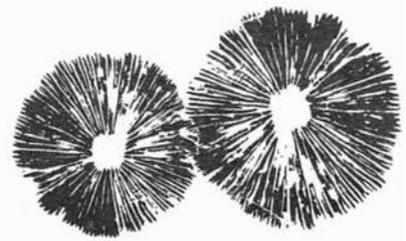


# SPORE PRINTS

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## PREPARING FOR THE EXHIBIT

Bruce DeLoria

Though the stifling heat of summer is with us now, the heavenly cool rains of autumn are not far off. And that means it's time to mark your calendar for the 1992 Annual Exhibit. On October 17th and 18th, we will once again be hosting the largest, most professional Mushroom Exhibit of its kind anywhere. The hours are noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Much preliminary work is already done, and it will soon be time for the rest of the membership to join the effort.



*Bruce DeLoria... displaying, in his persona of Annual Exhibit Chair, some enticements for this year's exhibit.*

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This is the one time each year that we all pitch in together to make our club a success. Each committee chair is already planning his or her committee's role in the festivities. But remember, as yet the committees have no members! It is up to each of you to fill those committees by signing up for the hours you want to work.

This year we are asking each member to do their part and contribute at least 2 hours of work on the show. With each member pulling his weight, we will all be proud of the show this year, and glad we recommended it to our friends.

Sign-up sheets for the show committees will be at the September and October meetings. If you can't make a meeting to sign up, please contact Bruce DeLoria (557-9495) or Dick Sieger (362-6860). Or you can call the committee chairs directly.

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## EXHIBIT ART, PUBLICITY, AND YOU! Bruce DeLoria

Thanks to our Publicity Chair, Joanne Young, the world at large can soon expect to see our announcements, read articles, and stop dead in tracks when they spot our poster, which she helped coordinate between the artist and printer.

PSMS member Marilyn Morrill Droege, an accomplished scientific illustrator, volunteered her time and talent to create a stunning eye-catching poster. Marilyn also adapted the same design for our fliers and T-shirts. You won't want to miss the September meeting for the official unveiling of this year's poster and to pick up a bunch to distribute. We expect to have extra prints available for sale at the exhibit and afterwards (at a discount to members).

Beginning with the September meeting, publicity becomes every member's job. If you can't make it to the meeting please call Joanne Young (U-District 633-0752), Dick Sieger (North End 362-6860), or myself, Bruce DeLoria (Eastside 557-9495) for posters and fliers. It is most important that we get the message out about our fine Exhibit by placing posters and spreading the word via personal contacts.

Poster placement can be an art. Try to consider two important factors when placing your posters:

1. *Target your audience.* Great for the family, our exhibit is primarily an educational display. Notice the topics suggested by the committee names. What groups do they bring to mind? All schools, libraries, restaurants, health food stores, theaters....
2. At whatever place you decide needs a poster, *make use of the traffic patterns.* Spot a place that everyone will pass by. Every year where I work I put up a poster...between the men's room and the ladies room. Everyone should see it, sooner or later.

The same rules apply to the fliers: They need to be posted or placed on a surface where people will naturally stop. This year we will also have \$.50-off coupons designed by Ann Knowles. Bundles of coupons are to be left with the management of kindred businesses (such as food markets, hiking supply stores, etc.) to be distributed singly. And don't forget that your enthusiasm is our biggest asset. Tell everyone you meet about Northwest's most unique event, which happens but once a year!

*And don't forget to pray for rain!*

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## CALENDAR

- Sept. 7 Barlow Pass collection/i.d.  
Sept. 8 Membership meeting, 7:30 p.m., CUH  
Sept. 13 Cultivation meeting, 1:00 p.m.,  
Douglas Classroom, CUH.  
Barlow Pass collection/i.d.  
Sept. 14 Intermediate class, 7-9 p.m., Isaacson Hall  
CUH  
Sept. 21 Barlow Pass collection/i.d.  
Intermediate class, 7-9 p.m., Isaacson Hall  
Board meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 25 *Spore Prints* deadline  
Sept. 26 Crystal Springs field trip  
Sept. 27 Barlow Pass collection/i.d.  
Sept. 28 Intermediate class, 7-9 p.m., Isaacson Hall  
Oct. 3 Belfair State Park field trip  
Oct. 10,11 Joint Mountaineer/PSMS Field Trip  
Oct. 12 Intermediate class, 7-9 p.m., Isaacson Hall  
Oct. 17,18 Annual Exhibit, CUH

