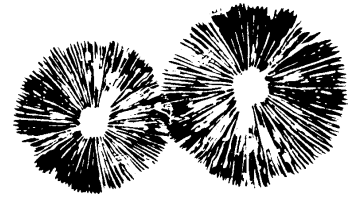


SPORE PRINTS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joanne Young

Thanks to all the members whose contributions made last year such an enjoyable one! We had a great exhibit, fine classes and monthly programs, wonderful field trips, and a foray that we'll remember for a long time. And, we did it in the black, financially. You may not know it, but only 35% of PSMS's operating expenses are covered by the annual membership dues. The rest is made up by the efforts of



our members. Expenses include room rentals for meetings and classes, speaker expenses, field trip reservation fees, equipment rental, printing and mailing expenses, liability insurance, phone, Web site, and more. Much of the difference was made up by our tremendous book sales department led by book dynamo Trina Litchendorf and by the success of our annual mushroom exhibit under the leadership of Karin Mendell and Coleman Leuthy. Others who gave countless hours (to name just a few) are Dick and Agnes Sieger, Lynn Phillips, John Goldman, Don and Cathy Lennebacker, Colin Meyer, Bernice Velategui, Brandon Matheny, Patrice Benson, Marian Maxwell, Pacita Roberts, Ramona Owen, Louise Asif, Alissa Allen, Michael Blackwell, Brian Luther, Hildegard Hendrickson, Ben Woo, and Lorraine Dod. To you and the many others who give their energetic support to PSMS, thank you!

In March we'll celebrate surviving another year with the 38th Annual Survivor's Banquet. This is designated our Annual Meeting where we will announce the election results and present the Golden Mushroom award to one extraordinary volunteer. This banquet will be held at our regular location at CUH, but on a different night. The date is Saturday, March 16. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up in advance. There is NO Tuesday meeting in March.

PSMS will have an educational booth at the Northwest Flower & Garden Show again this year from February 6-10. Even if you missed signing up at the last meeting, there may still be room (and a need) for you. To volunteer, contact Don or Cathy Lennebacker by e-mail at (crazyquilter@hotmail.com) or call or e-mail Karin Mendell at (425) 868-3497 or k.mendell@attbi.com.

The Center for Urban Horticulture is seeking donations to help them rebuild after last year's terrible ecoterrorist arson attack. In May of last year, the Center suffered an arson fire which destroyed Merrill Hall and severely damaged the CUH library. The PSMS office, just a few feet away, was untouched by the fire. To help with the rebuild, the PSMS board of directors voted to donate \$500 as a gift from PSMS. If you would also like to make an individual contribution toward the recovery effort, make checks payable to UW/Urban Horticulture Recovery Fund. Mail to the

Center for Urban Horticulture
Box 354115
Seattle, WA 98195-4115.

Remember to vote, and see you at the Flower Show!

Wish list:

1. This spring it's time for a new membership roster. We need someone to lay out the membership database lists into a printable booklet format.
2. PSMS also needs a new volunteer to video tape our programs at monthly membership meetings. We have the gear: camcorder and VCR. We just need someone to set up and take care of taping and then transferring the 8 mm tape to VHS. The job comes with the home use of a VCR to use for the transferring.

If you would like to take on either of these worthy and necessary projects, please call Joanne at (206) 633-0752 or send her e-mail at jd2young@aol.com.

SURVIVOR'S BANQUET

Marian Maxwell

This year's Survivor's Banquet will be on Saturday, March 16, 2002, in the Center for Urban Horticulture. Doors open at 6:30 PM. This will be a potluck affair with the theme "Comfort Foods." We are asking that people with last names beginning with A-H bring their choice of appetizers, veggies, or salads, I-R bring a main entrée, and S-Z bring a dessert

If your heart is absolutely set in a different category than your name, by all means listen to your heart not your head. How many times do you hear that advice?

Our club will provide the plates, utensils, cups, punch, coffee and tea. We are asking a fee of \$5.00 per person to cover the incidentals. Make your checks payable to PSMS and mail to

Marian Maxwell
14269 145th Place SE
Renton, WA 98059

or see me at the February meeting. Remember, we are limited to 150 people, so get your reservations in early!

We will be obtaining a permit for alcohol, so that if you wish to bring your own beverage you may do so. It would be helpful to those of us with severe allergies if you note which ingredients are present in your dish and keep it with your dish.

Recipes are good for one entry in our door prize drawing, and will be exchanged at the door for a door prize ticket. We will be announcing our new officers as well as the recipient of the Golden Mushroom Award. (Sorry, no hints!)

People wishing to help with decorations, cleanup, and setup are heartily (there's that word again) encouraged to call me at (425) 235-8557 or e-mail me at marianmaxwell@hotmail.com.



