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JANUARY MEETING TO FEATURE MUSHROOM SLIDE LECTURE...

... by Joyce Spurr - this month's V.I.P. profile. Her expert photography has graced the annual exhibits. The clan gathers at 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11, at the Eames Theatre in the Science Center. Hardy mushroomers are urged to bring samples for the display table.

WHEN YOU CAN'T HUNT FUNGUS, STUDY 'EM

Shape up for the coming season; get in on the Society's fifth annual winter mycology course. The free series is designed for but not limited to beginners and will be conducted on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Eames Theatre and be taught by PSMS experts.

At the first class Jan. 11, Dr. Stuntz will discuss what a fungus is, where it fits in the plant kingdom, its function, microscopic character and spore mechanism. Other classes will be held on Jan. 25, Feb. 8 and 22 and March 8 and 29. Subjects will include fungus names and pronunciation, introduction to the genera, morphology, poisons and use of keys.

HANG IN THERE FOR 1971!

The eight year of our Society promises to be an exciting one. The Board and its committees are examining new concepts to benefit our active and fast growing membership (details will be found elsewhere in this issue). Don't miss anything - get those dues in by renewal deadline of January 15. Regular, \$5, student \$2.50. Today?

SEVENTH ANNUAL SURVIVORS BANQUET

Get your banquet reservations at the January 11 meeting. The donation is \$6 per person. Dispensing tickets at the reservation table will be Belle Swaffield, banquet chairwoman, and Freda Paice, June and Harley Perkins and Joyce Stroud.

Mail reservations are also in order. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed return envelop and your tickets will be mailed to you. Please mark "Reservation" on your envelope to avoid confusion with mail for other PSMS departments.

The date of the enjoyable annual event is Saturday, March 13. The deadline for reservations is March 6. The banquet will be held in the Snoqualmie Room of the Seattle Center. Belle has furnished a map for the February issue - to help those of us who easily get turned around afield or in the city.

1971 NOMINATING FORM

Nominations for Society offices may be submitted on this form or offered from the floor at the January meeting (you must have the consent of your nominees). We urge all members who can allot the time to accept these nominations or even to seek them. Many people prefer to function in an organization to which they belong. They are the ones who have contributed a high degree of leadership, initiated a variety of activities and have kept the group dynamic.

Most would not hesitate to agree that their involvement has been rewarded by the satisfaction of accomplishment, receipt of recognition, new associations and the added opportunities to learn more about mushrooms. We hope to see a substantial influx of new personalities to help in a leadership capacity, to assist the older, dedicated core still active in the work of the Society.

Claude Dilly, Chairman; Jim Bennett, Thelma Larson, George Rafanelli, Pauline Shiosaki
Election Committee

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Nominating Committee
PSMS, 200 2nd N., Seattle 98109

Dear Committee:

I think the following members will be great in the positions noted (Name any member, including yourself, give reasons. Sign and mail in by Feb. 8. All suggestions will be considered but the Committee reserves the right to limit the number of nominees for each position for obvious practical reasons):

PRESIDENT	_____	Reasons:
VICE-PRES.	_____	"
TREASURER	_____	"
SECRETARY	_____	"
TRUSTEE	_____	"
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(Note: Ten trustees will be elected. If you have additional nominees or want to save your bulletin, make list on separate piece of paper and mail in).

SIGNED _____

SOCIETY TAKING LONG RANGE LOOK AT ITS GOALS

In November, President Bob Ramsey appointed a committee to study the role of the Society during the 1970's. Its recommendations will be considered at future board meetings. Serving on the committee are Ann Bard, Claude Dilly, Louise and Milton Grout, Barbara Lansinger, Howard Melsen, Lyle Mercer, Ralph Nolan, George Rafanelli, Robert Ramsey, Dr. Dan Stuntz, Lillian Titland, Charles Volz, Carolyn Weber and Ben Woo.

