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## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WILD MUSHROOM SHOW – MORE IMPORTANT DETAILS

Karin Mendell

**Security:** Though we won't actually have a Security Committee this year, we will still offer the following security measures at the fall show to protect our members' belongings and safety:

- *Safe Room:* A locked room will be available on the premises for storing purses or other personal valuables. If you chose not to use this space, we recommend you use your locked car. However, please be aware that thefts have occurred and take appropriate precautions.
- *Two-Way Radios:* Two-way radios will be issued to various staff members, so that they can call for assistance in the event of problems. *We recommend calling "911" for any emergency assistance!* We hope that being able to communicate quickly will speed problem resolution.
- *Badges:* All PSMS volunteers should receive an official badge with the poster logo on it from their committee chair or other members manning tables or show areas. Please wear your badge while working at the show. This will help us identify you as part of the staff.

We will again have parking privileges northeast of Building #406 for show staff and vendors. Since this is a public space, no special PSMS parking may be roped off. Since the Seattle Book Fest is again occurring simultaneously with the PSMS show, we will again ask for volunteers to assist us with parking and traffic control. We feel this is necessary because of the large crowds generated by the Book Fest. Please consider volunteering to help with this task throughout the weekend.

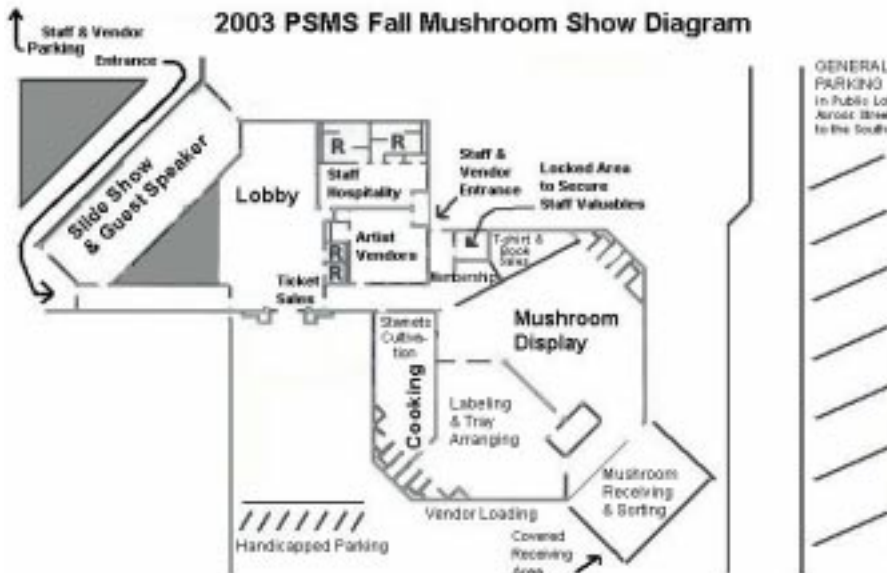
**Bus and Shuttle Service:** Book Fest is providing free bus service from many area book stores. Check the Book Fest website or advertisements to find out the locations. We suggest car pooling or riding the bus to lessen our traffic/parking problems.

Book Fest is also providing a free shuttle service within Sand Point Magnuson Park. We will have more details on how this shuttle service will operate by the October meeting, but we have been advised that our members are welcome to use it.

**We need your help!** Volunteer at the October membership meeting—or sooner by e-mailing or phoning Show Co-Chairs

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Thanks in advance, for the amazing efforts you all contribute!



## WANT TO WORK ON THE PSMS WEBSITE?

Anyone feeling creative and have a talent for graphic arts and Web design? PSMS is looking for assistance with improving the look of our website. It suits us admirably for conveying information, but it's time to improve its visual appeal. Colin Meyer, our webmaster, will take care of the mechanics of any improvements, but he isn't a graphic designer. Thus this request to the general membership. So if you are interested in assisting the club and have some Web design abilities, please contact John Goldman, (206) 933-0838, (nights and weekends) or e-mail him at [rose.gold@comcast.net](mailto:rose.gold@comcast.net). The club exists only because we have wonderful volunteers.

**Biggest and Best Potluck of the Year:** Remember that many PSMS volunteers will be spending most of their free time within the confines of the Sand Point facility, around the clock. We remind everyone to consider making and bringing a hearty soup, salad, dessert, or main dish to share. Our volunteers really appreciate being able to go by the hospitality room for a quick snack! Remember that the refreshments are for PSMS staff and vendors only (your friends and family are welcome to drop in, but briefly).

