

Puget Sound Mycological Society 200-2nd North Seattle Wa 98109

-Meets Second Monday of every month, except July & August Eames Theater-Pacific Science Center 8:00 PM-

IDENTIFICATION SESSIONS BEFORE AND AFTER MEETINGS

JUNE MEETING
June 9, 8:00PM

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!LADIES NIGHT! STUPENDOUS! !SPECTACULAR!

SPECIAL EVENTS!

We can't give many details on the program because a universal veil of secrecy surrounds the activities planned by the ladies for us. However, we have been assured by Elsie Gatcomb and Fay Melsen, the program directors, that it will be educational, informative, colorful, dynamic, dramatic, artistic and sexy. Male participation will be limited to manual labor of stage setting and other menial chores.

We have managed to learn that the feature attraction will be a showing by Joy Spurr of her superb mushroom slide collection with recorded narration - (Roger may have had something to do with this, but we can't mention a mere husband.)



This is the last meeting until September so let's all turn out for the Fungus Follies of 1969



And there's more --- Coffee and cookies to be served after meeting

MAY MEETING featured a program by another of our competent husbandwife team; an excellent slide presentation by Georgia and Bob Ramsey on the genus Amanita (and aren't the nasty little things beautiful?) We are indeed fortunate in our choice of Education Chairman.

Lillian Titland had a display of mushroom ceramics - it was a miscellaneous collection and included Boletes, Chanterelles, Stropharia and many others. Lillian said she thought this might inspire others to pursue their mushroom hobbies. It looks like a lot of work and there is a great deal of pains-taking preparation, but the results are well worth it.

-more about the May meeting on next page



Any man who thinks he is more intelligent than his wife is married to a smart woman la-di-da



COOK BOOK NEWS! -reported by Pauline Shiosaki at May meeting.

our litele to Our long awaited gourmet's masterpiece "Oft Told Mushroom Recipes" is in the process of publication and Pauline Shiosaki, our culinary specialist and editor gave us an insight on the joys of compiling this book. She pointed out that these books make excellent gifts and also urged us to take advantage of the pre-publication discount price of \$3.95 (plus tax and postage makes a total of \$4.38.) This is a saving of \$1.00 and we're sure that if you have made a contribution to the book, you'll want your relatives and friends to see your name in print. So start making your gift list now.

In a private interview when asked about the trials and tribulations attending this project, Pauline said there weren't any; that everything went along very smoothly. We don't know whether she is unduly modest or that she wisely picked a committee that pitched in and helped. Anyhow, a salute from the entire membership to Pauline and her committee for this marvelous job.

Inasmuch as all books have to be mailed individually, don't forget to add postage of 25% - also Dan Evans wants us to collect 18% from all sales delivered in Washington, so remember the total for each book is \$4.38. Willing order takers will help you again after the meeting (thus another saving of a 6% stamp.)

FIELD TRIP FACTS -

The Dalles Forest Camp May 3 & 4 92 people signed in - 74 for pot-28 species identified Crystal Springs Forest Camp May 17 & 18 89 folks signed in - 60 for potluck. 31 species identified

Snow conditions at Crystal Springs made a last minute change necessary. A couple of our energetic members managed to get a permit from the Northern Pacific Railroad to set up headquarters on the Cle Elum river near Roslyn. With the nice weather we had, it turned out to be one of the best outings ever and a good time was had by all.

And WHAT a pot luck! Belts were loosened, girdles stretched to the breaking point and then we went back for seconds and desserts. Hunting was mediocre to fair, depending on the amount of energy expended. Morels were found in some quantity in the burn area but were generally small. Looks like some moisture is needed to produce a good crop. Note: - we had wood to burn - thanx.

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The Nestells wish to extend their thank yous to all the members who pitched in and helped to make the outing a huge success in spite of the unavoidable shift of location. Since this was not a regular camp or picnic area we had to furnish our own tables, chairs, fire pit, etc. but all needed items appeared as if by magic from campers, trailers, out of the woods and a couple of members from Rosyln went home to bring back a large picnic table.

