

SPORE PRINTS



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ATTENTION, SURVIVORS! 40TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Joanne Young

The 40th Anniversary Survivors Banquet is 6:30 PM on Saturday, March 13, 2004, at the Center for Urban Horticulture. By popular demand, a special buffet dinner is planned, catered by Chef John Platt of St. Clouds Catering (www.stclouds.com). Chef Michael Blackwell is the banquet chairman, so you know the menu will be good!

Place: Center for Urban Horticulture, main assembly hall

Time: 6:30 PM, Saturday March 13, 2004

What to bring: Yourself and your favorite date

Dress code: Celebratory! Elegant to casual. This is a dress-up opportunity; a chance to wear your favorite mushroom accessories—or even come in costume.

Entertainment: Music by a classical guitar soloist, probably Mark Wilson: (www.mhilliardwilson.com)

Beverages, including some red wine, will be provided, along with a souvenir wine glass.

Price: \$27 per person.* Children 12 years old and less, \$18 each.

*The actual cost is closer to \$40 per person. It is being subsidized by PSMS to make it affordable to more of our members. If you would like to pay something closer to the actual cost, we would be delighted to accept!

The Survivor's Banquet is also our Annual Meeting. New board members and officers will be announced as well as the winner of the Golden Mushroom Award winner for 2004. We do not have a Tuesday meeting this month.

To sign up, send your reservation and payment of \$27 per person, and \$18 per child 12 and under, to

PSMS Banquet,
1916 North 49th Street
Seattle, WA 98103.

You can also register at the February membership meeting. Make checks payable to "PSMS - Banquet." Questions? E-mail them to jd2young@aol.com or call (206) 633-0752. The deadline is on March 1, 2004.

Buffet Menu (still under construction)

Starter Snacks

Vietnamese Style Spring Rolls with Oyster Mushrooms.

These are fresh, not fried, laced with a bit of wasabi-soy vinaigrette inside with a sweet-spicy-salty dipping sauce.

Caramelized Onion and Goat Cheese Bruschetta

Dinner Buffet

Roasted Vegetable Platter

Essential Baking Company Breads

Hoppin' John Masala Cakes with Harissa Aioli. This is a vegetarian black-eyed pea and rice combo; shaped into small cakes, with Indian spicing (ginger, serrano chilies, garam masala, and turmeric)

Lemongrass Grilled Chicken Breasts with Persimmon Vinaigrette
Parmesan-Crusted Pork Tenderloin with Rustic Porcini Sauce

Traditional Caesar Salad with St. Clouds Caesar Dressing and Shiitake Polenta Croutons

Penne Pasta with Basil Pesto and Grilled Portobella Mushrooms

Dessert

Blackberry Tarts

Olympic Mountain Ice Cream

Chocolate Truffles (provided by M. Blackwell)

LICHEN CLASS

CUH

The Center for Urban Horticulture at the University of Washington will present the following lichen course, which is available to the general public. For registration information, call (206) 685-8033.

Lichens in Your Backyard

Time: Monday, March 15, 7 to 9 PM

Instructor: Katherine Glew, UW Lichen Collections Associate

Location: NHS Hall, Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA 98105

Fee: \$28 general public; \$25 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Lichens are a vital yet overlooked part of the ecology in our backyards. The UW has its very own lichenologist, Dr. Katherine Glew, who has researched lichens in Norway, the Russian Far East, and Washington State. She will discuss lichens, explain what they are, how they grow, and the common types found in the garden. She will also address common urban lichens and what they may indicate about your plants and air quality. Bring your hand lens if you have one, since there will be plenty of lichens to look closely at.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Pacita Roberts

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2004, please do so by February 15 or you will be dropped from the membership list. Those of you who have not renewed will have an asterisk (*) by your name on your mailing label. Renewals can be done at the February meeting or mailed to Bernice Velategui. Please send or bring in your check and a renewal form so we can update your contact information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Karin Mendell

Flower Show: We will not be participating in the Northwest Flower and Garden Show this year, because no one stepped up to lead that activity.