**Parking and Traffic Control:** There are large public parking lots across the street to the south of building #406 (AKA the community center or the old Navy brig), where we will hold the show.

## FRESH MUSHROOM BEIGNETS Michael Blackwell

as prepared for the Sept. 9, 2003, PSMS membership meeting

- 6 fresh Shiitake, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 cups cold water
- 1/8 tsp baking soda
- 1-2/3 cups flour

Whip the egg yolk and baking soda into the water. Sift in the flour and mix well, Dip mushrooms, coating thoroughly. Fry 1 min on each side. Sprinkle with spice or other seasoning.

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## CALENDAR

- Oct. 11 Field Trip, Chatter Creek
- Oct. 14 Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
- Oct 18 PSMS Wild Mushroom Exhibit, Bldg. 406,  
Sand Point Magnuson Park, noon to 8:00 PM
- Oct. 19 Wild Mushroom Exhibit continues,  
10 AM to 6 PM
- Oct. 20 PSMS Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
- Oct. 21 *Spore Prints* deadline
- Oct. 25 Joint Field Trip, PSMS/The Mountaineers,  
Meany Lodge
- Oct. 25 Field Trip, New Castle State Park
- Nov. 8 Field Trip, Twanoh State Park
- Nov. 11 Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH

## BOARD NEWS

**Ramona Owen**

The Board convened at CUH to review and plan for the Fall Exhibit and our upcoming field trips and fall foray. We now have \$2000 in the equity fund due to a healthier market. In memory of Millie Kleinman, \$500 was donated to the "building" fund by her husband, Irwin. Thank you! PSMS membership continues to grow steadily. Our new membership forms now ask for ways a person might volunteer to help the club. The website is becoming more informative for members as we add to it—and we still need a Web designer! Dr. Ammirati will be able to resume ID classes in the near future; we are looking for an appropriate space. Hosts and identifiers are still needed for the upcoming field trip seasons. The membership-meeting lecturers are scheduled for the next few months. Fred Lisaius, the poster artist, will be honored for his work with some PSMS gifts.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 7:30 PM in the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle

This month's speaker will be Ian Gibson, author of the MatchMaker computer program for identification of gilled mushrooms. We will be welcoming Ian as he teaches us how and why MatchMaker works. Dr Gibson is a physician from Vancouver Island, B.C., as well as an avid mycologist and photographer. His e-key contains beautiful photographs of mushrooms, which makes it ideal for verifying the mushroom identification. Join us for an interesting evening! We will also be finalizing the details surrounding the 40th Annual PSMS Wild Mushroom Exhibit, so you can have another opportunity to sign up to help.



If your last name begins with the letters M–Z, please bring something edible to share after the meeting.

## PSMS CIRCLE 8 FALL FORAY

**David Hunt and Karin Mendell**

PSMS is again offering a fall foray for our members. We will be meeting at the Circle 8 Ranch, which proved to be a great resource during our spring foray there in May. The Circle 8 Ranch is located just off I-90 between Clallam and Easton, only 1.5 hours from Seattle. The ranch is in a beautiful, pastoral setting with three A-frame cabins and a very comfortable—we actually have springs and

The indoor heating in the two small A-frames which will house half our members and cozy sleeping bags should assure your warmth while collecting. Please bring layered clothing for warmth while collecting. Please bring changes in case we have rain. As usual for this type of foray, you need to bring your own towels and toiletries.

The foray dates are October 31–November 2. These dates, of course, suggest that a mushroom-themed costume party might be in order—anyone so inspired, please bring your costume, and we'll try to accommodate you on Friday night.

Bryce Kendrick, author of *The Fifth Kingdom* and over 300 mycological publications, will be our foray mycologist. Bryce will provide a slide presentation and talk both Friday and Saturday nights.

Chef Michael Blackwell has graciously consented to be our foray chef, and we all look forward to sharing meals with him during the foray. Anyone attending our September membership meeting had an advance opportunity to sample Michael's culinary magic!

Space is limited to 50 participants, so don't delay in making your reservation. Your check will hold your spot and must be received no later than October 15. The fee for the foray will be \$50.00 per person to cover room and board. There are bedding accommodations for the first 38 reservations, with the remaining 12 spaces available to tent or RV campers. (No discount will be available to tent or RV campers, as most of the fee goes toward food and facility rental.)