The New Membership Rosters Are Ready!

Sorry... None Will Be Mailed

So Be Sure And Pick-up Your (opy At The June 9th Meeting

Some fungi, says mycology Can turn you on like LSD While others, aphrodisiac Excite the sacro-iliac RMN (and not Richard M. Nixon)





Our last outing was near Cle Elum and some of our members from there attended and two of them, Seth and Carol Colemand took Ralph and me by car up to the burn to look for morels - a few were found, but we appreciated their cooperation. In case you don't know it, Cle Elum is very much mushroom-minded and they have a contest every year. Prizes are awarded for the largest Boletes and the contest is open to all - last year's first prize winner was a 5 pound, 2 ounce Boletus Edulis.

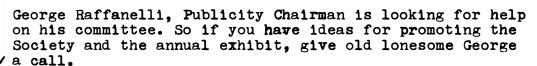
To quote The Northern Kittitas County Tribune - \*The Pioneer Days Mushroom Contest is on its way with the first entry received Friday May 9 by veteran mushroom picker Matt Jacinich. The weight was not dis-

closed by official weigher, Petere Fassero----.

This contest is sponsored by the Sons of Italy Lodge and is psrt of the big celebration over the 4th of July. You might start making plans now to become part of this celebration of "Pioneer Days." They have a fine and colorful parade.

In April there was a change made on the masthead of the bulletinthe drawing used for that issue was made by Charlotte Pierce of Enumclaw.
In May, a couple of drawings on each end were contributed by Paula Jaffe.
(Sort of a combination of talents from both members.) The one being used
this time is Paula's. There have been so many compliments on this art
work, we thought you'd like to know. Glad you like it. This is another
example of the talent contained within the club - if you have anything
to offer, please contact any officer or member of the board. We can use you!

## PUBLICITY!





At the April Board meeting, Belle Swaffield suggested that society members on field trips might be interested in some type of apparel such as berets, neckerchiefs or arm bands which could be readily recognized by other members.

And so we dedicate this little ditty

## To The Belles

Four abreast, they tramp the swamps
Singing their marching song
And the pinks and blues and other hues
Flash as they splash along

No, it isn't the Chinese Drill Team Or a battalion of Viet Congs It's only the P. S. M. S. girls In their mushroom club sarongs







## THE PREZ SEZ:

This month I'll
own thoughts
by quoting
phrase
the way
If you are
go get a
Field & Stream,
and start

When harvesting summer, don't tight keeping.



let you fill in your
for this column
a well known
-"Now that's
to run a railroad"
still in the dark,
June issue of
turn to page 34
reading

mushrooms this

put them in an air
plastic bag for

They'll keep many times
in a low wide box so

the air can circulate over and through them.

Morrie Gatcomb

Tho once we esteemed A. bisporus,
Commercially grown and picked for us,
We've found Cantharellus,
Boletes and Morchellas,
And now A. bisporus just bore us.
Ethel Dassow of Mercer Island

When we see all this talent, we wonder if there isn't a lot more lying around that we just have to dig out.



Did we mention the special pre-publication price on the cook book? If not, we will - \$3.95, plus tax and postage, total of \$4.38 each. Hurry! Hurry! Supplies are limited and after publication the price will be \$1.00 more. Mail in your checks, marked "Cook Book" or sumthin'

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This is the last bulletin until fall; have a good summer and a pleasant vacation and you'll be reading us in September.

Oh yes, some busy members volunteered to take over the detail work of the bulletin, like typing labels, preparing envelopes, keeping the membership file up to date, mailing, etc. etc. so if you wish to donate your services to this worth-while work, call either of the Gatcombs (preferably at 6:45 A.M.-no kidding) at PR 8-4793 or the Melsens at PR 8-8191. In addition to these members we also wish to thank those who came down and helped with the mailing: Barbara and John Lansinger, Florence Coulsey and Eunice Harris.



Do nothing yourself- then you are safe in criticizing those who do RMN (Now this could be Richard M)