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Season's Greetings





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Calendar

- Dec. 10 Monday, Beginners' Orientation Class 6:45 pm
 Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm
- Dec. 17 Monday, Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Dec. 21 Deadline for Spore Prints material. Send to the
 Editor, 2559 NE 96th, Seattle, WA 98115
- Jan. 14 Monday, Beginners' Orientation Class, 6:45 pm
 Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm
- March 15 Friday, Annual Survivors Banquet

BEGINNERS CLASS CONTINUES IN DECEMBER M.M.H.

The Beginners Orientation Classes held at 6:45 pm on the day of the regular membership meeting (which starts at 8 pm) continue this month. The topics covered in these sessions include the activities and benefits of PSMS membership; what is a mushroom? how does it grow? cooking and preserving wild mushrooms will be the subject of the December session. In January and February the basics of mushroom hunting will be discussed. In March there will be a learning field trip for the first spring mushrooms. These classes are open to all members.

Monte and I want to wish you a
H A P P Y H O L I D A Y S E A S O N



Membership Meeting

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

Program: At the December membership meeting we encourage our members to share their favorite slides about mushrooms, and other topics dear to their hearts. It is not too late to call Joy Spurr (723-2759) and let her know how many slides you want to show. Come on, let's not be shy, and let us see your hobbies and/or adventures.

After the slide show, we will have a party. Members are asked to bring the goodies (cookies, etc.) and Edith Godar and her committee will brew some coffee and tea (and this year also punch) and we will start the holiday season.

Remember to bring the goodies, and come early.

BOARD NEWS

H.R.H.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were accepted, as well as the Treasurer's report. It looks, as if we will have a profit from the poster sales. The sales are still going on and the final report not in yet.

Dennis Bowman again spoke about the fact that our freeze-dried spring mushrooms need an air-tight display case. He is putting together the dimensions; if any one in the membership owns a surplus display case, or knows where we can get one at a reasonable price, please contact Dennis (525-8399)

Betty Okura, chairman of the Survivors Banquet reported on the preparations of the Banquet. She would like a PSMS artist to draw a picture for the February cover of Spore Prints. Gilbert Austin, field trip chairman, is investigating alternate sites for future field trips. President Dilly thanked Gilbert and Alice for a superb job done on the fall field trips. The Board gave them a big hand of applause.

Ed Bush, PSMS librarian is indexing the books in the Library, is making recommendations for additions, as well as for uses of the PSMS Scrap Book and Historical Records. The Library will take donations.

Ed Bush will chair the 1985 nominating committee. In 1985 we will elect the Vice President, Secretary, 5 Trustees and 3 Alternates.

John Kunz reported that the Daniel E. Stuntz Foundation has been established as a tax exempt corporation, and members are now encouraged to make donations which will count as 1984 tax deductions.

OUR ANNUAL SURVIVORS BANQUET Betty Okura

Our 21st Survivors Banquet will be held Friday, March 15th, 1985 at Quinn's on beautiful Shilshole Bay. We have been very fortunate to be scheduled into the Seafair Room.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. It is preceded by a no host Happy Hour starting at 6:30 pm. We promise you a Happy Anniversary of our Society. We can reminisce about having survived twenty successful seasons of hunting wild mushrooms. We can renew old friendships and make new ones. But basically we plan to just have a good time. The menu and other Banquet information will be featured in the next issues of Spore Prints.

Ticket Chairman, Edith Godar and her committee, will have tickets for sale starting at the December membership meeting. (Banquet tickets make nice Christmas presents). The price is

\$15 each. Tickets also may be ordered by sending your check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Edith Godar, 11704 - 103rd NE, Kirkland, WA 98033. Tickets will have to be limited to the first 175, so be an early bird. Remember, it's only four months till the Banquet.

P.S. We will be needing frozen or dried mushrooms for the Banquet. The preferred varieties are morels, chanterelles, and boletes. Please contact me at the membership meetings or call me (722-9011) if you can donate some mushrooms.

DALLES FOREST CAMP FIELD TRIP REPORT Gilbert Austin

While the weather for this field trip on October 27 was perhaps the most inhospitable of the season, the shelter area with the warm fireplace, an abundance of home-made cookies and the splendid potluck choices couldn't have been better. Our hosts, Joy and Roger Spurr were there early and remained late. Joy also identified 80 specimens. Marie Hilton and Marge Okuma, who co-hosted this trip, contributed enormously to the success of the day with an array of delicacies and potluck dishes. Among the edible mushrooms, Rozites caperata, predictably, predominated. Armillaria ponderosa were scarce. Other edibles included some yellow chanterelles, Lactarius deliciosus, Pleurotus porrigens, and in abundance, Collybia acervata. Interesting finds were a very large Helvella infula, two Amanita muscaria, and one Amanita aspera. (P.S. Unofficial news about this field trip tell about Marie and Marge, after incurring car trouble on the way, getting towed to Seattle. They changed cars and made it to the camp to take over hosting duties. That's dedication and keeping a commitment.

