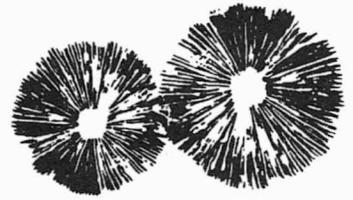


SPORE PRINTS

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President's Message

Joanne Young



Thank you all for giving me the chance to lead PSMS for the next couple of years. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and working with you on the many projects and activities that PSMS does. And I want to personally thank immediate past president, Doug Ward, for all the help and advice he's going to give me, and for leaving PSMS in such good shape.

First of all, hats off to Patrice Benson for producing this issue of Spore Prints! Our esteemed newsletter editor of 12 years, and 2000 Golden Mushroom award recipient, Agnes Sieger, is taking the month off to visit Europe. Spring is here, and soon, we hope, lots of morels, and other spring mushroom species.

Here's a little bit about what's going on with PSMS:

Field trips: Thanks to Mike Lovelady, we again have a field trip chairman! Mike has a good sixth sense about where to reserve sites, when to look, and is always one of the first to find mushrooms. DV Corey has offered to help Mike to find hosts for the field trips (this means you!) and to set up a car pooling experiment. Brian Luther will be recruiting identification experts. If you would like to become better acquainted with mushroom ID, attending field trips is a great way to do it.

Lake Wenatchee Survey Project: PSMS is cooperating with the Mick Mueller of the US Forest Service, and NW Key Council, with a Spring Survey of mushroom species in the Lake Wenatchee district. Besides adding to the body of knowledge about mushroom species diversity, this survey will help to further define the habitat indicated by the spotted owl. Last month's Spore Prints described the study briefly. We still have room for a few more surveyors, especially those with some knowledge of mushroom identification.

Annual Exhibit: The Kingdome implosion may mean a move for our mushroom show. Every year we schedule the exhibit date to avoid Husky home football games. This year and next the Seahawks will be sharing Husky stadium and adding to the weekend traffic misery near the Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH). The Seahawks schedule is not out yet, but we expect that every weekend in October one or the other team will have a home game. October 13-15, 2000 is the date we have set for the show. It's reserved as usual at CUH for that weekend. But in case we have to move, we have also reserved a large set of rooms at Sand Point Naval Station for the same time. We have a couple of months before we must commit to either space. Mark your calendars for October 13-15th.

Education: Colin Meyer is our new Education Chair. Thank you Colin! Thanks Lisa for a job well done!

Mailing & Data base: Sometime in the next six months we will need a new mailing/data base manager. Doug Ward has been keeping the mailing list up to date and mailing out the Spore Prints each month for many years (on top of being president). We know he hates to give it up, but travel plans make it necessary. Talk to Doug about the details, hours per month etc., for this important job. His new e-mail is: MUSHRRRM1@MSN.COM



John Floberg and Lisa Bellafond



Colin Meyer

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Calendar

April 11 Membership meeting 7:30 pm, CUH
April 17 Board Meeting 7:30 pm, CUH
April 21 *Spore Prints* deadline
May 6 Bullfrog Flats fieldtrip
May 9 Membership Meeting 7:30, CUH
May 15 Board meeting, 7:30, CUH
May 13-14 Swauk Creek fieldtrip
May 20-21 29 Pines fieldtrip
May 27-28 American River fieldtrip

Board News

March 20, 2000

Welcome and thanks to New and reelected Board members: Joanne Young, President; Lynn Phillips, Treasurer; Trustees: D.V. Corey, Marcia Hiltzheimer, John Goldman, Karin Mendell, and Bernice Velategui. The office of V.P. for the remaining one year of Joanne's term will be appointed by the Board. This exciting position is responsible for obtaining speakers for our membership meetings, so if this interests you, call a board member before April 17th. Colin Meyer will be taking over as Education chair from Lisa Bellefond. Thank You Lisa for the great job. New Rosters are being prepared by Jean Chin; she hopes that they will be ready by the next membership meeting. Frances Ikeda will plan the summer picnic. We are exploring Sand Pont Naval Station as a possible site for Exhibit 2000

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, April 11th, at 7:30 PM at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle.



This month a PSMS favorite is back! Our speaker will be Canadian mycologist, Dr. Bryce Kendrick, author of "The Fifth Kingdom", and of the huge mycological CD-ROM of the same title. He will take us on a guided digital tour of his CD-ROM which covers all aspects of mycology, and contains over 3,000 colour illustrations. Members who attended the Lake Quinault foray several years ago remember Dr. Kendrick's after dinner lecture which held everyone fascinated for over two hours. Would persons with last names beginning with the letters L-O please bring refreshments for the social hour?

MUSHROOM FONDUE

1 lb. shredded cheese (8 oz Emmenthaler,
4 oz Gruyere 4oz any Swiss type cheese)
3 Tbs. corn starch
2 cups dry white wine
1 clove garlic
1 lb. mushrooms, whole if small, or cut into 1-inch chunks
2 Tbs. Butter or oil
Salt, pepper, to taste

Sauté mushrooms (leave them in large piece or whole if they are small) in butter or-oil adding shallot after liquid has boiled off. Set morels aside after shallot has become transparent Rub inside of heavy pot with garlic. Heat the wine in the pot until simmering. Toss cheese with cornstarch and add slowly to the wine, stirring constantly but slowly. When the cheese is melted and smooth, add the morels. Keep the fondue over a heat source at all times to prevent gumminess. Serve immediately with large cubes of bread. 'Fondue doesn't reheat well, so eat it all before it gets cold. This is a good meal to plan for moreling trips because you can eat it with or without mushrooms.

