

PUGET SOUND MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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Your editor is still grinding out the same informal newsheet pending organization (I hope) of the Publications Committee. Enrolled so far for this most stimulating job are Charlie Volz (VP) and Dale Robbins, to put the finger on the culprits. Members interested in helping out call Charlie at EM 3-5465. We need someone with a writing flair, one who knows printing processes, and a staff cartoonist and artist.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 11, 3:00, Pacific Science Center

Man from Dawn Fresh Mushroom Farms disappeared in a corporate shuffle that resulted in said farm being merged into Green Giant. His place is being taken by Mr. Volz who also doubles as program chairman, who will show slides and explain the processes involved in growing your own *Agaricus bispora* among other domesticated species.

For those persistent and sharp-eyed members who are bringing in specimens, we will hold an identification session.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** Hard working Program Chairman C. Volz is beginning to be hard pressed for ideas for future programs. There is a big gap between chatty talks on cooking poisonous species and learned lectures on the sex life of the cereal rusts. We are sure that the members have a lot of good ideas on the sorts of things they would like to have as subjects for future programs. Write and let us know, c/o Pacific Science Center.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Last Friday's meeting of Field Trip District Chairman voted in favor of postponing our Mother's Day Outing. The weather has not been cooperative, it being too cold during the past month to bring out mushrooms in quantity in the lowland woods. We would hate to mount a full scale assault on the mushroom grounds and have most participants disappointed by the results.

This delay gives us a chance to propose a new system for conducting the field trips. It being one of the objectives of the field trip program to gain information for the Society on the distribution and growing times of mushrooms in various parts of the Puget Sound area, the chairmen felt that having a larger number of smaller groups hunting in many more places would yield more valuable data than a few large groups could provide. Therefore, we are establishing a roster of experienced mushroom collectors and a corresponding list of members who wish to join conducted parties on field trips. The idea is to form parties not exceeding five or six who can travel in one vehicle and be flexible enough to cover a fairly wide area on one trip if they are not successful on the first stops. The guides would commit themselves to taking out a group in the spring and one in the fall, have carte blanche as far as where they go, and will report the results to the Society to build its records. This information can then be made available to all the membership, who will be sworn to secrecy.

Our attempts to get technical advisors to accompany the mass field trip program met with the snag that not a sufficient number of Dr. Stuntz's students could be mustered on a given weekend to meet the needs of all the groups. The field trip committee felt that the function of a technical advisor could be dispensed with in favor of the flexibility and manageability of smaller groups. Unknown specimens can be brought in for identification anyway, and table hunters can have more scope for their gathering.

If the idea strikes you as a good one, we can set June 7 as a good date to try. That is the day before the June meeting and we can have a rousing identification session. Those who have already signed up for the canceled May 10 trip will be first in line for the guided tours, depending on the availability of leaders. We know of a number of qualified members, but we should have more who are willing to perform this service for the Society. Sign up by calling Field Trip Chairman Frantz Coe at AT 3-9661. Those wanting to be guided should register with your District Chairman.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Now stands at 115, which is pretty good for a tong. Please be patient if our mailings are not as prompt and efficient as it ought to be. We owe several of you membership cards, and if you don't find yours in this envelope, come to the meeting and let us know. In a nice way, of course.

Ben Woo



← ATTENTION, MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

If you see a mushroom that looks like this. do not pick it. It is a rattlesnake eating an Easter Egg!

(with apologies to Dr. Stuntz)