Remember that no child care is provided at our forays, so children need to be supervised by parents at all times. We have been advised by the property owners that dogs are allowed on the property *on leash only*. Pets are not allowed in any buildings. Please consider this if you wish to bring yours.

Terrific programs, delicious food, and good company guarantee a terrific experience for all our members. We hope that many of you will be able to join us!

To reserve your place, please e-mail or phone David Hunt, [dhhuntinc@seanet.com](mailto:dhhuntinc@seanet.com) or (206) 784-2778 or Karin Mendell, [k.Mendell@comcast.net](mailto:k.Mendell@comcast.net) or (425) 868-7918, and a registration form will be mailed to you.

## FALL FIELD TRIPS

**Cathy Lennebacker**

Field trips start at 9 AM. Remember to dress for the weather. Bring a compass, whistle, and watch for safety. Potlucks are fun, so plan ahead and bring something to share. A club identifier will be available at all field trips.

### October 4 **Masonic Park "Big Kitchen"**

This site, convenient to Barlow Pass and Mt. Dickerman, has a wide variety of mushrooms, including choice edibles such as chanterelles, matsutake, boletes, and hedgehogs. The Masons charge a fee of \$2 per car upon entry; camping is included if you so desire. *Hosts: Ross and Val Orthus*

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 signs will guide you to the big kitchen.

### October 11 **Chatter Creek** (elev. 2400 ft, 150 miles east of Seattle)

This lovely spot is reserved for the whole weekend, including camping Friday and Saturday nights in the group site. Trailhead passes are needed within ¼ mile of established trails. The campground has produced both white chanterelles and matsutake a short walk from the group site.

Driving Directions: Take Hwy. 2 over Stevens Pass and proceed 34 miles to the first Leavenworth intersection. Turn right and proceed 16.1 miles up Icicle Road to the Chatter Creek campground. Follow the PSMS signs to the group site. You can also take I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass to exit #85 and go over Swauk Pass to Hwy. 2. Turn left, go through Leavenworth to the north side, turn left on Icicle Road for 16.1 miles, and follow the PSMS signs.

### October 25 **PSMS/Mountaineers Joint Field Trip**

Join with Mountaineers for a weekend at Meany Lodge. Call the Mountaineers, (206) 284-8484, to register and for directions. PSMS signs will be posted on the Stampede Pass road to help as it's a little tricky to find. Register NOW as it fills fast with Mountaineers. Cost is \$40. (See article in this issue.)

### October 25 **New Castle Beach Park**

This Renton Park is nearby for your driving convenience. Look for chanterelles "for the pot."

Driving Directions: From I-405, take exit #9 to 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, go west at the top of ramp toward Lake Washington, and turn right onto Lake Washington Blvd. Continue into park.

### November 8 **Twanoh State Park**

Alas, this lovely park on Hood Canal is closed for camping. We will meet in the day use/picnic shelter. Washington State collects a \$5 per car parking fee.

Driving Directions: Take the Bremerton Ferry (a half hour ride) from downtown Seattle, take Hwy. 3 southwest to Belfair, and go west 8 miles on Hwy. 106 from Belfair to the park.

## November 15

## Deception Pass State Park

Meet at the Cranberry Lake shelter. A \$5 parking fee is collected at the entrance unless you are camping, in which case your camping receipt includes parking. This saltwater campground is open year round. No potluck as it gets dark so early. There are several delicious restaurants in LaConner for a friendly dinner.

Driving Directions: Head north on I-5 to exit #230, and go 18 miles west toward Oak Harbor. The park entrance is on the right 1 mile past the Deception Pass Bridge, one of the most photographed scenic places in the state.



## PSMS/THE MOUNTAINEERS WEEKEND, October 25–26 Coleman Leuthy

This year we will share the Meany Lodge mushroom weekend with the Pacific NW Mycological Society. As in the past, Saturday will feature the collection, identification, setting up of a mini-mushroom display, a gourmet dinner including mushrooms collected earlier in the day, and an evening program about mushrooms. On Sunday there will be local collecting, a review of the display, and a seminar on mushroom preparation and cooking.

There will be three sumptuous meals for your enjoyment. Coleman Leuthy, a knowledgeable mushroom guide, and PSMS assistants will lead you on the collecting forays and help with the identification of your collections.