Spring & Fall Forays: At this time, we are looking at Spring and Fall Forays for 2004. *Field trips* are usually day events, though

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CALENDAR

Feb. 10 Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
Feb. 16 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
Feb. 24 *Spore Prints* deadline
Mar. 13 40th PSMS Survivor's Banquet, 6:30 PM, CUH

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many are held near camp grounds, that members coordinate themselves. Collecting, identification and a potluck usually occur. *Forays* are usually held at a privately owned lodge or camp with room and board for a nominal fee. They extend over a weekend
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Election

This year we are voting for a President, a Treasurer, and five Trustees. Please read the following profiles carefully and mark your choice on the enclosed ballot. Return your ballot to "PSMS Election Committee," 1916 North 49th Street, Seattle WA 98103. 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. Ballots received after March 6 will not be counted.



Ron Post

President

Since 1988 I have been active in PSMS as a board member, publicity chair for the exhibit, exhibit co-chair, chair of the Conservation & Ecology Committee, book sales chair, etc. I would like to focus on the club's educational mission and get to know more of our membership, putting their ideas to work. Feel free to call me anytime at (206) 527-2996.

Treasurer

I have been the treasurer of PSMS for two years and would like to be re-elected. I have learned a great deal about the club in general and its finances in particular (which are healthy). Prior to my position as Treasurer, I spent two years on the board as a trustee and also have been the co-chair of Cooking & Tasting at the fall show for the past two years.



John Goldman

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 7:30 PM, in the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle

Our speaker for February is David Pilz, a forest mycologist with the Department of Forest Science at Oregon State University in Corvallis. He conducts research on harvested forest fungi, with an emphasis on compatible production of edible mushrooms in forests managed for timber and other resources. This research focus was directed toward matsutake, chanterelles, and morels to investigate how silvicultural choices affect their productivity. More generally, David's expertise extends to the broader topic of nontimber forest products, starting with his involvement in issues surrounding the harvest of native yews for the anticancer drug Taxol.

If your last name begins with the letters A to L, please bring a snack to share after the meeting.

President's Message, cont.

and are a "mushroom learning immersion experience." Identification, cooking, GPS use, and collecting opportunities abound. All our members love these trips! If we are to have a Spring or Fall Foray this year, we need a new leader to step forward and begin working on this, now. We can provide you with coordination assistance, notebooks of "how to" information, and a "mentor" to assist you.

Fall Show: On January 17, twenty-some committee chairs and others interested our Fall Show met to discuss what we learned from 2003. We decided to stay at Sand Point, if new contract terms are not prohibitive, and continue to invite a guest speaker such as Tom Volk, Paul Stamets, or David Aurora. Most of last year's committee chairs will continue in 2004.

This means that the major headaches for 2004 show should be handled soon. However, a 2004 show chair has not yet stepped forward. *I urge anyone with at least a year's experience in PSMS and good coordinating skills to consider stepping up to chair the Fall Show.* It's a great way to get totally involved in one of our most important outreach and teaching experiences. The rewards are tremendous in terms of making new friends and building strong relationships with your PSMS peers! Please contact Karin Mendell, (425) 868-7918 or k.mendell@comcast.net, or Patrice Benson, Patrice.benson@comcast.net, for further information.

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Trustees

Dennis Oliver

I have been active in PSMS since 2000, working at the annual mushroom show and helping teach introductory mushroom classes. I have a degree in Botany from the University of Washington, studied with Dr. Stuntz, and did graduate study in mycology with Drs. David Hosford Orson Miller. I think it would be an honor to serve on the board.



Karin Tolgu

I was born and raised in Estonia and started mushroom hunting at an early age. I am looking forward to becoming more involved with the society as well as introducing my children to the joys of mushrooming. At least one of the three has inherited the Finno-Hungarian hunter-gatherer gene from me!



Colleen Compton

I've been an enthusiastic member of PSMS for fifteen years and have served on the board previously. It's time I contribute a little more to the society so I'm seeking another term on the board.



Daniel Winkler

I grew up collecting Steinpilz in the Alps. Working on sustainable development in High Asia, I got sucked into mushroom markets and conservation. PSMS is a beacon of knowledge in a fungally challenged society. Let's crank up its light and spread digestible mycology to future generations.



Lynne Elwell

In the years since I joined PSMS, I have enjoyed many activities, especially field trips, have learned much, and have greatly appreciated the people involved. I want to continue learning and to contribute to the society's success by becoming a board member again.



Steve W. Bigelow

This is my second year as a PSMS member. I am a marine engineer by trade. I've always been fascinated with mushrooms, and finding PSMS has been the jackpot for me. I was thrilled to get to assist with the last Annual Wild Mushroom Show and would like to contribute more to the society.



