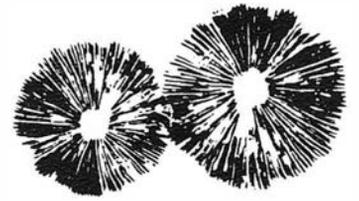


SPORE PRINTS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patrice Benson

Thanks to the efforts of many dedicated members, PSMS is now operating in the black financially. Believe it or not, the actual expenses for our club this year totaled \$42.25 per membership. This includes such items as *Spore Prints* printing and mailing, phone, insurance, speakers expenses, rent for our meeting and classrooms, field trip expenses, tax fees, license fees, roster printing, and postage. We had also had some expenses updating our main teaching tool—our slide collection. The difference between your membership fees and what it actually costs to provide each member with the excellent services they receive was made up by the great attendance at our exhibit and the extraordinary success of our book sales. Thank you, all you hard working volunteers who provide countless hours of labor to PSMS. Dick and Agnes Sieger, Marilyn Droge, Sheila Parr, Joanne Young, Bernice Velategui, Marshall Palmer, and Lorraine Dod are just the tip of the iceberg that supports PSMS.

The subject of book sales and finances leads me to the most pleasant task of announcing that the fourth Golden Mushroom award goes to Harold and Beth Schnarre. Harold and Beth have shared many hours, months, and years in the service of PSMS, Beth most visibly as head of Book Sales before Sheila Parr. The board voted unanimously to present our only award jointly to this generous couple for their many years of faithful and good service. We would like to honor them at our 32nd Annual Survivors Banquet to be held on March 1 at CUH. More information about Harold and Beth will be forthcoming at the banquet, when I present the next issue of *The Survivor*. Remember, the banquet is designated our Annual Meeting. There will be no meeting at CUH in March.

PSMS will have a booth at the Northwest Flower and Garden show February 7–11 at the Convention Center in downtown Seattle. Call Colleen Compton to volunteer (her daytime phone is 364-0300, ext. 466).

We have been gathering computer parts and have nearly assembled our own computer to be used for membership, teaching, correspondence, and other tasks. Thanks to Sheila Parr, who donated a motherboard, keyboard and software. Thanks to Heidi and Roger Bush, who donated a minitower case and power supply. Board member Charles Pregaldin is busy seeking out the missing parts to complete our ensemble. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Call Charles at 524-9997.

We will be showing the PSMS exhibit video after the meeting February 13. Copies will be for sale then.

PSMS membership renewals are due now! Remember, memberships make romantic gifts for that special Valentine. In Poland, when courtship turns serious, the groom to be invites his sweetheart to go mushroom picking!

See you at the flower show! Don't forget to vote and make your banquet reservations.

If your mailing label has an asterisk on it, your dues have lapsed and you will receive no *Spore Prints* in March.

1996 SURVIVORS BANQUET — CELEBRATING THE MOREL BOUNTY OF 1996

Marshall Palmer



On Friday, March 1, we will celebrate surviving the past year with our annual Survivors Banquet. It will be held this year at a familiar location—CUH. Doors will open at 6:30 PM for happy hour with mushroom appetizers. Dinner will be served at 7:30. Catering will be by Walter Bronowitz, his staff, and students of the Culinary Arts Program at Edmonds Community College. Our dinner will feature wild and cultivated mushrooms in the salad and entrée. A

choice of a vegetarian or chicken main course is available. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Members are welcome to bring a bottle of their favorite wine to enjoy at their table, but owing to the small size of the kitchen at CUH which limits the amount of dinnerware that can be accommodated, *please bring your own wine glasses.* (Plastic cups will be provided by PSMS.)

The evening will include announcements of new officers and presentation of the Golden Mushroom Award for exceptional service to PSMS. In keeping with our theme, members are invited to bring morel memorabilia and collections for display at the banquet.

Banquet reservations and payment will be taken at the membership meeting February 13. Members who are unable to attend the meeting may make reservations by mail by completing the following:

- (1) write a check to the Puget Sound Mycological Society for \$25.00 × the number of persons you are making reservations for
- (2) include the names of each person you are making reservations for
- (3) indicate a choice of vegetarian or chicken entrée for each person
- (4) mail all of the above, before February 20, to

PSMS Banquet
c/o Mary Taylor
529 SW 294th St.
Federal Way, WA 98023

Questions about the banquet? Call Marshall Palmer, 527-6207.

Call for Donations of Mushrooms: Members who have dried morels or *Boletus edulis* are encouraged to donate a portion to PSMS for use by our banquet chefs. If you do have some to share, please bring them to the February meeting or call Marshall Palmer (527-6207). Your contributions will be gratefully accepted.

