

SPORE PRINTS



BULLETIN OF THE PUGET SOUND MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Number 394

September 2003

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES FOR FALL SHOW

Karin Mendell

October 16, Thursday, 6:00–9:30 PM

Pre-Show Transportation Work Party

Our show is again being held at the Sand Point-Magnuson Park Community Center (new name but the same building, the former Sand Point Navy brig).

This means we still face the challenge of transporting our show materials from our CUH storage shed to Sand Point. **We need lots of help for this effort!**

We hope to again find a member with access to a large flat bed truck. Last year, access to the borrowed flat bed meant one trip and the job was accomplished in record time! We need lots of folks with strong backs! *We need more people Thursday evening for this move than all day Friday.*

Please contact Dave Hunt at dhhuntinc@seanet.com or Karin Mendell at k.mendell@comcast.net to volunteer to help with the move.

October 17, Friday, Throughout the Day

Construction Crew & Mushroom Receiving

The construction crew will begin building show display and working areas. Both men and women are welcome to come and assist with these activities. Carpentry experience is *not* required. Just come on down and we'll put you to work!

We will, again, have the large plastic canopy over our collection area so mushrooms can be received and protected from harsh weather. Receiving and sorting of mushrooms will begin by Friday afternoon.

October 17, Friday, Evening

Foliage, Decorations, Table Cloths, and Finishing Touches
—as much as we can get done

The books and T-shirt sales area is set up on Friday evening. Mushroom receiving and sorting will continue on into Friday evening, with identifiers on hand later in the evening.

October 18, Saturday, Morning

Tray Arranging and Placement

Tray arrangement starts around 7:00 AM Saturday morning and will commence the “crunch work” of arranging trays of pre-sorted collections, identification, and labeling. This will continue all morning to meet the opening deadline of 12:00 noon.

Then it's on with the show until the doors close to the public at 8:00 PM.

October 19, Sunday, 6:00 PM

Show Closing Routine

Take-down involves tearing down exhibits, cleaning up the community center, and transporting all materials back to the CUH storage shed. We've always been blessed with a huge clean-up crew and we were out of Sand Point by 9:00 PM and had com-

pleted the storage of materials at CUH by 10:00 PM. Please bring all your enthusiasm to this last effort, and you'll be amazed at how quickly the whole show wraps up!

40TH ANNUAL WILD MUSHROOM EXHIBIT

Once again, with a flourish, PSMS members will unite to put together our own “Greatest Mushroom Show on Earth!” Our annual Wild Mushroom Show is shaping up to be something very special for this, our 40th anniversary year. Gary Lincoff, author of *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms* and editor of numerous other mushroom books, will be our guest lecturer this year. Gary has many friends among our members and is really looking forward to visiting the Northwest and PSMS again. We are excited to welcome him!

Show committee chairs met at Dave Hunt's house recently to put together the final plans for our Fall show! We have a tremendous crew of enthusiastic committee chairs, who just may be calling on you to volunteer for one of the many jobs it takes to bring off our big Fall mushroom show. It is a labor of love, perseverance, and monumental support from all of our members which makes this show, surely, one of the nation's finest! If you are a newer member, you'll be amazed to see this effort come together. If you are a longtime member, you'll marvel that we've done it once again, and you'll feel that profound sense of respect and admiration for our members.

Our poster this year has been designed by Fred Lisaius, the artist brother of our own member, Elizabeth Lisaius. It is a lovely natural design that will look great on our posters and T-shirts. Elizabeth is also doing a great job working on both the poster production and T-shirts, with some gracious assistance by our own Joanne Young. The PSMS Board recently got a sneak peek, but members should be treated to a grand unveiling at the September membership meeting. We are all looking forward to the finished product with great excitement! As in past years, the September meeting will provide an opportunity to distribute posters to all members for display in their communities. We will again ask that each member take 5–10 posters and flyers and distribute them everywhere in your neighborhood. Hang them up in shopping areas, cafes, libraries, and schools—wherever you think they will be noticed. The posters have proven to be our best advertising value. We need your assistance to get 'em out there!

Remember that we will have volunteer sign-up sheets out at the September meeting. We need your help, this year more than ever! We will need countless volunteers to staff the many committees required to put on a successful show. Please be available when a committee chair calls you for help.

We know our members will come through with the support needed to make this an excellent show. If you have specific talents or interests, feel free to e-mail Dave Hunt at dhhuntinc@seanet.com or Karin Mendell at k.mendell@comcast.net, and they will connect you with the right committee chair. Thanks, in advance, for all the amazing efforts you all contribute.

