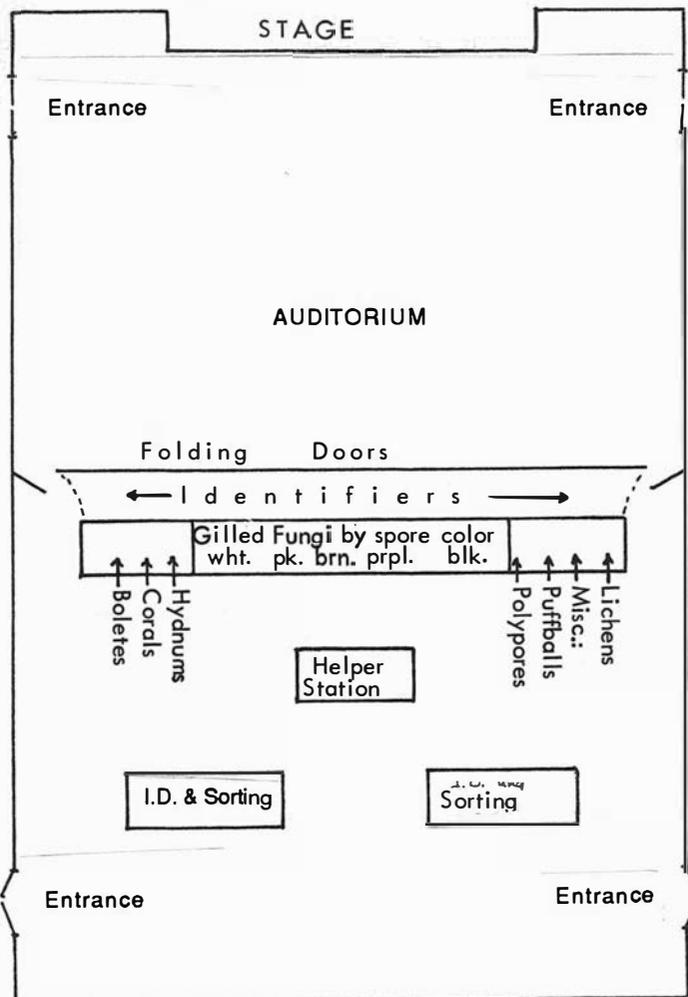
EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES Coleman Leuthy

The Committee hopes that we all will learn more about mushrooms this year. PSMS continues to offer classes, hold field trips, schedule interesting programs at the membership meetings, produce the annual exhibit, hold library hours, sell mushroom books to members at a discount, etc. Actually, all club activities enhance our learning process.

This fall, your Education Committee wants to give the Mushroom Display at the monthly membership meetings a new profile, to make it a more effective educational learning device.

The plan is as follows: First of all, Only the "back doors" i.e. in the non-carpeted part of the auditorium, will provide entrance to the meeting. In this room, (see diagram) tables will be set up between 6:45 - 7:00 pm for the display of the mushrooms in a systematic order. Members are encouraged to try to identify their collections before they arrive and label them. When you arrive, take your mushrooms to the SORTING TABLES. When the ~~assistant~~ ^{members are identified} has verified your identification, you may take your mushrooms to the DISPLAY TABLES. There the final identification is made by the expert identifier.

NEW FLOORPLAN FOR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



From the diagram you can see, that the mushrooms will be displayed in a systematic order, by genus, and the gilled fungi also by spore color. At every membership meeting we will then have a MINI SHOW. This display will be open during the lecture and remain there for all to see also after the regular program. We will keep the folding doors closed,

so that our MINI SHOW and the regular program can go on at the same time.

Be sure to bring mushrooms to the meetings. Even if you are not able to identify them beforehand. The identification will be done by the assistants at the sorting table. At the sorting table we will have PSMS identification tags for your use.

The big advantage over our present system is the fact that we will have similar looking mushrooms displayed next to each other, where you can distinguish them. You should also make it a point, to each time concentrate on a different genus and remember as much about it as possible. It is amazing how much we can learn from the seeing, touching, feeling, of live specimens.

MUSHROOM SHOW AT FORKS, OLYMPIC PENINSULA

Brian S. Luther

The Second Annual Olympic Mountain Mycological Society (O.M.M.S.) Mushroom Show will again be held at the Sportsman's Club in Forks, Washington, on October 6th & 7th.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for PSMS members to see a unique biological/mycological area, and to meet new people extremely interested in mushrooms. The only other folks from PSMS to assist last year were Nettie & Jack Laycock and Reynaldine Sandahl. Last year, 172 different species of fungi were displayed (including some very unusual specimens) and we were kept more than busy at the identification table.

If you are interested in contributing or assisting in any way, please contact me at 522-1051 for further details.

OTHER MUSHROOM SHOWS IN PUGET SOUND

The Tacoma Mushroom Society will have a mushroom display at the Puyallup Fair from Saturday, September 15 - Sunday, September 23.

The Show of the Snohomish County Mycological Society will be held on Sunday, October 7th, 1984 at the Foral Hall, Forest Park, in Everett, from 10 - 5.

The Annual Exhibit of the Oregon Mycological Society will be Oct. 20 & 21, 1984 at the Forestry Center, Forest & Miller Halls. The address is 4033 S.W. Canyon Road, Portland.

MUSHROOMING ABROAD AND NEAR HOME

If you are interested in Truffling Through Europe, Nov. 29 - Dec. 13, 1984 call (312)767-0477; The Japan Mushroom Tour is October 2 - 19, 1984. Call (212)354-5555.

The Oregon Mycol. Society is holding a Truffle Trip to Trout Lake County Park, Washington, on Sept. 22. You should call Jan Lindgren (206)573-6918 if you consider going. Also the North American Truffling Society, 805 NE Colorado Lake Drive, Corvallis, Oregon, 97333 holds regular truffling outings.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Jennie Schmitt, Dr. Patricia Winter, and Gerard Barta had operations this summer and had to spend some time in the hospital. We hope they all have recuperated.

Dave & Jennie Schmitt have sold their home in Port Orchard and will be RVing full time, going to all their favorite spots, mushroom and otherwise. Their mailing address (which is daughter Barbara Keller's home) is 21717 - 130th East, Apt. B Summer, WA 98390. The phone number is 1-879-8002. We wish them good speed, health, and lots of fun.