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CALENDAR

- Feb. 7-11 Northwest Flower and Garden Show, Convention Center, 9:00 AM-9:30 PM (7:00 PM Sunday)
- Feb. 13 Membership meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
- Feb. 18 Microscopy Group, 2:00-6:00 PM, Board Room, CUH
- Feb. 19 Board meeting, 7:30 PM, Board Room, CUH
- Feb. 23 *Spore Prints* deadline
- Feb. 28 Cultivation class, 7:00-9:00 PM, Isaacson classroom, CUH
- March 1 Survivors Banquet, CUH, 6:30 PM
- March 6 Cultivation class, 7:00-9:00 pm, Isaacson classroom, CUH

ELECTION

This year we are voting for a president, treasurer, and five trustees. Please read the following profiles carefully and mark your choices on the enclosed ballot. Don't forget to return your ballot to "PSMS Election," Center for Urban Horticulture, Box 354115, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. A ballot box will also be available at the February meeting. Each family membership is entitled to two votes, and each individual membership to one vote.

Marshall Palmer President

I joined PSMS in 1986. For the past 2 years, I have served as Education Chair and believe that our educational programs are an essential part of our organization. I have always been impressed by the amount of volunteer activity at meetings, field trips, and classes. I am interested in seeing PSMS become even more "member friendly" and remain on sound financial footing.



ELECTION



Mary Lynch President

I have served as Field Trip Chair and was on the Board for several years. I am committed to upholding and promoting the purpose of PSMS and to encouraging new and old members to become more involved. I am willing to seek new areas of funding to assist PSMS in achieving our goals. I am interested in establishing a long-range planning committee to ensure future office, classroom, and exhibit space.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 1996, at 7:30 PM at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle



Our speaker will be Jan Lindgren, who is planning to talk on "Amanitas of the Pacific Northwest." In addition to her presentation, she is interested in discussing unusual Amanitas that PSMS members have encountered. A past president of the Oregon Mycological Society, Jan is the head of the OMS Toxicology Committee and the current president of the Pacific Northwest Key Council. She has been working on a key to Pacific Northwest Amanitas and, with Rod Tulloss, is publishing a new Northwest *Amanita* species.

Would persons with last names beginning with A-D please bring a plate of refreshments for the social hour.

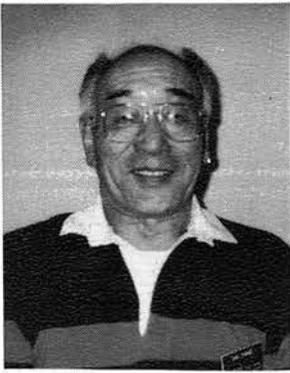
BOARD NEWS

Agnes Sieger

December 1995: Volunteers are needed to man the PSMS booth at the Flower and Garden Show in February. There will be a general screening of the video, which runs about 20 minutes, at the end of the February meeting. Sheila Parr has donated various computer parts to the Society, along with Windows 3, Word 2.0, and DOS. Charles Pregaldin volunteered to look for a power supply, drive controller, and monitor and will assemble the computer and set it up. Lorraine Dod will co-chair the Education Committee.

January: Income for 1995 was \$46,892.04; expenses were \$40,305.96. Sheila Parr suggests we get more postcards to be sold for 25¢ or so. Persons who have not paid dues for February will be dropped from the mailing list. Lorraine Dod is in the final stages of organizing the library. The Survivors Banquet will be March 1 at CUH. Mary Taylor would like some place to store the boxes of treasurer information. Charles Pregaldin will look into storage at CUH and other alternatives. Charles also presented a list of parts needed to finish assembling a computer; the board voted money to acquire the missing parts and a printer.

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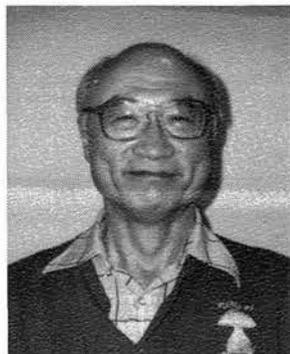
Dan Tanabe **Treasurer**
 I have been a PSMS member since 1991, when I retired after 36 years at Boeing in finance. To keep busy, I am doing the books for the Folklife Festival and am active in the Boeing Rod & Reel Club for salmon fishing. I enjoy tennis, regular workouts at the Bellevue Athletic Club, and ballroom dancing.

Sara Clark **Trustee**
 As an artist, I was intrigued by the endless variety of mushroom colors and shapes. I have expanded my involvement to include their scientific aspects and have been sharing my expanding understanding at the ID table, the show, and field trips. I assisted with the introductory class, Fall '95. My involvement and fascination with fungi leads me to seek an opportunity to serve on the board.



Doug Ward **Trustee**
 I strongly support the scientific, educational, and conservation-minded activities of the Society, but see myself as representing those members who just enjoy the woods, the hunt, and the potential of a meal of good edibles at the end of the day. My wife, Theresa, and I now maintain the Society's membership data base take care of the monthly addressing and mailing of the *Spore Prints*.

Henry Lingat **Trustee**
 Born in Lithuania, raised in Germany, I began collecting edible mushrooms at an early age to supplement our diet during wartime. My wife and I have been collecting edible mushrooms for many years. In 1992, I joined PSMS to learn more about mushrooms. I really enjoyed last year's field trips, and I'd like to become a more active PSMS member and help contribute toward the success of the Society.



Frank Ikeda **Trustee**
 An incumbent for the past 2 years, I look forward to being elected for a second term. I will try to implement the ideas and suggestions that various members have given me and to help achieve the goals of the Society.