Spore Prints

is published monthly, September through June by the

PUGET SOUND MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Center for Urban Horticulture, Box 354115
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195
(206) 522-6031 <http://www.psms.org>

User name: Password:

OFFICERS:	Karin Mendell, President Patrice Benson, Vice President John Goldman, Treasurer Ramona Owen, Secretary
TRUSTEES:	Alissa Allen, David Hunt, Cathy & Don Lennebacker, Donna Palomaki, Pacita Roberts, Emily Routledge, John Thomas, Tony Tschanz, Bernice Velategui, Joanne Young (Immed. Past Pres.)
ALTERNATES:	Elizabeth Lisaius
SCI. ADVISOR:	Dr. Joseph F. Ammirati
EDITOR:	Agnes A. Sieger, 271 Harmony Lane, Port Angeles, WA 98362 sieger@att.net

Annual dues \$25; full-time students \$15

CALENDAR

Sep. 9	Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
Sep. 13	Tilth Fair, Good Shepherd Center, Wallingford
Sep. 15	PSMS Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
Sep. 20	Field Trip, Crystal Springs
Sep. 23	<i>Spore Prints</i> deadline
Oct. 4	Field Trip, Masonic Park
Oct. 11	Field Trip, Chatter Creek
Oct. 18–19	40th PSMS Wild Mushroom Exhibit, Sand Point-Magnuson Park Community Center
Oct. 25	PSMS/The Mountaineers Field Trip, Meany Hall
Oct. 25	Field Trip, Castle State Park
Oct. 31–Nov. 2	Fall Foray, Circle 8 Ranch
Nov. 8	Field Trip, Twanoh State Park
Nov. 15	Field Trip, Deception Pass

BOARD NEWS

Ramona Owen

The first meeting to usher in the upcoming Fall 2003 season brought most Board members together at CUH to review the treasurer's report, including more comprehensive insurance coverage. The big focus was the annual Fall Mushroom Exhibit, and the committees are already busy organizing its many activities and facets. We always need volunteers! The art for the poster and T-shirts this year is again eye-catching and unique. Field trips and the Fall Foray are scheduled, and hosts are continuing to volunteer. Identifiers are an integral part of our Society and Dr. Ammirati's classes continue to develop and hone these members' skills. The summer picnic was well attended and enjoyed, so it will continue to be a PSMS event. Community businesses continue to request PSMS lectures, cooking demos, and field trips, which we are fulfilling as we are able.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 7:30 PM at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle

Join us for the September membership meeting and get a taste of the 2003 Wild Mushroom Show. Sign up for committees, pick up posters, and purchase books and T-shirts at the member rates. Then sit back and enjoy the smells and tastes of a wild mushroom cooking demonstration. One of our famous local chefs will be in charge of stimulating your appetite for wild mushroom shows! The show co-chairs will inform you of all that needs to be done and encourage everyone to join in our big fund raising effort of the year.

If your last name begins with the letters A–J, bring a little treat to share after the meeting; folks get hungry signing up for those committees!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Karin Mendell

Welcome back, PSMS members! I hope you all had a terrific summer. Now, please start those rain dances and let's get some clouds in the sky! What an unusually long, hot and dry summer we've had.

As we all begin to gear up for the annual Fall Mushroom Show, I'd like to again thank all the wonderful volunteers who make our show possible. In fact, this is a great time to recognize the amazing tradition of having many active volunteers. Every activity that we undertake in PSMS is fueled by volunteer workers, from membership to the Web site, to setting up meetings and classes, to hosting and identifying at field trips. They all take countless hours of generously volunteered time. Newer members, please consider this your golden opportunity to come forward and offer to help at the Fall Show. The show is an essential part of our mission to the public, but it also benefits our members more than any single event. If you are a new member (or long-term) please set some time aside to help out during the show weekend, October 18 and 19. If at all possible, take Friday, October 17, off and go collecting specimens; it's vital for the show and a wonderful way to learn about Pacific Northwest fungi. Our special guest, Gary Lincoff, will lend unprecedented excitement to our Fall Show.

This is significant because Gary typically draws about fifty thousand visitors. (You heard me right, and I did double check the number—50,000!) This could have a huge positive or negative effect on our show (depending on whether you are a pessimist or an optimist). I, myself, am just a little apprehensive. But I did want to share this news with you all to verify that *we need your help more than ever this year!*

Our Fall Foray, is scheduled for October 31 and November 1 and 2 at Circle 8 Ranch. Bryce Kendrick will be the Foray mycologist and Michael Blackwell our Foray chef. Other details are still in planning, but mark your calendars for the weekend in advance.

