

**SEASON ARRIVES**

Members of the Society, while rueing the passing of this most fine summer, will join with us in welcoming the arrival of the 1965 Fall mushrooming season at the coming meeting Monday, September 13th, at 8:00 pm, in the Eames Theatre, Pacific Science Center. To open the season, Dr. Stuntz will present a general discussion of mushrooms for the special benefit of many new members and prospective members who have expressed interest during the past few months. Veterans will also appreciate the slides and the review this program will provide. An identification session will follow the meeting.

**TAXONOMY CLASS GRADUATES**

During the two-month summer recess of the Society's formal activities, a group of officers and board members took advantage of Dr. Stuntz's special class in microscopy and modern taxonomy of the Agaricales through six weeks of night sessions twice each week. Those who pitted tired eye-muscles and creaky brain cells against the complexities of mycological mysteries Elsie Burkman, Ann Mack, John Uitti, Al Crosetti, George Rafanelli, George Tokuda, Dr. Morton Bassan and Ben Woo. The graduates will pass on their hard-gained knowledge to study groups that will be formed for a similar course this coming January and February. Details later. We wish to express our thanks on behalf of ourselves and the Society to Dr. Stuntz for his generous giving of time, coffee and patience.

**EXHIBIT COMING**

Before you know it, October 16 and 17, dates of our Second Annual Puget Sound Mushroom Exhibit, will be upon us. Ann Mack, Chairman for this year's Exhibit, has spent much of the Summer on planning for this event and will report progress to us at the coming meeting.

**LIBRARY GROWS**

We are further indebted to Dr. Stuntz for his donation to the library of the the following items:

- A. Pilat : The Bohemian Species of the Genus Agaricus  
Prague, 1951
  
- D. E. Stuntz : Key to the Genera of Agaricaceae, in 2 Parts  
Part I - The Friesian Genera  
Part II - Concordance of the Friesian Genera  
with the Singerian (modern) Genera.

(We have 3 reference copies of this most valuable Key and plan future publication of a "streamline" version for general distribution to the members.)

## YR OF AGARICUS

We enclose herewith the long-promised field data sheets for those collecting *Agaricus* species during this season. For those not familiar with this Project, we have engaged to collect specimens and data on the occurrence and distribution of the genus in our collecting area. We initially proposed to devote 1965 to this project, but will continue it a second year if the information developed shows promise of value. The field note form is designed to fit with a plastic overlay key to species, an experimental procedure to provide a quick diagnosis of species. If this turns out to be workable, we may extend the procedure to other genera. All specimens of interest will be dried and deposited in a herbarium for further study. All collections (which is a set of several specimens in various stages of maturity, in good condition) should be wrapped in wax paper and refrigerated until delivered to Dr. Stuntz's lab, 4th floor, Johnson Hall, University of Washington. Fill out data sheet fully, to the best of your judgment, and include with collection.

## FALL FIELD TRIP

The Society's Fall Field Trip will take place on Sunday, October 3rd, in the Lakes Keechelus-Kachess Area. George Rafanelli, Field Trip Chairman, will issue a Special Bulletin later, including map and other details.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome addition of the following new members since publication of the July roster:

Paul & Carol Nestell	917 N 137th St	Seattle
Larry & Zita Noll	10627 - 112th SE	Renton

## MUSHROOMS

Among edible species reported collected by members this past month are *Agaricus augustus*, *A. campestris*, *Cantherellus cibarius*, *C. subalbidus*, *Polyporus sulphureus*, *Lyophyllum aggregatum*, many *Russulas* and *Boletes*. It looks like a good year for our side, so --- Happy Hunting.

Ben Woo  
Editor