Last year's potluck was by far the best potluck I have ever attended. Let's do it again!

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Annual dues \$20; full-time students \$10

CALENDAR

- Feb. 6-10 Northwest Flower & Garden Show
- Feb. 12 Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
- Feb. 14 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
- Feb. 19 *Spore Prints* deadline
- Mar. 16 Survivor's Banquet and Annual Meeting,
6:30 PM, CUH

BOARD NEWS

Brandon Matheny

Lynn's year-end treasury report shows the club netted \$4,222.70 after expenses. The gain is due in large part to an increase in book sales. John Goldman and Colin Meyer have agreed to serve as co-chairs on the Education Committee. Basic and intermediate classes are planned for this spring. The club agreed to allow use of the club's e-mail distribution list by Ed Foy with a disclaimer that Foy's workshops are not sponsored by PSMS and that PSMS assumes no liability. We have nominations for president and trustee positions. Marian Maxwell and Ramona Owen volunteered to co-chair the Survivor's Banquet, which will be held at CUH in a potluck style. Scholarship guidelines are still being worked out. A Golden Mushroom Award recipient was approved. John Goldman is coordinating nomination of a PSMS member for a NAMA award. The board agreed to donate \$500 to the CUH rebuilding fund.

Knock Knock

Who's there?
Henrietta.
Henrietta who?
Henrietta toadstool but thought it was a mushroom!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 12, 2002, at 7:30 PM in the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle

Tubaria rufofulva is the perfect Valentine's Day mushroom. It's not exactly chocolate, but another theme is met, and it's only known from Australia.

A slide show on Australian mushrooms, habitat, and tidbits of Aussie life in the southwest corner of Western Australia will be presented by Brandon Matheny, PSMS Secretary and a Ph.D. student at the University of Washington, who is working on the systematics of mushrooms, mainly *Inocybe*. Brandon spent 3 months in the lab of Dr. Neale Bougher in Perth sorting out the taxonomy of mostly Western Australian *Inocybes*, which are proving to be important elements in unraveling the evolutionary history of *Inocybe*, one of our most diverse mushrooms groups in temperate areas of the world.



Would people with last names beginning with the letters N-T please bring a plate of refreshments to share at the meeting?

TOUGH CHOICES AS CUH REBUILDS

condensed from an article by Ruth Schubert
in the January 22, 2002, *Seattle P-I*

It's been eight months since ecoterrorists torched the offices and labs at the Center for Urban Horticulture, and the University of Washington hasn't yet figured out how to pay for a new building.

The UW is short on money for the project because of the rush to get a request to the Legislature before the end of the last year's session, said UW Vice Provost Harlon Patterson. The university pulled out plans from the building's construction in the early 1980s, did a quick estimate on the money needed to replace it, and came up with \$4.1 million. The latest estimate to replace Merrill Hall, the main building destroyed in the still unsolved fire, is \$5.4 million—\$1.3 million over budget.

Because the UW is self-insured, administrators have to find the additional money themselves. Proposed solutions range from soliciting donations to cutting programs.

Over the past couple of months, the university has looked at not finishing off some of the space in the building or eliminating some of the programs at the center. More recently, it has looked at replacing the four wet labs that were lost with two wet labs and two "project rooms," which researchers say will be useless to them. At this point, it's a given that the building won't be any bigger than the original footprint, but because of new requirements for disabled access and lab safety, that would mean less usable space than there was before. Solution involving reducing programs or facilities are unacceptable to the faculty and staff at the center.

Less than two weeks after the fire last year, UW President McCormick stood before the charred remains and declared, "The people of Washington will not be deterred by the ravages of the arson witnessed here today or the perpetrators of this tragedy."

There was a promise there, say those who work at the center. Anything less than full replacement of the building would send the wrong message.

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This year we are voting for a President, Treasurer, and five Trustees. Please read the following profiles carefully and mark your choice on the enclosed ballot. Return your ballot to "PSMS Election," 10516 27th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98125. 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.



Karin Mendell *President*

I've had a great time scheduling speakers for the past year as VP. Co-chairing the annual exhibit with Coleman was a terrific adventure! (I have to also tell you folks a secret—the work I do with PSMS members is mostly FUN. Great people and great mushrooms!) I'll gladly serve as your next president. Thank you!

Treasurer **John Goldman**

I've been on the Board of Trustees for the past two years and am honored to be nominated as treasurer. My business skills and analytic nature will allow me keep the books in order and the club's finances running smoothly.



Trustees

Ramona Owen

Born in Micronesia, Ramona is a graduate student in medical anthropology, a solo parent, and works for a biotech firm. She served as board member/secretary for an after-school enrichment program and has helped develop community mental health programs. She and her daughter have been PSMS members since 1991.