This year promises to be most special, with the continued support of our friends and volunteers. I look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting!

CORRECTION TO THE JUNE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Earl Harrison, former treasurer of PSMS, died in October 2002—not Carl Hermanson, former president of PSMS, as was reported. Earl and Margo Harrison were active field trip participants and always served when there was a need. They also were active boaters, and Earl made a delicious late harvest plum wine.

FALL FORAY

Karin Mendell & David Hunt

It's still a ways off, but we want you to mark your calendars for our upcoming Fall Foray, October 31–November 1. We will be returning to last year's location, the Circle 8 Ranch in Cle Elum.

Circle 8 Ranch is a beautiful, privately owned campground with several A-frame buildings and a huge square-dance hall. Located between Cle Elum and Easton off I-90, it is only 1½ hours from Seattle. We will have much more information to share with you as the date draws closer (details are still developing). We can share two exciting details, though:

Bryce Kendrick, author of *The Fifth Kingdom* and over 300 mycological publications, will be our foray mycologist.

Michael Blackwell has agreed to join us on the foray as our chef for the weekend.

Just those two details have me anxiously awaiting the weekend! David Hunt and Karin Mendell will be co-chairs for coordinating the foray.

FALL FIELD TRIPS

Cathy Lennebacker

Attention fun lovers! Summer is hopefully winding down. It's time for cool days, crisp nights, and mushrooms. Everybody cross your fingers for some rain to get things fruiting. This has been an unusual summer. Too hot and dry for this Seattleite. The club has planned several field trips, most with camping opportunities. Field trips are a good opportunity to make friends, learn from an identifier, and have a potluck supper. There are good cooks in this group.



Each field trip has been planned for a time and location supposed to be good picking, weather willing. There will be a host at the meeting place at 9 AM on Saturday. He or she should be able to point you in the right direction to start looking. Advice is free and worth every penny. Be sure to bring a compass, whistle, watch, bag lunch, and something for the potluck if you plan on staying. Most locations have camping possibilities.

September 20

Crystal Springs

(elev. 2400 ft, 60 miles east of Seattle)

Located near Stampede Pass, this campground has picnic tables, outhouses, and free riverside camping across the road.

Driving Directions: Drive east on I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass. Continue east for 8 miles and take Stampede Pass exit #62. Turn right at the stop sign. After ¼ mile, before the bridge, turn right to enter the camp. *Hosts: Don and Cathy Lennebacker*

October 4

Masonic Park "Big Kitchen"

This great site has a large room for identifying, eating, and cooking. Although this area has been logged in the past, there are lots of good mushrooms up the road at Barlow Pass, Monte Cristo, and Mt. Dickerman. The space we have rented is called the "big kitchen area." This is a private park for Masons and their guests (that's us). There is a \$2 fee per car at the entrance but no additional charge for camping. The park is available for day use only, from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

Driving directions: From Snohomish, take State Hwy. 9 to State Hwy. 92. Turn right and follow Hwy. 92 through Granite Falls. Four miles east of Granite Falls, turn left at the Masonic Park sign. PSMS will be in the big shelter/kitchen. Watch for PSMS signs to guide you. *Hosts: Ross and Val Othus*

October 11

Chatter Creek

(elev. 2400 ft, 150 miles east of Seattle)

The club has reserved the group site for the whole weekend. This is prime white chanterelle and matsutake country. Chatter Creek Campground is 16.1 miles up Icicle Creek Road out of Leavenworth. This is a reserved group camp with a shelter. Check in with the campground manager. Friday check-in time is 2 PM. There will be a \$5 camping fee for overnights. Pay the PSMS field-trip host(s).

Driving directions: Take Highway 2 over Stevens Pass and proceed 34 miles. (You can also take I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass to exit #85, go over Swauk Pass to Highway 2, and proceed left for 6 miles.) Icicle Creek Road is on the north edge of town.

October 25

PSMS/The Mountaineers Joint Field Trip

This weekend trip is held jointly with The Mountaineers at their lodge near Stampede Pass. Don and I have brought home boxes of *Leccinum* sp. in the past along with white chanterelles and matsutake. See the October *Spore Prints* for details.

