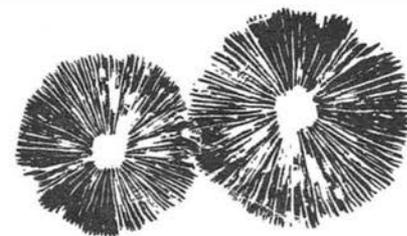


SPORE PRINTS



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30TH ANNUAL PSMS EXHIBIT

Bruce DeLoria

It was a mycologist's summer, cool and damp. The songbirds are leaving now, and the days are quiet. The nights are filled with the sound of crickets. Before the chorus of winter frogs arrives, the fall rains will make the only daytime sound. A visual beauty will carpet the quiet woods...and we will be out collecting specimens for our 30th annual wild mushroom show.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for the **1993 Annual Exhibit**. On **October 9th and 10th**, we will once again be hosting the largest, most professional mushroom exhibit of its kind anywhere. This year, our guests will include NAMA members from North America and around the world. The hours on **Saturday** will be from **noon to 8:00 p.m.**, and on **Sunday** from **10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Much preliminary work has already taken place, and it will soon be time for the rest of us to join the effort.

This is the one time each year that we all pitch in together to make our Society a success. Committee chairs are already planning their committees' roles, but the committees are all empty! We need committee **members** to make it all come together. It is up to each of you to sign up for the hours you will work during the week to fill those committees.

It was gratifying to see how many signed up last year to help make the exhibit a huge success. This year we are, once again, asking you to contribute your part to producing the show. Presented primarily for the public, the Annual Exhibit is there for all of us to enjoy, but each member is expected to volunteer some time to help. With each member pulling his weight, we will all be proud of the show again this year, and glad we recommended it to our friends.

Sign-up sheets for the committees will be available 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).

Here is a preliminary list of Committee Chairs:

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Mushroom Collecting	Russ Kurtz	784-3382

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Receiving	Liz Ashbrook	328-0152
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Tray Arrangement	Marianne Maxwell	235-8557

ART, PUBLICITY, AND YOU

Bruce DeLoria

Once again Publicity Chair Joanne Young is preparing the way for a wildly successful mushroom show. Joanne is looking for anyone with contacts in the press (newspapers, magazines, radio, TV, etc.) and asks them to call her right away (633-0752). You will soon see our show announcements, read articles, and be enchanted with our 1993 poster, which she helped coordinate between the artist, typesetter, and printer.

Marilyn Morrill Droege, accomplished scientific illustrator and PSMS member, has outdone herself this year. In a totally different direction from last year's poster, Marilyn has created a charming and intricate design featuring her *Marasmius plicatulus* seen at our art show last December. Marilyn has again adapted the poster design for our flyers 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, Dick Sieger, or myself, Bruce DeLoria (on the Eastside, 557-9495), for posters and flyers. It is important that we get the message out about our show by placing posters and spreading the word to 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. Note 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 I put up a poster where I work...between the men's room and the ladies' room. Everyone should see it, sooner or later.

The same rules apply to flyers: They need to be posted or placed on a surface where people will naturally stop. This year we plan to have \$0.50-off coupons. Bundles will be left with the management of kindred businesses such as food markets, hiking supply stores, etc.

Your enthusiasm is our biggest asset. Tell everyone you meet about the Northwest's most unique event, which happens but once a year!

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CALENDAR

Sep. 12 Barlow Pass collecting
Sep. 13 Barlow Pass lab, 7:00 p.m., Hitchcock Hall
Sep. 14 Membership meeting, 7:30 p.m., CUH
Sep. 17 *Spore Prints* deadline
Sep. 18 Squire Creek Field Trip
Sep. 20 Barlow Pass collecting
Barlow Pass lab, 7:00 p.m., Hitchcock Hall
Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., CUH
Sep. 25 Soda Springs Field Trip
Sep. 26 Barlow Pass collecting
Sep. 27 Barlow pass lab, 7:00 p.m., Hitchcock Hall
Oct. 2 Dalles Campground Field Trip
Oct. 4 Barlow Pass collecting
Barlow Pass lab, 7:00, Hitchcock Hall
Oct. 5 Membership meeting, 7:30 p.m., CUH
Oct. 9 Annual Exhibit, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., CUH
Oct. 10 Annual Exhibit, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., CUH
Oct. 23 Crystal Springs Field Trip
Oct. 13 NAMA preforay workshops, Ft. Worden
Oct. 14 NAMA Foray, noon to 11:30 p.m., Ft. Worden
Oct. 15 NAMA Foray, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Oct. 16 NAMA Foray, 6:00 a.m. until the dance ends
Oct. 17 NAMA Foray, 7:00 a.m. to noon
Oct. 30,31 Joint Mountaineers/PSMS Field Trip

