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LEARN THE WHERE'S AND HOWS OF MUSHROOMING OCTOBER 12

George Rafanelli, one of our illustrious past presidents, will discourse on "Where to Hunt Mushrooms and How to Hunt Them" at the October 14th meeting. 8 p.m. in the Eames Theatre of the Pacific Science Center. George will illustrate his talk with slides.

SEVENTH ANNUAL

PSMS

MUSHROOM EXHIBIT

1-9 p.m. - Saturday, October 24th
Noon-7 p.m. - Sunday, October 25th

Eames Theatre
Pacific Science Center

Please attend Saturday
to ease Sunday crush

Invite interested
friends



"Mycological Horror", a not uncommon popular view, by Richard Lord, Yakima

PLAN TO ATTEND FUNGUS FESTIVAL OCTOBER 24-25

In addition to examining the well arranged and labelled collection of mushrooms you'll want to take in the continuing colored slide show, the sections on books, arts and crafts, the drying demonstration and a display of home preserved fungi (call Hildah Nolan, WE. 2-3855, if you have canned mushrooms to show).

Help make this another outstanding exhibit: Collect specimens from your hunting grounds which are in good condition and handle with care. Preserve their natural appearance by digging up as much surrounding soil as required and bring them to the Eames Theatre Saturday or Sunday morning where they will be identified and displayed.

Chairman Vic Nendza, VI. 2-3474, asks for a volunteer with a pickup truck who is willing to transport exhibit materials to the Center.

Another volunteer is needed to stain and varnish two new dryer cabinets, 3 x 4' x 16", for display at the exhibit. Call Ben Woo, EA. 4-7617.

Paid up members are entitled to free admission. No waiting in line, merely go up front, show your membership card and in you go. Admission for others is: Adults, \$1.50; students, servicemen and senior citizens (over 65), 75¢; families, \$3; children under 15 years, 50¢.

Hildah Nolan reports that Prudence Penny of the P.I.'s homemaker section will attend our exhibit.

FIELD TRIP CALENDAR

October 17-18 CRYSTAL SPRINGS (Note change from originally scheduled Pack Forest). 10 miles east of Hyak on Highway 10. Turn right on Stampede Pass road, camp is about one-half mile up the road.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 LAKE ARROWHEAD 14 miles west of Shelton. As you come into Shelton look for turn off sign atop a drive-in hamburger stand on right.

Field chairman Paul Nestell urges fungus freaks to bring dry wood for the camp fire. Field trippers are also asked to donate \$1 per car to cover camp costs. Paul needs volunteers to 1) do the fee collecting 2) relieve him of camp duties so that he can take beginners out on hunts.

HIGH LIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 31 BOARD MEETING

* Dr. Stuntz reported that he is revising the late Margaret McKenney's THE SAVORY WILD MUSHROOM (1962). The new edition will contain additional species, many new illustrations and a rearranged format. The section on mushroom poisons is being revised by Dr. Taylor. Hopefully, the popular Northwest guide will be off the University of Washington Press by next summer.

* Ben Woo, publication chairman, announced that \$144 worth of new books had been ordered for the PSMS library.

* Treasurer Fred Wasson noted that Society accounts contain \$3542.39.

* The Board approved a motion to eliminate the PSMS subsidy of the annual cost of the banquet.

FALL MUSHROOM SHOW PLANNED BY OREGON SOCIETY

Sunday, October 18th is the date for the Oregon Mycological Society's Fall Mushroom Show. The event will be held at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, 4015 S.W. Canyon Road, Portland. Hours are from noon to 7 p.m.

REPORTS ON FIRST TWO FIELD TRIPS

Despite the long dry summer, the first outing at Fireman's Park in Cle Elum over the Labor Day weekend, was a resounding success. Luckily, the forest closure had been lifted two days previously. 76 persons signed in and 43 enjoyed the usual gourmet potluck. 46 species were identified, one was unknown.

Dr. Daniel Stuntz, resplendent in his new Dodge Dart, arrived Saturday and spent the weekend identifying specimens. Belle Swaffield's idea of having "greeters" (acting field trip chairmen to act as hosts) freed Dan and Paul Nestell to take parties of newcomers out on hunts while volunteers manned the camp. Mario Parisio brought in a dozen boletes - not one weighed less than two pounds. He gave them to various members and it was something to watch a couple of newcomers immediately slice and cook their share. Several first timers, including a couple from London, were enthusiastic about their initial fungus outing.

We were pleased to greet Dave Hosford, his charming wife, Gloria, and their lively terrier, Truffles. Teaching at Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, and working on his doctorate, Dave was the recipient of a PSMS scholarship grant a couple of years ago.



The Society gives its thanks to the City Council, Fire Department and Chamber of Commerce of Cle Elum for going all out to make us comfortable and welcome. A special kudo goes to Marty Owens for his clean-up job in the camp area.

