

NOVEMBER MEETING Monday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m. at Eames Theater. Speaker will be Mr. William Street, president of Ostrom Mushroom Company, who will tell of the curiosities and frustrations of growing mushrooms commercially.

EXHIBIT REPORT This year's show was another brilliant success under the leadership of Chairman Basil Ferguson and experienced Co-chairman Anne Mack. Both of them thank all committee chairmen and their cohorts (over half the membership was involved). At all hours of the day and night members collected, sorted, arranged, lugged, hammered, fastened, sign-painted, ran and shouted, shook hands, listened, explained, directed, soothed, sold books, wrote memberships, groaned, joked, cleaned up tons of stuff, laughed a lot, and between stints ate homemade everything backstage - sandwich mixes, breads, cookies, cakes, pickles, and most of all, Coffee, Coffee, Coffee. There was pressure, frustration, triumphant solution and a chance to look over the mushrooms on your coffee break.

A show of such high professional standards takes much organization and planning and many man and woman hours. Members who participated have all our thanks. Here is a rough estimate of the results:

Visitors - 6,500 (includes paid admissions, and members of both the Center and PSMS).
Species - 235, a new high in spite of uncooperative weather, somehow.
New memberships - 74

Finances:	Admissions	\$1680
	Books	1550
	New memberships	<u>300</u>
		3530
	Expenses (rentals, cost of books, printing, miscellaneous)	<u>1640</u>
	Profit on operations	\$1890

We thank the staff of the Science Center who were one and all accommodating and helpful, as well as Ostrom Mushroom Company, A. Magnano & Sons, House of Rice and the Continental Store for loaning mushroom products.

FIELD TRIP REPORT George Rafanelli says that in spite of a concentrated effort to call off the trip, 36 people showed up, and they found 18 species. There were six inches of snow, but the ground was bare under the trees, happily. Everyone went home cold but proud. If we have a long cold winter as predicted, next Spring's trip may be the same thing all over, but think positively anyway.

BOARD NOTES Many important volumes on mycology are out of print, and the price, either first- or second-hand is rising every month. The Board voted \$500 for the purpose of buying books for the Society, to begin to establish a really useful reference library for members. Anne Mack has accepted the post of Librarian. As soon as we devise a workable loan system, you will be notified.

Because Board member Ted Clark moved away, the Board appointed Connie Young to fill out his term. A charter member of the Society, Mrs. Young's active participation in the Society this year is finally beginning to erode her almost invincible ignorance of fungi.

CULINARY ADVENTURE (Or, no wonder Science has such a tough time of it): Paul Stoppenbeck collected a varied haul of fungi, among them a Stinkhorn, *Anthuris Borealis*, which he and Connie Wood sauteed and ate. They agreed discontentedly that it tasted like "fried Ritz crackers". Paul took the rest of his haul to Dr. Stuntz, who looked and looked and finally said, "The *Anthuris*? Where is it? It's rare and I've been hoping to get hold of some". Pause for a moment to imagine facial expressions - first Paul's, as he realizes, and then Dr. Stuntz's when he hears What Happened. Rueful apologies, much laughter.

It was then near midnight, but Paul and Ben Woo took off for Everett, located more *Anthuris* by flashlight and returned triumphantly. Dave Largen photographed and dried them for future reference. A graceful recovery all around.

And President Charlie Volz states firmly that *Hygrophorus Pudorinus* (var. *Fragrans*) is not worth cooking. At all.

MISCELLANY The Society now owns a first class projector, a Leitz with a zirconium high-intensity 2-speed lamp. It can be used as a single slide projector with remote control, or as an automatic with timing device. It's one of seven on the Pacific Coast, Dick Black says. We also have a new office file, and order now reigns, or nearly.

Don't forget PSMS members get a special \$2. rate this year on Pacific Search, the Science Center monthly. Ben Woo will have a split feature on fungi in the October and November issues. Send your name, address and money to P. S. Mycological Society, Pacific Science Center, 200 - 2nd N., Seattle 98109 and we will see you get on the mailing list. The first issue was fascinating--I finally found out the answer to red-leaved trees and what ever happened to their chlorophyll process, for example.

Dr. Stuntz's boletus slides drifted back, as did Ben Woo's mushroom dryer. All items are now in use, so don't even ask.

We need members to help put out the bulletin. One night monthly for an hour or so, to label, stuff and stamp envelopes. This is a sociable occasion, which is one reason for running pages on different colors--you can see at a glance what you're doing, without stopping talking. You can sign up at Monday's meeting. Men, women and coordinated children, all welcome.

Now, refer back to Page 1, Para. 1, and add this: Identification session will be held after meeting. Thank you.

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