BOARD NEWS

Agnes Sieger

A special board meeting was held July 26 to discuss the future of PSMS field trips. Field Trip Chair Mary Lynch resigned in June, and everyone we asked declined the job. The board agreed that PSMS would be diminished if we couldn't continue field trips. After discussing some of the reasons people didn't want to be Field Trip Chair, the board voted to simplify the field trip format, which has remained essentially unchanged since the Society's birth, to make the Field Trip Chair's job less onerous. Elizabeth Hendricks then agreed to serve as Field Trip Chair for the fall. After the meeting, Pat Williams volunteered to take on the job in the spring.

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 1993, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle

Our September meeting focuses on the annual exhibit, with culinary interludes. This is the time to round out the staffing for many of the committees and to pick up copies of the poster to distribute. Information will also be available on collection techniques and locations. Come see the new exhibit poster (another knockout by Marilyn Droege). Fire your enthusiasm for the fall activities. Taste the upcoming season. We need you!

Would members with last names beginning with R-T, please bring a plate of goodies for the social hour?

MEET THE HENDRICKS

Inga Wilcox



We all know that Kern just handed the gavel over to Dick Sieger after serving as President. Elizabeth served as Secretary and chaired the Book Sales for a number of years. But do you know how they came to be interested in mushrooms?

While working in New York, Kern enjoyed walking in the woods and wondered which of the various fungi he observed were edible. To find out, he joined the New York Mycological Society in 1970. He will never forget a foray where he found a "glory hole" of morels up a slope near a dying elm tree. He was sold, and to this day morels are his forte. When living in the Bay area, he added chanterelles to his repertoire, not mere chanterelles but giant ones, buttons weighting 1 lb each which he found on Mt. Tam. Moving to Seattle in 1984, he met Elizabeth but did not know that she, too, was a dedicated hunter of fungi. They both joined PSMS in 1985.

Elizabeth got her start looking for mushrooms while she was a student in France. Vacations were often spent in southern France, in small country villages where the village people knew where to find the local species. Of course, they did not share their knowledge with strangers. Elizabeth and a Swiss girlfriend went into the woods, riding a motorcycle, baskets in hand, traveling along old Roman roads through picturesque old villages. Having filled their baskets, they returned to where they stayed. Only then did the villagers help identify what they had found. Elizabeth remembers finding a peppery species of *Boletus*. In fact, French people often used only a single mushroom to flavor a sauce, the fungi were that rich in flavor. The French even collected *Amanita muscaria*, which they dried. In summer, one mushroom would be placed in a bowl with water, attracting and getting rid of flies.

In the Scandinavian countries, Elizabeth learned to hunt for more boletes and morels and found that there people would combine different species into one dish.

Kern and Elizabeth enjoy forays by themselves or with the Society. They especially delight in introducing newcomers to the hunt. Both are competitive gatherers and have no trouble laying in a good supply for the off seasons. They both dry and freeze mushrooms and enjoy mushroom dishes regularly. Anyone who has tasted Elizabeth's mushroom soup at a foray will agree that her cooking is first rate.

Kern spends his leisure time building an airplane. He got his pilot's license and is now working on instrument certification. Elizabeth is also taking wing, working on her license. When not in the air, she is busy designing and fashioning quilts. One of her quilts was shown at a national event.

Both feel that conservation is of the utmost importance. They recommend leaving a few fungi for the woods and helping to preserve trees by not using paper products. To them, a walk in the woods is always an adventure.