Don Lennebacker

Last year I was elected for a one-year interim term. The PSMS experience has put a new and exciting path in my life. I want to say thank you to the folks at PSMS for being such a great club.



Cathy Lennebacker

What's not to love about PSMS? This is such a great opportunity to learn, make new friends, walk in the woods, and go Easter egg hunting on a grand scale. I would be happy to serve on the board and do my part to contribute to the continuity of this group.



Bernice Velategui

Looking for mushrooms has been part of my life since childhood. I joined PSMS in 1970 and have been Membership Chair for the past 12 years. A current member of the Board, I would like the opportunity to continue to serve PSMS in that capacity for another 2 years.



Emily Routledge

If elected it is my desire to enhance the learning opportunities for our membership while engaging the larger community in which we live. This will be done through continuing educational opportunities and a dedicated effort to publicize club events and activities. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you in the upcoming months.



Jennifer Cochrane

No statement



John Thomas

The Puget Sound Mycological Society has provided me with a great deal of enjoyment and a lot of much-needed education, and some excellent fellowship. I'd like to give something back. I value the society, its people, and its programs. If chosen for the Board I will serve enthusiastically and faithfully



Q: Why did the mushroom go to the party?

A: Because he's a fungi.

Q: Why *didn't* the fungi go to the party?

A: Because there wasn't mushroom.

"I think the university has a responsibility to find the funds to at least restore it to its pre-fire condition," said Frank Minton, secretary-treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Pendleton and Elisabeth Miller Charitable Foundation. The Miller family gave the money to establish and, later, to expand the library, which is named after Elisabeth Miller.

Since the arson attack destroyed the labs and offices, faculty offices are housed in portable trailers, while researchers and graduate students are working in makeshift labs or out in the greenhouse. The Miller Library's collection is stored in three far-flung locations, some in a conference room at the center, some at the Allen Library on the main campus, and the rest in a storage area at Sand Point. Lab space has been carved out wherever there's a counter. On the concrete floor of the Douglas Research Conservatory, for example, masking tape marks a 10-by-17-foot space. "Kern's Lab" and "No Storage" are written on the tape, warning visitors that this space is Professor Kern Ewing's makeshift lab.

In the adjoining equipment room, one corner is crammed with filing cabinets, which hold slides that were displaced from the Otis Douglas Hyde Herbarium, a repository of plant specimens.

But the impact is more than physical. With graduate students spread out in labs across campus, faculty members can't supervise their work as well as they'd like, and students miss the casual interaction that comes from working across the hall from their professors. Students even have a hard time finding journals and reference materials.

"We all spend an enormous amount of time tracking down resources we know we have," said doctoral student Caren Crandell.

Faculty members are all accepting fewer graduate students this year. Five of Professor Sarah Reichard's graduate students are expected to complete their degrees this year, but she's only accepting one new student to replace them.

"We used to have wonderful lab space for graduate students," Reichard said. "Now when I'm talking to graduate students I say, 'I have nothing to offer you.'"

ADVICE TO THE NOVICE MUSHROOMER

Boris Subbotin, *The Sporeprint*, LA Myco. Soc., Nov. 2001
via *NJMAnews*, New Jersey Myco. Ass., Jan.-Feb. 2002

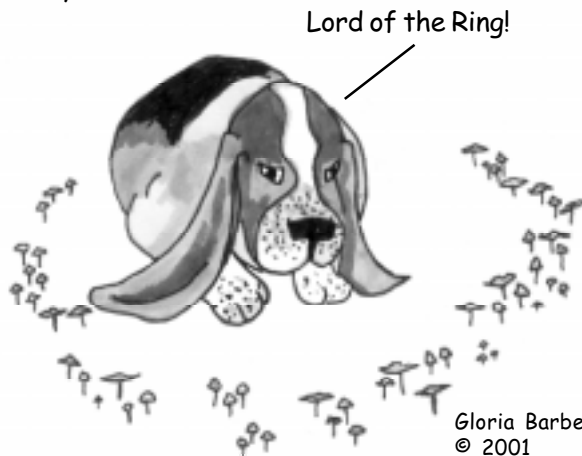
In fields and in woods, in fall and in spring,
A mushroomer's guide I used to just bring,
To help me best know, right on the spot,
Whether this one, or that, was edible, or not.

On each it took me quite some time,
To key in on color, size, shape, or the slime,
But absolute certainty had never resulted,
Only when experts were later consulted.

So my basket contained only those few that I took,
After cautiously studying some pages in the book,
While my comrades ran round and quickly collected,
Baskets of goodies that I must have neglected.

I thus would advise you, if you are able,
To take new finds home, and, laid on the table,
With guides and spore prints, allaying all fears,
Learn a few new species for following years.

McGee, MS



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