Another trip highlight was the Saturday night visit of Mike Rossetti, former mayor of Cle Elum, who brought two bottles of home-made wine for Dr. Stuntz. Carried away by the enthusiasm of the event, he and his lovely wife, Alpha, joined PSMS. Welcome! We know you'll be real assets to the Society. --Ralph Nolan

Sunny weather prevailed at the Soda Springs outing September 19-20. 98 signed in and a whopping 84 lived it up at the potluck. Dr. Stuntz identified 139 species of mushrooms. Good collections of Chanterelles, Clavaria, Hericum, Lactarius, Pleurotus, Polypilus, Russula and Suillus. Don Peterson brought most of the firewood.

--Paul Nestell

DR. STUNTZ FETED BY SUMMER STUDY GROUP

We all know Dr. Stuntz as a deep well of mycological knowledge and we have all marveled at the enormously patient and courteous manner in which he answers our questions - some of them stupid and repetitious.

The members of this year's six week summer class in mycology will forever after hold him in their memories as a connoisseur of fine and unusual foods. His informal lectures were certainly mind-expanding to whatever degree each student applied himself. But, oh, those figure-expanding coffee breaks!

In appreciation the class arranged for dinner and relaxation at Dr. Stuntz's favorite bistro. Ron Brougham provided unique transportation for Dr. Stuntz and guests - a chauffeured limousine, once owned by a world renowned magazine editor and connoisseur of feminine pulchritude.

Dr. Stuntz quickly entered into the spirit of the occasion and a fine time was had by all. In appreciation the class presented a fine slide projector to the Professor, suitable to his particular needs. --Belle Swaffield

MYCOLOGY CLASS AT CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

David Hosford, CWCE professor of botany and professional mycologist, will be teaching a non-credit evening course in mushroom identification this fall. He is a PSMS member and a former student of Dr. Stuntz. For further information write the Dept. of Continuing Education, c/o David Dillard, 1008 D Street, Ellensburg. Dave's number is 925-4214.

LARGE TURNOUT AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

Close to a capacity crowd were most attentive during Dr. Stuntz's slide lecture on fall mushrooms.

A large display of specimens received careful scrutiny (how about two display areas to relieve the congestion, Brother Chairman?). Among others were *Togaria aurea*, *Armillaria ponderosa*, *Dentinum repandum*, *Hericum caput-ursi* and *Cantharellus clavatus*.

V.I.P. PROFILE

It's time again to delve into the personal history of some of the important people in our Society (a polite way of saying we're just plain nose). This month's V.I.P. is a lady you may have seen at meetings handing out minutes to board members. Her name is Freda Paice and she is our illustrious secretary. If you are not sure who she is, you can meet her at the exhibit, sitting at the membership table.

Freda was born in Kendall, Montana and raised in Missoula. A professional in the best sense of the word, she received her B.A. in science from the U. of Montana. She has worked as a dietician in several hospitals and for the past 20 years has taught at Highline High.

It is important to note that Freda is a loyal wife and that is one reason why you won't see her at many field trips. Her husband, Albert, who works in the Boeing test area, enjoys salt water fishing so Freda goes along and does her bit to keep down the finny tribe. They have been interested in mushrooms ever since she can remember. After taking a course in botany at the U.W., Freda took in the Society's first exhibit in 1964 and joined. She has been on some successful trips this year.

Freda has one son, a pet boxer dog and her hobbies, besides boating and fishing, are hiking and reading. We are very fortunate to have such a hard working intelligent gal for our secretary. Here's to you, Freda! --Barbara Lansinger

MEMBERS WRITE -

Ilene Marckx, Tacoma: While attending the July Sharon Audubon Festival in Connecticut we joined a mushroom tour conducted by the Drs. Bigelow, husband and wife botany profs at the U. of Massachusetts. Our guides pointed out an *Inocybe* and we said that it was one of Dr. Stuntz's "pets." Our guides told us that Dr. Stuntz was the world's leading authority on this genus and also one of their favorite people. An *Amanita verna* seen along the trail was again noted in other eastern areas, including the Holden Arboretum in N.E. Ohio. A tour member told Ilene that PSMS may be the largest mycological society in the world but the Boston Mycological Club, founded in 1895, is the oldest.

Irene O'Connor, Amanda Park: George Rafanelli, our 1967 president, presented a slide lecture to the Quinault Garden Club in June. One of the group's largest and best meets.

Margaret Hellyer, Tacoma: Reports finding *Boletes* this summer in the Canadian Rockies a few miles from Jasper. In response to her question about the edibility of mushrooms in the campground a ranger informed her that the fungus in the park was protected, a statement which was applauded by fellow campers. Margaret wondered if the profuse littering was not more damaging to the ecology than the possible picking of a few mushrooms.

APPEAL - If you have extra Chanterelles, preferably cleaned, call Belle Swaffield, Helen Wasson or Hildah Nolan. They will be canned and used to grace the annual banquet.