PSMS/NAMA FORAY

Dennis Bowman

I would like to encourage PSMS members to register for what must be considered a truly unique event, the coming PSMS/NAMA Foray to be held October 14-17 at Fort Worden near Port Townsend. It's a rare occasion when you can meet and converse with professional and noted amateur mycologists, gain a deeper understanding of our forests by traveling into special habitats, and enjoy the company of interesting visitors from around the country. Lectures, workshops, and great social events, including a tasting of local dessert wines and cheeses, round out the schedule. Don't miss this once in a decade event! Call me at 525-8399 for your registration form today.

CULTIVATION GROUP

Scott Lieske

The last Cultivation Group get-together before summer break was held at Rod and Milly Myers' home on May 23rd. After a brief business meeting and lavish potluck, about 25 hopeful mushroom growers got down and dirty, digging into the beautiful compost pile begun only the month before and very carefully tended every 3 days by volunteers. Into the buckets went spawn of six different compost-loving fungi provided by Lynn Phillips and Mike Hess. With luck, somebody has to get a crop or two of choice edibles—sooner or later.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Lynn Phillips, 6518 Woodlawn Ave. N., Seattle, east of Green Lake, on Sunday, September 12, at 1:00 in the afternoon. This will be our organizational meeting when we'll do our planning of events for the next year. Also, we'll be making our final plans for both the annual exhibit and NAMA Foray. Everyone interested is strongly urged to attend. As always, the Cultivation Group welcomes all PSMS members. For any other information, call Scott at 789-1959.

KING COUNTY FAIR

Gilbert & Alice Austin

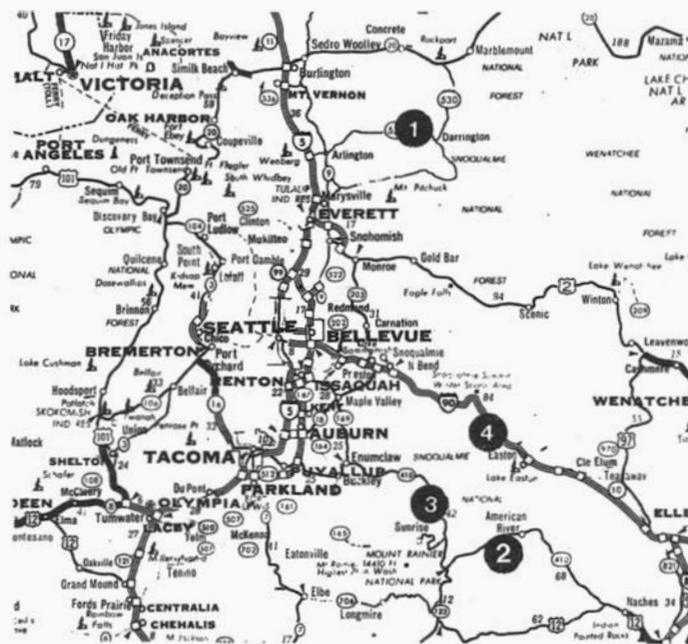
Bill Bridges and Alice and Gilbert Austin cobbled together a small but attractive exhibit for the final day of the King County Fair at Enumclaw on July 25. The PSMS portable display was augmented by personal books, forest greens, and, most important, freshly harvested wild mushrooms—mostly by Bridges. Bill even managed a trio of small but representative chanterelles.

The booth was a steady visitor magnet from the fair's opening at 10 a.m. until well after 5 p.m. While no count was kept, it seems conservative to estimate that several hundred stopped to look, examine, and then converse. Surprising was the number of visitors who "had some of these in the back yard when I was a kid..." or some such comment indicating a long dormant interest in fungi. [Ed. Note: We also received \$40 from the fair for doing it!]

FALL FIELD TRIPS

Elizabeth Hendricks

Beginning this fall, the field trips will follow a new format. There will be no hosts, and thus no supply of coffee, goodies, firewood, etc. Instead, each trip will be lead by an experienced volunteer, who will meet with the participants between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. and again from noon to 1:00 p.m. The potluck will be organized by the participants. Identification remains as is. The fall schedule and a brief description are shown below.