Bring lunch for Saturday only, along with a basket, a box, or large paper bags to carry your treasures. Include small wax-paper sandwich bags for individual, small collections. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, towel, etc., for dormitory accommodations. Club policy: No alcohol in the lodge and no pets. Cost: \$40. This includes a gourmet dinner Saturday, Sunday breakfast and lunch, and overnight lodge fees.

Meet Saturday at 9:30 AM at Crystal Springs Forest Camp. Take I-5 east over Snoqualmie Pass to Exit 62, turn right at the top of the exit ramp, and continue a quarter mile. The campground is straight ahead at the sharp left bend in the road, before the bridge. We will break into small foray groups here and go collecting. About 3 PM, group leaders will guide you to the lodge.

For additional information call Coleman Leuthy at (206) 322-2554. To sign up call The Mountaineer clubhouse at (206) 284-8484. Note: This event sells out every year, so make your reservation early!

Driving Directions: Meany Lodge is 64 miles east of Seattle. Drive east from Seattle on I-90 to Exit 62. Turn right and proceed south on Forest Service Road #54 for 1.6 miles. Turn left on Forest Service Road #420 and proceed for 1.7 miles to the railroad tracks. Parallel the tracks until you reach the crossing, cross, and proceed a couple of hundred yards up the hill to the lodge. Use care when crossing the tracks; the trains are quiet and fast.

## TRAFFIC CHAMPION NEEDED

The Fall 2003 Show Co-Chairs are still looking for the "brave-hearted champion" who will be our Traffic and Parking Committee Chair. We already have names of folks who are willing to assist out in the parking lots, etc., but a chair or leader would be great!

## MUSHROOM ID CLASSES

Patrice Benson

Because of his heavy teaching schedule this autumn, Dr Ammirati has suggested a slight change in our mushroom identification classes for the fall session. Instead of lectures, Dr. Ammirati's ID workshops will be held from 6–8 PM in the Douglas classroom on the following dates:

Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 23

These sessions will provide you with assistance in keying the specimens which you provide. This is a unique opportunity to do some hard-core ID work with the masters. You will learn skills to enable you to ID for field trips and self enrichment. Be there or be square. Please e-mail [patrice.benson@comcast.net](mailto:patrice.benson@comcast.net) to register or, as a second choice, call (206) 722-0691 and leave a message.

The time is tentative and will be confirmed upon registration. The dates are firm. *Mushrooms Demystified* will be the required text.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Karin Mendell

The rains have finally arrived, and the air feels ripe with fall and mushrooms! Keep your fingers crossed that we continue to receive rain and a bit of sunshine to keep those mushrooms fruiting for the 40th Annual PSMS Wild Mushroom Show! Read on to find out about upcoming, exciting PSMS events!

**Annual Fall Exhibit, Oct. 18 and 19:** We will be featuring an exciting "special guest" this year—Gary Lincoff, author of *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms* and editor of numerous other mushroom books. We have an excellent crew of committee chairs, but they will still need help. Call Karin Mendell or Dave Hunt, Show Chairs, for advice on what job you might be "perfect" for! This year's show promises to be excellent!

**Field Trips:** Field Trip Chairs Cathy and Don Lennebacker have selected some wonderful sites for our fall field trips. But they still need field trip hosts for a couple of Saturdays. You can contact Cathy at [crazyquilter@hotmail.com](mailto:crazyquilter@hotmail.com).

**Meany Lodge Foray, Oct. 25 and 26:** Coleman Leuthy and the Mountaineers team up to bring you this very special experience. In past years, members have found copious mushrooms here, and the food has always been described as "exceptional!"

**Breitenbush Hot Springs, Oct. 23–26:** Although not sponsored by PSMS, this is another exciting venue to study, collect, cook, and enjoy wild mushrooms and a natural hot springs! Patrice Benson again leads this effort, and it promises to be extra special!

**Fall Foray at Circle 8 Ranch, Oct. 21–22** This foray promises to be an excellent one. Endrick participating as Foray Chef!

Again this year the challenge is trying to decide what mushroom activities to participate in!

**CANCELLED!**

## MUSHROOM MISSIONARIES

Lynn Phillips, Patrice Benson, and Dick Sieger gave a mushroom workshop for the Olympic Peninsula Mycological Society on September 13–14.

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