## BOARD NEWS

**Agnes Sieger**

The show posters are done. Sweatshirts go on sale at the September meeting. There will be two field trips before the show, two after, and one with The Mountaineers. We finally have a new supply of name-tag blanks for Monte Hendrickson. Old lost-and-found articles will be given to charity. Alternate Kathleen Cottrell is replacing Sal Mineo, whose business precludes active participation on the board. Mike Murphy, who maintained the PSMS mailing list for many years, is turning it over to Charles Rich. Education Chair Denis Benjamin, responsible for our fine beginner and intermediate classes for several years, will be leaving the country for a few months. He will be replaced by Paul Yurky.

## Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle

Our September meeting will focus on the annual exhibit. This year we are going to be introducing the theme of mycohabitat relationships and a new approach to how we display the mushrooms. This will be the time to round out the staffing for many of the committees, as well as to pick up copies of the poster to distribute. Information will also be available on collection techniques and locations.

And just in case you thought we didn't have a "real" program, Denis Benjamin will talk on "The Sociology of Mushroom Poisoning." What's that, you say? Come and find out.

While you're at it, come an hour early and help Bruce roll up the posters. And don't forget to check out the 1992 sweatshirts. The design is a show-stopper. You might want to get more than one.

Members with names beginning with E—H are asked to bring a small plate of refreshments for the social hour.

## MEET ANNE ZIMMERMAN

**Inga Wilcox**

Can one get from music to mushrooms? That is what Anne did. Growing up in Michigan, she enjoyed the experimental music of John Cage, who died August 12. Cage happened to be one of the founding members of the New York Mycological Society. In his writings, he talked about mushrooms, and Anne's interest was aroused. Thus stimulated, Anne appropriately got the field guide by Alexander H. Smith and began hunting and learning. In fact, one of her first dates with fiance Chris was hunting for morels. When visiting the Northwest, Anne camped in the LaPush area and saw more mushrooms than she had ever seen. Wanting to know more, she added *The Savory Wild Mushroom* by McKenny-Stuntz to her collection, as well as the cookbook published by PSMS. Anne feels she has "always" known about our society.



In 1989 Anne moved out here and promptly joined PSMS. She can be found at the book counter, not only selling but usually perusing one of the books on the table. This is natural to her since she worked at the university bookstore in Detroit while attending college there. Later she trained to be a paramedic and worked in the emergency room of one of Detroit's hospitals. It was then that she decided to become a physician. While working toward admission to a school of medicine, Anne now holds a job at the Puget Sound Blood Center. She still loves music ranging from classical to punk rock. Growing fruit, veggies, flowers, and herbs is one of her hobbies.

Anne and Chris have hosted forays, and Anne is always pleased when members present her with some fungi because she has not been able to hunt herself. She loves the diversity of interests and the many aspects of mycology demonstrated by the various groups within PSMS, and that these interests go beyond pot hunting. Anne is also delighted by the willingness of our members to share their expertise—even their favorite mushroom recipes. And we do have many gourmet chefs!

## CLASSES

Paul Yurky

**Intermediate classes** on mushroom identification will begin in the early fall. The registration will be limited to 20 people since this a rather intensive, hands-on class with a lot of personal attention. Most of the work, however, will still be done by the individuals as they work through the keys. The class is intended for serious students who wish to expand their knowledge of the taxonomy of Northwest fungi. The focus of these classes will be on the macroscopic features of the major Basidiomycetes and Ascomycetes. The last class will feature an introduction to the microscope. At the end of the session, we expect that the student will be able to correctly identify at least 200 of the common mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest, will have a thorough understanding of the use of binomial keys, and will assist in identification at Society functions such as field trips, monthly meetings, and the annual exhibit. Because space is so limited, we hope that people signing up will be able to attend the majority of the sessions.