Joanne Young **Trustee**
 Since joining PSMS in 1990, I have enjoyed not only the outdoor aspects of mushrooming, but also the "city side" of PSMS. Most of my involvement the last 2 years has been to organize the PSMS Annual Exhibit. In the process, I attended a enough board meetings to see the kind of vital role PSMS plays in the community and to want to be a part of it.



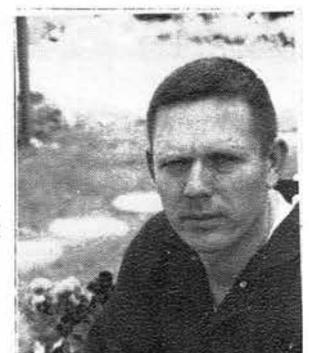
Sheila Parr **Trustee**
 I have the Book Sales Chair since last April and have served on the board for the past year. I will continue to promote education through the use of books on fungi and related subjects such as habitat, conservation, and cooking. As a member since 1989, I've enjoyed going on forays and have helped with identification and encouraged new members to get involved.

Brandon Matheny **Trustee**
 There is no such thing as a mushroom season according to my girlfriend because the entire year is mushroom season. Born in Oklahoma, I joined PSMS one year ago. Since then I have attended just about every field trip I could get my Volvo to. I am particularly interested in being outside where the mushrooms are and in identification. I am a fungal friend.



Irwin Kleinman **Trustee**
 A member of PSMS for over 10 years, I have been involved in almost every activity available. I served as Field Trip Chair and as a member of the board of directors. I intend to focus on the long-term financial health of the Society, with emphasis on the lease with CUH and to ensure that the membership roster is published yearly and that members get timely financial reports.

Bob English **Trustee**
 I am 46 years old, and all my life I have hunted for things in the woods. I started to hunt mushrooms in Washington because I have little children and I wanted them to learn to appreciate the outdoors. PSMS has been a great place for us to learn about mushrooms and the woods, and I enjoy the social aspects of it.



BOOK CORNER

Sheila Parr

HELP! I am in need of an assistant to take over if I cannot make a meeting and to help out during meeting nights. I need a core of volunteers I can call on to help sell. New members are encouraged to participate. Call me, Sheila, at 649-0452 if interested in learning about books.

Also, ID books, *All That the Rain Promises...*, and *Mushrooms Demystified* are again in stock. A new book on the photography of fungi and nature has been received, along with a wonderful table-top-style book called *The Ultimate Mushroom Book*. It has a little information on everything from hunting and identifying to preserving and cooking.

MUSHROOM CULTIVATION CLASS

An "Introduction Mushroom Cultivation" will be held on five consecutive Wednesdays, 7 to 9 PM, from February 28 through March 27, at the Center for Urban Horticulture in the Isaacson Classroom. Topics will include sterile technique, contamination and how to address it, agar and grain culture, fungal nutrition, and both indoor and outdoor fruiting strategies. Each class will have a lecture followed by either a lab period or a demonstration. Enough tools, equipment, and material will be provided to get participants started, including a sieve of Petri dishes, a canning jar with filter, agar, grain and a scalpel.

Admission fee is \$30. To register, hand or mail a check, payable to PSMS, to either Greg Chew or Curt McClive. Participation will be limited to the first 20 registrants.

Greg Chew 5517 Seward Park Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98136 721-3867	Curt McClive 4850 156th Ave. NE, Apt 282 Redmond, WA 98052-9642 867-5140
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Congratulations to Pacita and Guy Roberts, who are the parents of a girl, Alison Roberts, born December 2, 1995.

BASIC MUSHROOM ID CLASSES Marshall Palmer

A six-session "Basic Mushroom ID Class" will begin in April. The class will meet on Monday evenings. Registration details will be in the March *Spore Prints*.

MICROSCOPE STUDY GROUP Brandon Matheny

A few PSMS members have banded together and will begin studying mushrooms under microscopes. Our initial session will take place on Sunday, February 18, from 2:00–6:00 PM in the PSMS board room at the Center for Urban Horticulture. The group has enlisted the help and guidance of at least one mentor and will proceed to study the anatomy, identification, culturing, and even photomicrography of mushrooms. We encourage participation from those interested in studying mushrooms and from those interested in helping others learn more about mushrooms. Please call Brandon Matheny at 524-6467 for more information.

MUSHROOM MISSIONARIES

Joy Spurr gave the program "Introduction to Mushrooms" to the Snoqualmie Garden Club on January 3, with emphasis on the importance of fungi in our gardens and forests.

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Specialty Mushroom Workshop: Western Biologicals is having their annual class April 20–21, 1996, at Aldergrove, B.C. Early registration is \$160 US. Contact Bob Kelly at 783-5663.

Mushroom Seminar: Fungi Perfecti is offering a beginner's seminar in mushroom cultivation March 30–31, 1996. For reservations or more information, phone 1-800-780-9126, fax (360) 426-9377, e-mail mycomedia@aol.com or write Fungi Perfecti, P.O. Box 7634, Olympia, WA 98507.

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