Also, Judi and Ernie Boa, not far from the field trip site (and near where Green River murder victims had been found) while trying to find a spot, where they previously had collected edible mushrooms, found a purse. It took a while to locate the sheriff, who had breakfast in a local restaurant. But he, finally arrived, took over the evidence, and Judi and Ernie could proceed on to the field trip.)

MILLERSYLVANIA FIELD TRIP REPORT Ferris Anderson

Thirty-five people attended the final field trip of the year at Millersylvania State Park on November 3rd. The weather was very changeable, with heavy rains at times, but also with some dry, sunny periods in between, which allowed us to hunt mushrooms. Over seventy specimens were identified by Joy Spurr. Ron Skoor found his first, a very large Sparassis radicata and a few Lepista nuda. The most numerous variety found was Cantharellus cibarius, but not as many were found as in past years (perhaps due to heavy commercial picking?) Twenty-six members and guests stayed for the potluck, which was held in the very fine shelter at this park. The shelter has running water, electricity, and a very large fireplace, and a good-sized eating area. Hosts for this trip were Lois and Ron Skoor, and Joyce and Ferris Anderson. Our fieldtrip chairman, Gilbert Austin, and his wife Alice, made hosting an easy and enjoyable chore.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Jane Buchman: 525-1131; Mari J. Bull: 524-2348; Yi-Feng Chen: 854-2570; Terrie Demierre: 522-8777; Cathy Driscoll: 481-9521; Raymonde Jones: 827-8133; Renée Kelson: 932-7991; Dana Mann: 789-2289; Andrea Nekrosius: 527-8180; Elsie Peterson: 488-1815; Maurice Root: 365-7292; Trudy Stuart & Randall Moore: 776-6217; Ervan & Beatrice Wade: 546-3974; Ken Weinberg: 522-1115.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margaret Dilly

I was pleased with the attendance at the November regular meeting -- especially in light of the fact that we had to compete with the Seahawks. Many new faces whom we all need to acquaint ourselves with, enjoyed with us a very interesting and enlightening program. Our hobby certainly has an impact on certain trees and their survival. It was also interesting to learn what we can do to deal with this problem when it hits home. We need to remember that certain fungi can be a menace as well as a meal.

As I reflect on the events of the last few months and the wonderful cooperative effort put forth by so many continually, I hesitate about singling out certain individuals. To many go praise and thanks, but I really feel compelled to throw a few bouquets to persons who have gone far beyond their responsibilities to benefit the whole club. First of all are the field trip chairpeople, GILBERT AND ALICE AUSTIN who handled a monumental job of planning and coordinating all of the field trips so efficiently and graciously. This is a big responsibility and takes much time and planning. I am sure I am not alone in my appreciation of them. THANK YOU BOTH. Just hope you will continue for a long time to come.

My second bouquet goes to a hard working, very devoted guy who puts in not only numerous hours, both at field trips and meetings, to legitimize the thousands of mushrooms we all bring to him, by giving them their proper names and to answer the deluge of questions concerning these finds. His excitement over each find makes the beholder feel very special. When he is not available (which is rare) he makes certain some one stands in for him. The hours spent identifying for the public at the Show was beyond the call of duty. My personal THANKS TO BRIAN LUTHER, keep up the good work!

Last but certainly not least, two people we all count on so heavily. No matter what the task, they undertake it with gusto and generously share of themselves and their time. No one is more adept at pursuing (and finding) the elusive mushrooms, inspiring and shepherding the novice, than these two charming people. Besides carrying on their duties of editing and publishing a marvelous newsletter each month, they woo and win the press, and are the best public relations we have ever had, noticeably evidenced by the influx in membership. MONTE AND HILDEGARD HENDRICKSON, our TV celebrities, you are greatly APPRECIATED AND LOVED, but most of all, needed.

Though the mushroom season comes to a close, we still occasionally find some brave fungus rearing its head. If by chance you find one and are unable to identify it, carefully wrap it in wax paper, and keep it in a cool place. Then bring it to our Library in the Monroe Center on Tuesdays from 6 - 9 pm or Thursdays from 10 am to 12 pm. Someone will be there to help you with identification. It is a good way to learn and broaden your mushroom knowledge, besides being fun.

One last item I would like to mention is people identification. Many members have their own personal, red name tags. However those who do not, especially newer members, will be asked to make out a name tag as they enter the auditorium on meeting nights. This makes it so much easier to communicate and meet new people. You may keep the tag, use it again, or if you prefer, make out a new one for each meeting. There will be someone at each door of the auditorium to assist you.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Meeting, better known as the "Cookie Bash". Come and meet someone new. See you there!

INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL MUSHROOM FIND

On October 6th, during the field trip to Lake Wenatchee State Park, Roger Spurr found the interesting mushroom combination shown on the picture below.