When: Monday evenings  
September 14,21,28  
October 12,19,26  
November 2,9

Requirements: Completion  
of beginner's classes,  
*Mushrooms Demystified*

Cost: \$25.00 plus selected  
PNW Key Council keys

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Center for Urban Horticulture, Isaacson Hall

How: Call Paul Yurky at 284-8660 to enroll. If the class fills, we will accommodate you in the next series of intermediate classes.

**Beginner's classes** will be given next spring. This will allow us to accommodate all the new members who sign up at the annual exhibit and get everyone up to speed for the spring season.

## KING COUNTY FAIR

Bill Bridges

The PSMS booth was in the 4-H building, across from the booth on egg decorating and the one on model railroading. On Saturday, July 18, Rod and Milly Myers and Pat and Sue Murosako greeted the curious, handed out leaflets and show fliers, and promoted mycology in general, and PSMS in particular, to the general public. On Sunday, it was my turn, along with my wife, Judy, and Greg Osier and Kathreen Ottwell. I was especially glad to see Greg and Kathreen, who are new members. I'd never done anything like this before and wasn't sure how I would like it.

I found it fascinating. You can't believe the mushroom stories out there, how many people had grandmothers who used to hunt in the old country. I even learned some new mushroom spots. And the questions were dead easy: Mostly, "Can I eat this mushroom?" and "Is it poisonous?"—and at least one intriguing variation, "I ate some of this yesterday. Was it poisonous?"

## FALL FIELD TRIPS

Mary Lynch

Fall is almost upon us. The time when friends old and new band together to enjoy the woods and stalk the wily wild mushroom. So sharpen your knives, clean out your buckets, and dig out your favorite field guides.

This year, all the field trips will emphasize educational activities and be led by our most experienced members. The first three field trips are as follows:



September 26

Crystal Springs Forest Camp  
(elev. 2400 ft, 60 miles E of Seattle)

Drive east on I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass. Continue 9 miles and take Stampede Pass exit #62. Turn right at the stop sign. After 1/4 mile, BEFORE the bridge, turn right to enter the camp.

October 3

Belfair State Park  
(elev. 4 ft 3 in., 20 miles W of Seattle)

Go south on I-5 to Tacoma. Cross the Tacoma Narrows Bridge on Highway 16 and continue to Gorst. Turn left on Highway 3 heading south to Belfair. Follow the signs to Belfair State Park. Turn right. After one block, turn left. Continue 4 miles to the park. Alternatively, you can take the ferry from downtown Seattle to Bremerton. Drive south and take Highway 3 to Belfair.

October 10 & 11

Joint Mountaineer/PSMS Field Trip

PSMS experts will teach collecting, identification, and cooking to PSMS members and Mountaineers at the Mountaineer's lodge in the Cascades. Each person attending will be expected to help with one of the chores—setting and serving tables, cleaning johns, washing pots and pans, preparing meals, etc. The cost is \$25, including three full meals. Attendance is limited to 30 PSMS members and 30 Mountaineers. For reservations, make out a check to "The Mountaineers" and get it to Coleman Leuthy, 2455 East Lake Washington Blvd., Seattle, WA 98112 by Saturday, September 26th.

## SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

The Breitenbush conference is Oct. 20 - Nov. 1. Western Biological Ltd, of Aldergrove, B.C., will give a workshop on specialty mushroom cultivation Sept. 26 and 27. The cost is \$200, minus \$50 for people registering before Sept. 15. Call Dick Sieger for details on both.

## INDIAN CREEK FIELD TRIP

Grace Jones

Because of the unseasonable warmth and lack of rain, the Indian Creek field trip May 30 was mostly a social occasion. At the snow line, the ground next to the snow was dry as a bone. George Rafanelli identified only 13 species, and there were only a few boletes.

Twenty-six people, including two brand-new members, attended, and 18 stayed for potluck.

## BARLOW PASS STUDY GROUP

Carol Smith

My sincere appreciation to all who helped gather mushrooms at Barlow Pass during the summer. Your efforts enabled us to meet our goal of gathering specimens every 7 to 10 days.