Patrice Benson

Field Trips

Mike Lovelady

Field trips commence at 9 am. Usually coffee is provided all day. Identifiers are present from 9-4 after which time there is a potluck. Bring something to share as well as your own plate and beverage. Two-day field trips are for camping fun; however there will be a mushroom identifier only on the Saturday and the official fieldtrip is Saturday. Questions? Call 5206-522-6031(message) or check the web site www.PSMS.org. Please volunteer to be fieldtrip hosts: no experience necessary. Call D.V.Corey at 206-362-6592.

May 6

Bullfrog Flats

(Elev. 2000 ft., 80 miles east of Seattle)

Take I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass to exit #80. Go left at the stop sign and proceed about 500 ft. to the first right. Follow the PSMS signs.

May 13-14

Swauk Creek/ Blewit Pass

(Elev. 2500 ft. 110 miles east of Seattle)

Take I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass to exit #85. Follow Hwy 10 east of Cle Elum for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Hwy 970. After 7 miles bear left onto Hwy 97(north) and continue another 16 miles. The camp is on the right. Swauk Pass is 4 miles beyond the camp. We have the group camp reserved for Sat night. Identifiers on Saturday only, camping overnight is optional.

May 20-21

Twenty-Nine Pines Forest Camp

(Elev. 2500 ft., 102 miles east of Seattle)

Take I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass to exit #85. Follow Hwy 10 east of Cle Elum for 2.5 miles. Turn left on Hwy 970 and go 4.5 miles. Turn left onto Teanaway River Road. Go 6 miles to the BibleRock Children's Camp. Bear right on the Teanaway North Fork Road and continue to 29 Pines on the left just past Jack Creek Road. (There are only about 15 Pines since the big ones blew down 2 seasons ago... There is no shelter.

May 27-28

American River Lodge

(Elev. 3100 ft., 150 miles SE of Seattle)

From Enumclaw, SE of Seattle, go east on Hwy 410 over Chinook Pass; 17 miles past the summit, turn right onto Bumping Lake Rd. #174. Turn right after ¼ mile and right again to go uphill and through the gate. Continue for about ½ mile to the lodge. Plan on camping overnight in your tent or trailer (the road is steep). The Lodge is primitive but is good shelter for the potluck or in case of bad weather. The hosts will collect a fee from campers.

Guest editor: Patrice Benson

(just so that Agnes doesn't catch the blame for any errors in the April issue...)

PSMS E-Mail List

Colin Meyer

More than half of PSMS members have email addresses. To facilitate communication between members, I have created a mailing list. This list can be used to discuss anything related to PSMS or fungi. Announcements regarding meetings and field trips will also be sent to this list.

Using the list is easy. All communication is done through email, using your favorite email program. There are several important email addresses associated with the list:

psms-members-subscribe@onelist.com

In order to subscribe to the list, send an email to this address. Do this first.

psms-members@onelist.com

To post a message to the list, send it to this address. Your message will be delivered to everyone who is subscribed to the list. Messages distributed from the list will automatically be marked with [psms-members] in the subject line. You must subscribe to the list before you may post a message to it.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at cmeyer@helvella.org or 206 722 6687.





MEET AGNES SIEGER

Dick Sieger

Agnes has produced 80* issues of *Spore Prints* since she became its editor in 1985 and she thoroughly enjoyed working on every one. She joined PSMS in 1973 and soon became an active member, working on countless tasks and serving several terms on the board.

Agnes was reared Idaho, first in Glens Ferry and then in Marsing where her family spent their first frigid winter in a house without plumbing. Growing up, she went on camping and arrowhead hunting trips on back roads with her parents. They taught her to hunt and she is skilled at getting a deer from field to table. She worked as a phone company operator, irrigated fields, and cared for horses.

She was graduated from the College of Idaho where she studied art. She traveled to Germany one summer.

Agnes moved to Salt Lake City, met her first husband, Dick, and then moved to Seattle. She found a job at the U. W. Applied Physics Laboratory where she has worked for 25 years, editing engineering and scientific papers and journals. She is a collaborating author of a monograph about marine corrosion.

Before her two daughters were born summer vacations were spent hiking and canoeing. The trips included a hike to a remote Colorado lake after a narrow gauge train ride, a two week hike down the Olympic National Park coast trail, and a three week wilderness trip in central British Columbia that began with a bush flight.

At home, Agnes may write family history or peck at an antique piano. But usually she is near the heat with a mystery, a bowl of popcorn, and a tabby in her lap.

When mushrooming, Agnes travels back roads in a '60 pickup with Dick and a Border collie in front and wine in the cooler. She likes the looking more than the finding and identifying. She likes the mushroomers best. [Agnes wouldn't print this but she is away, so]

* Editor NOTE: As of March 2000 Agnes has produced over 146 issues of *Spore Prints*, each one representing a weekend+ dedicated to our newsletter. Thanks, Agnes and thanks also to her trusty sous chef, Dick.



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