October 25

New Castle State Park

This trip is close to home for your driving convenience. The state charges a \$5 day use fee per car. See the October *Spore Prints* for details.

November 8

Twanoh State Park

This lovely location on south Hood Canal has a large picnic shelter. We will be meeting at the western end of the picnic area by the beach. Brian Luther, identifier extraordinaire, will be the official identifier, so bring your tough questions. A couple years ago Tony Tschanz, Doug U'Ren, and Don Lennebacker got so many chanterelles that I spent the whole day frying up batches with butter and garlic for everybody's tasty treat. See the October *Spore Prints* for details.

November 15

Deception Pass State Park

A \$5 fee per car will be collected by your state government to use this beautiful site. There are both fresh and salt water beaches, old growth trees, and a large picnic shelter. Plenty of campsites should be available at this time of the year.

Campers will have to pay for their site but not for a parking pass. See the November *Spore Prints* for details.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The **20th Annual Breitenbush Mushroom Conference** is October 23–26 at Breitenbush Hot Springs Resort near Detroit, Oregon. Dr. Nancy Smith Weber, Paul Kroeger, Taylor Lockwood, Michael Blackwell, Maggie Rogers, Patrice Benson, and an as-yet-unconfirmed Gary Lincoff will inspire and entertain you. Visit the Breitenbush website at <http://www.breitenbush.com> for details and registration information. Call Patrice Benson at (206) 722-0691 or e-mail patrice.benson@comcast.net with questions.

Snohomish County Mycological Society Mushroom Show, October 12, 10 AM–5 PM, at Floral Hall, Everett

Oregon Mycological Society Mushroom Show, October 19, 9 AM–5 PM, World Forestry Center, Portland

Olympic Peninsula Mycological Society Mushroom Show, October 12, Community Center, Chimacum

Spokane Mushroom Club Foray, September 26–28, Hill's Resort, Priest Lake, e-mail Jo Johnson, Registrar, jode@libby.org

CHICKEN WITH CHANTERELLES AND FLAME-ROASTED RED PEPPERS

David H. Hunt

The following chanterelle recipe is both elegant and delicious, while simple in execution.

2 lb chanterelles (roughly sliced, buttons may be left whole)
2–3 lb boneless chicken thighs/breasts (cut into bite-size chunks)
3 medium fully ripe, red bell peppers
3–4 sprigs of Italian parsley (finely chopped)
Juice of ½ lemon
1 medium yellow onion (diced)
½ C olive oil
Salt & pepper to taste

1. Roast whole peppers over an open flame until the skin is charred (may also be baked in the oven, but not as flavorful).
 2. When fully charred, place in a brown paper bag, close, and let steam for ten minutes.
 3. When cool, remove charred skin and dice the “meat.”
 4. Sauté mushrooms over high heat in a nonstick pan just until they release their liquid (3–5 min). *Note:* Don’t crowd the pan; do small batches at a time.
 5. Remove the mushrooms and set aside.
 6. Reduce whatever liquid is left until just a teaspoon or less remains.
 7. In the same pan, sauté the onion in 3 TBs of olive oil until just wilted—not browned.
 5. Brown the chicken with remaining oil, over medium heat in a large fry pan or Dutch oven.
 6. Reduce the heat to low, add mushrooms, onion, and peppers. Cover and cook for another 5 or 6 minutes.
 8. Stir in parsley, lemon juice, salt & pepper.
- Serve over pasta, rice, or new potatoes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SEATTLE TILTH FAIR

The Seattle Tilt Organization is having their 16th Annual Organic Harvest Fair on Saturday, September 13, 2003, at the Good Shepherd Center in Wallingford. This year, PSMS will be sponsoring a table at this event, which will give us an excellent opportunity to promote our upcoming Fall show. We are currently seeking volunteers to work 2-hour shifts as follows: 10 AM to noon; noon to 2 PM; and 2 to 4 PM. No setup or take-down required! Please, no children or dog volunteers at the PSMS booth.

If interested, please contact Emily Routledge at (206) 355-5221 or emilyroo@hotmail.com.

*A fungus has a wondrous side,
With oil and garlic it's sometimes fried,
But on leaves of rose,
And between the toes,
Its treated with a fungicide.*

Boris Subbotin, via *The Sporeprint*,
L.A. Myco. Soc., Dec. 2001



page 4



Puget Sound Mycological Society
Center for Urban Horticulture
Box 354115, University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98195

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
SEATTLE, WA
PERMIT NO. 6545