Article and Photo by Joy Spurr



A *Claudopus parasiticus* is growing on a *Cantharellus subalbidus*. The caps ranged from 3 mm to 15 mm in diameter, were gray-buff in color and covered with a white bloom of hairs. The caps were round, convex, and the margin was slightly inrolled.

The stems were up to 4 mm long, central, but curved to its attachment to the chanterelle. Some stems were white and some gray-brown, but all covered with white hairs.

Gills are the same color as the cap, attached to the stem, blunt-edged, broad, and of different lengths.

The spore print is pink.

The flesh is cream-colored, but a thin layer of gray-buff where the gills join the flesh.

As far as we know, this species has not been reported in the Pacific Northwest or west of the Mississippi. Dr. Joseph Ammirati is checking further. It is found in Europe.

GIVE POSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS Pacita Roberts

Be sure to put a few PSMS POSTERS on your Christmas shopping list. Our professional quality Exhibit Posters will also be on sale at local graphics and poster stores for about \$8 - \$10. Membership prices are \$5 per poster at our membership meetings. So don't forget to purchase some at our November and December membership meetings!

BOOKS - BOOKS - MUSHROOM BOOKS Judi Boa

Books also make excellent Christmas presents. As usual, Judi will have mushroom books for sale at the November and December membership meetings. It seems that one always wants another book to help in identifying fungi.

Some of our members have been ordering more advanced mycological books, and Judi urges members to put in their orders. Discounts can then be enjoyed. Some of the titles that are being ordered are listed in the Nov. issue of Spore Prints.

NOTICE TO FINDERS OF UNUSUAL MUSHROOMS

The Oregon Mycological Society is in the process of compiling a listing of all species of mushrooms fruiting in the Pacific Northwest. Lorelei Norvell (6720 N.W. Skyline, Portland, OR 97229) has been compiling a list for the Pacific Northwest from mycological literature. She states that close to 5000 species of fungi are listed as appearing here. This includes only the higher fungi and myxomycetes, and does not include fungi imperfecti, yeasts, rusts or smuts. Our damp climate is good for something.

Anyone who has compiled lists of fungi growing here, or has found a rare, unusual, etc. mushroom, should contact Lorelei so that the list will be as complete as possible.

NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

The Daniel E. Stuntz Memorial Foundation has been established as a tax-exempt corporation in the State of Washington. And this comes just at the opportune time for our members who want to get additional tax deductions for 1984. You can send your checks, made out to the Foundation, to 2559 NE 96th, Seattle, WA 98115.

The Foundation is established in honor of the late Dr. Daniel E. Stuntz, who was the Society's scientific adviser for the first 19 years of PSMS' existence. Dr. Stuntz had assembled the most complete mycological library in the Western United States (if not the whole). The Library will stay at the University of Washington under the care of Dr. Joseph Ammirati, Associate Professor of Botany. The funds contributed to the Foundation will be used to keep the Library current and maintain it.

"Older" members fondly remember Dr. Stuntz as the guiding force and inspiration to all of us. His warmth, friendliness, patience, technical expertise, and devotion to the interests of the membership permeated the entire Society. The PSMS members were his family. The evolution of the Society in numbers and depth of knowledge provided a real joy to him.

At the time of Dr. Stuntz' death (March 5, 1983) we recommended waiting with donations till the tax-exempt status was established. You may now make your contribution.

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A call goes out to our "old" and "new" artists from our Banquet Chairman, Betty Okura. She would like to have a drawing for the February cover of Spore Prints. Please call her at 722-9011 for details.

PSMS needs an airtight showcase for housing and showing our freeze-dried mushrooms at the Annual Exhibit. If you can help, please contact Dennis Bowman, at 525-8399.

If anyone took home a large kitchen knife with a yellow plastic pearl handle from the Monroe Center (after the Annual Exhibit) please bring it to the next membership meeting or better, call Dennis Bowman, 525-8399, because the Center wants it back.

Joy Spurr keeps busy giving slide-lecture programs during October and first half of November. Out of eight programs on plants, four were on mushrooms presented to South King County Garden Club, Plymouth Senior Citizens, PEO-Kent Branch, and Tacoma Mushroom Society.

If you are interested in a beautiful frame with glass for your PSMS poster, an order @ \$35, which is the cost of the materials, can be placed with Dennis Bowman (525-8399).

FLASH: The Jefferson County Mycological Society invites PSMIS members to attend the Wild Mushroom Show which will be held at the Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum (located south of Port Townsend) on Sunday, November 11, 1984, from 12 - 5. Admission is free.

Collecting for the Show takes place on Saturday and Sunday morning, there is camping available in the park next to the Community Center. On Saturday evening there will be a potluck supper in the Community Center, at 5 pm. At press time the Port Townsend area had not been hit by the freezing temperatures which have cut short the mushroom collecting in higher elevations.