Brett Vielbig

Since joining PSMS in 2000, mushrooming has become a pathological obsession. I have grown new friendships, hosted field trips, and worked on show committees. When not hunting mushrooms, I go skiing, hiking, or mountain biking. Although managing fishing vessels in Alaska can keep me busy, I have the time and energy to serve you well on the PSMS Board.



Sharma Oliver

I joined PSMS in 2002. A long time outdoor enthusiasts, I have had a wonderful time learning about mushrooms. I have a long history of community service, including serving on the boards of two other nonprofit organizations. I would like to see PSMS membership grow through more community outreach and education.



Marilyn Droege

I have been a member for 15 years and participated in designing, producing, and selling posters and T-shirts; the annual exhibit; the flower and garden show, and giving talks on mycology. I would like to serve as an alternate board member, as I am too busy to serve full time right now. Please don't vote for me.



PSMS DISCUSSION GROUP ON YAHOO GROUPS

John Goldman

The PSMS e-mail discussion group maintained by Yahoo Groups is an easy and wonderful way to keep in contact with other members, to circulate information about PSMS events, and to post general mushroom information. By signing up, you can send a message using only one address (psms-members@groups.yahoo.com) and have it reach everyone who also has registered—no need to maintain individual e-mail addresses for all PSMS members!

There are two ways to sign up. The simplest way is to send e-mail to subscribe-psms-members@groups.yahoo.com, and you will be added to the list and only get e-mail. If you want to get e-mail and have access to the Web-based features of YahooGroups as well, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/psms-members> and follow the link that says "Join this Group." (You will need to sign up for a free Yahoo Groups membership if you do not have one already.) By joining this way, you can access your e-mail messages from any computer (not just the e-mail inbox of your computer), search messages, and have access to the photo section and the "file" section where other documents are stored (recipes, PSMS bylaws, etc.).

PRIVACY AND SPORE PRINTS ON-LINE

John Goldman

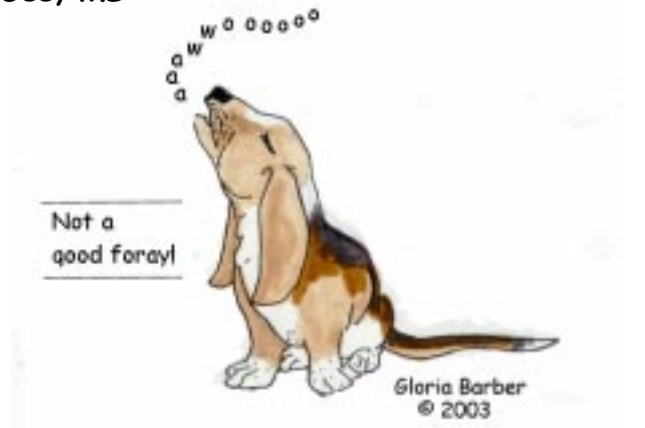
It has come to the board's attention that some members were surprised to find out that search engines (Google, etc.) can pull up phone numbers, street addresses, and e-mail addresses when the author includes them as part of a *Spore Prints* article since our newsletter is available on the PSMS website. If you do a Google search on "John Goldman, PSMS" you can be linked to issues that have my home phone, street address, and e-mail address. Personally I don't care. However, some of you may pay for unlisted phone numbers or feel differently in general. So if you're going to write an article for *Spore Prints* and include contact informa-

tion thinking that it will only be seen by people who receive a snail-mailed hard copy, know that this is not the case.

The other part of this is that there are services that actively "harvest" e-mail addresses from items on the Internet, increasing your chance of spam. If you need to include your e-mail address in an article but are concerned that it might be "harvested," display it in some form of the following manner. If I wanted to hide my true address, I could use something like rose.goldGGGG@comcast.net. Then in parentheses I would write, "for my correct e-mail address, delete the GGGG portion of the address." (You can substitute any text in your e-mail address that is incorrect so long as you describe the incorrect portion.)

We are aware of one case of spam and of one person with an unlisted phone number who realized that it could be found via the Web, so it has not been a huge issue, but the board wanted everyone to be knowledgeable. The bottom line is that I hope this doesn't cause people to stop writing pieces for *Spore Prints* or writing them but having to go to great lengths to disguise contact information. (This whole discussion could be taken to an Orwellian extreme, but I'm going to end it here.)

McGee, MS



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