September 18

1 Squire Creek County Park
(elev. 350 ft, 65 miles NE of Seattle)

Russ Kurtz, Leader. Drive north on I-5 to the Island Crossing exit. Turn right on Route 530 east through Arlington and continue toward Darrington. Thirty miles from the freeway, there is a big sign for the park, which is on the left. Day use only.

September 25

2 Soda Springs Forest Camp
(elev. 3100 ft, 130 miles SE of Seattle)

Kern Hendricks, Leader. From Enumclaw, southeast of Seattle, continue east on State Highway 410 over Chinook Pass. About 17 miles past the summit, turn right onto Bumping Lake Road 174. About 5 miles farther, turn left into the camp.

October 2

3 The Dalles Forest Camp
(elev. 2200 ft, 70 miles SE of Seattle)

Harold & Beth Schnarre, Leaders. From Enumclaw, SE of Seattle, continue east and south on State Highway 410 about 25 miles and turn right into the camp.

October 23

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

Carol Smith, Leader. 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 30, 31

The Mountaineers/PSMS Joint Trip

Coleman Leuthy, Leader. Meet at Crystal Springs Forest Camp Saturday morning, break into groups for collecting, then follow The Mountaineers group leaders to The Mountaineers lodge.

AVOIDING TICKS?

NATS Current News,
via Harley Barnhart, North Idaho Myco. Soc.

Seems a Connecticut doctor checked 300 visitors to a nudist camp operating in deer tick territory. Only those wearing clothes were getting tick bits, while the participants in the buff were tick free. Those wishing to re-search the efficacy of this means of evasive action are invited to gather at the northeast corner of the parking lot next field trip instead of the southwest corner.

WANTED: *ALBATRELLUS*

Joe Ammirati

Jim Ginns, a systematist from Ottawa, is working on western species of *Albatrellus*, and Carl Hermanson of PSMS is interested in polypores of Washington State. If you find terrestrial polypores, especially *Albatrellus* species, could you bring them in to me at the University of Washington, take them to one of the regular PSMS meetings, or call Dick Sieger at 362-6860. I am interested in *Albatrellus* from anywhere in the Pacific Northwest. What I would like to get are fresh specimens with good notes on location and habitat. Common species are *A. flettii*, *A. ovinus*, *A. ellisii*, etc. Arora's book and some of the larger mushroom guides have descriptions and photographs.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Ron Post

Over the summer, the State Department of Natural Resources considered implementing user or permit fees for commercial mushroom picking on state lands. After a meeting with land managers, commercial mushroom pickers, exporters, a professional mycologist (Dr. Ammirati), and a representative of mycological societies (Ron Post), the DNR decided not to implement any kind of fees for picking mushrooms on state lands. It is, however, considering a meeting to consolidate mushroom picking policies on all federal and state lands, if this is possible. That meeting won't be held until sometime this winter. I'll keep you posted.

CALLING ALL MYCOPHAGISTS

Patrice Bensen

Calling all mycophagists. Your mushroom hunting, gathering, prepping, and cooking skills are being called to service for our annual exhibit October 9th and 10th. Please sign up at the September meeting to help with cooking and tasting. We need help at every skill level: cleaning, cooking, tasting, and answering easy questions. If you don't cook and would like to help, we need donations of fresh edible mushrooms to use during the exhibit. Please bring mushrooms, labeled "for cooking and tasting," to the Center for Urban Horticulture on Friday evening or during the exhibit; they need not be pre-cleaned. Also, mushrooms fresh and dried, particularly morels and boletes, are needed for the success of mycophagy and hospitality at the PSMS-sponsored NAMA Foray. Please phone Patrice at 722-0691 to arrange for pickup of your donations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

David Arora Workshop: Portland, Oregon. Dinner and slide show, 7-10 p.m., Thursday, October 28; field trip, Saturday, October 30. \$95 for both events. To register, call Shannon Loch, (503) 234-3008.

PSMS Book Discount: To receive the member's discount on books, they must be purchased at a regular meeting. Books at the show and at the NAMA foray will be sold at retail price.

Art Exhibit: Pat Murosako will have a show of his acrylics on Styrofoam at the Golden Galleries, 1st Street & Avenue B., Snohomish, from September 4 to October 3.

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*Matsutake toasted
Over a pine-needle fire
Among the hills.*

-Ginko



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