We will now begin intensifying our efforts, with the goal of gathering every 7 days during September. The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 7      Sept. 13      Sept. 21      Sept. 27

If you are interested in collecting, call me at 784-7699 between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Try not to call between 7 and 11 p.m., as I sleep those 4 hours.

Dr. Ammirati will begin laboratory sessions for advanced identifiers this September to work with the Barlow Pass material. There will be sign-up sheets at the September meeting.

Topped off by a gourmet post-foray banquet at Carlo Gislimberti's Villa Fontana, the 1992 NAMA Foray, held in the northern New Mexico ski resort of Angel Fire, had something for every mushroomer, including many from PSMS and other Northwest clubs. After shaking off a few opening-night jitters, the small but enthusiastic New Mexico Mycological Society (all 47 strong spread across the fifth largest state in the U.S.) re-couped to pull off a very enjoyable event.

Highlights included seeing many old friends in the midst of the gorgeous desert and mountain scenery; tasting pinon nuts and Oregon White Truffle butter at the Friday evening social; a well received talk by Oregon State University's Mike Castellano entitled "Truffles, Trees, and Beasts"; daily thunderstorms, including one that yielded small drifts of half-inch hailstones; trying to catch one's breath at the 8,500- to 10,000-ft elevation in the Angel Fire area; beautiful and accurate watercolor paintings by Vera McKnight which accompanied husband Kent's talk on western Cortinari; and workshops on dyeing with, photographing, cooking with, and culturing mushrooms.

PSMS was well represented by Elsie Burkman, Maxine and Tom Gorton, Sally Graupman (who helped run the day programs), Elizabeth and Kern Hendricks (who, as past-president of PSMS, officially invited everyone to next year's foray here in Washington), Coleman Leuthy (who spent many hours helping with the mushroom sorting and exhibit), Lynn Phillips, Maggie Rogers (M.C., sign-maker, and social gadabout), Dorothy Tarr (one of the photo contest judges), Steve Trudell (who ran the photo contest, conducted the photography workshop, and showed a slide/music program promoting next year's foray), and Ben Woo (another photo contest judge).

The foray was held about 2 weeks earlier than NMMS would have liked, but the mid-August weekend was the only one for which the facility was available. Consequently, although over 300 species were recorded during the 3-day event, the mushrooms were not nearly as abundant as anyone would have liked (nor as abundant as they probably were 1 or 2 weeks after the foray and the rains that fell on us while we were there). This

seemed fitting, however, for this foray was held in honor of the old, bold mushroom hunter Chuck Barrows, unfortunately now deceased, who used to tell people, "You don't come to a foray to hunt mushrooms. You can do that at home. You come to see the people." And he was right.

**CULTIVATION GROUP**

**Milly Meyers**



Sondra Shira opened the June 28th meeting, held in the Douglas Classroom at CUH.

Mike Hess has been ordering equipment catalogs for the group to use. He also prepared a list of materials and equipment suppliers and passed out copies. Dick Sieger passed out a sign-up sheet for members to staff our booth at the King County Fair. Mary Taylor brought a case of sterile Petri dishes to share with the those present.

Sondra advised that, if the group wanted to, Dennis Bowman would set aside a time slot for cultivation instruction at the NAMA Foray and that we could charge for this. Several members expressed interest. Pat Murosako completed beautiful new posters showing the cultivation process. They will be a wonderful addition to our annual exhibit and any cultivation workshop we might do.

The project for the day was the cultivation of shiitake. Patrice Benson prepared an excellent program, sending us home with written instructions, spawn, and substrate to complete the process. She had a couple of clever tips for speeding up the process and for making a poor man's filter for autoclavable bags.

Our next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 13th, in the Douglas Classroom at CUH. We will plan for the annual exhibit in October and discuss ideas and activities for the next year.

**June Quiz:** 1-K, 2-J, 3-B, 4-L, 5-I, 6-M, 7-A, 8-F, 9-G, 10-E, 11-N, 12-D, 13-H, 14-C, 15-P, 16-O, 17-R, 18-Q

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