Appointed to examine the feasibility of PSMS having an office at the Science Center were Ann Bard, Fay Melsen, Freda Paice, Georgia Ramsey and Fred Wasson. Those delegated the task of looking for a larger 1971 exhibit space were Vic Nendza, Charles Proctor, Helen Wasson, Ben Woo, Charles Woodruff



All of the delightful artistry in this issue is the creation of Dina Chybinski.

MUSHROOMS IN WINTERTIME

By Paul Nestell

(Because many of us are reluctant to give up the hunt after the main fruitings, we asked Paul to fill us in on fungus prospects during the "dead season". Ed.)

Carol and I have hunted mushrooms for food since 1954 and for science since 1965. By keeping a diary we are able to guess where mushrooms may be found in the winter months of November thru March.

During mild winters Chanterelles, Sparassis, Boletus, Russulas, Lycoperdon, Agaricus, Hericium, Dentinum, Coprinus, Pleurotus, Lactarius, Polyporus, Lepista, and Clavaria may fruit through December. Thru March one may find Pleurotus, Clavaria, Dentinum, Lepista and Coprinus.

The most hardy species and their likely locations are: Coprinus atramentarius, grassy places; C. comatus, lawns and gravel; Lepista nuda, lawns and fields; Dentinum umbilicatus, under salal; Hericium erinaceus, on oak; and Pleurotus sapidus on hardwoods. Most of these will come during snow and freezing weather.

We would like to have winter field trips but would have to have a place like Lake Arrowhead with a weather-proof lodge. There must be many such places within our range, so please let us know about them (send ideas to our field trip chairman at 4500 Martin Way, Sp. 40, Olympia 98501).

DECEMBER BOARD HIGH LIGHTS

* Preliminary reports were presented on available space at the Science Center in the event PSMS decides to establish an office, procurement of enlarged exhibit space for the 1971 show.

* Treasurer Fred Wasson noted the Society checking and savings accounts contain \$10,313.78.

* The Board approved purchase of an inexpensive tape recorder to aid the Secretary in transcribing minutes and the taping of lectures.

* A motion was passed providing that all bills submitted for payment must be OK'd by either the President or Vice-President.

CORRESPONDENCE: Beatrice Buzzetti, Ellensburg - "May I suggest that field trips of other Washington mycological societies be listed in SPORE PRINTS. Surely they would welcome any of us as guests on their field trips as we welcome guests at any of ours, don't we?" Hospitality being a hallmark of myco types, other clubs are asked to send us foray data.

'MANITAS: A copy of the PSMS key to Northwest Amanitas may be obtained from Pacific Arch, 200 2nd Ave. N., Seattle 98109. A stamped, self-addressed long envelope will be appreciated. According to a recent news account, an estimated one-half dozen persons died of mushroom poisoning in the U.S. last year. Learn the Amanitas and stay out of the sad statistics!

NEXT SPORE PRINTS DEADLINE: Jan. 22. Send copy to L. Mercer, 747 21st E., Seattle 98102



V.I.P. PROFILE

We asked Joy Spurr, chairwoman of the Photography Committee, to give us profile data. We thought her response was perfect and reprint is as received. -- Barbara Lansinger.

"Don't remember much about my birth since it happened sometime in the middle of the night, quite a number of years ago on December 21, so I have been told. Guess I was supposed to have been a Christmas present but apparently Santa Claus and the Stork had a little mixup in communications. I always say, COMMUNICATION is the greatest problem in the universe.

"The first 18 years of my life were spent in Minnesota (Albert Lea and Minneapolis). By this time I was tired of 20 degree below, and more, winters and the hot, humid summers, so boarded the G.N. Empire Builder for Seattle. The next 17 years involved secretarial and office management work, a boy friend and a marriage that has lasted 22½ years to date.

"I supposedly retired from office work in 1955 but soon became active in community service programs, free lance writing and photography. Our greatest love is the outdoors and all things of nature, so we just naturally fell into organizations like the Mountaineers, Evergreen Rock Club, University of Washington Arboretum and Seattle Zoological Society. I'm presently on the board of directors of the Arboretum Foundation and the Zoo Society.

"About the time the Puget Sound Mycological Society was formed, I started to photograph mushrooms, became a charter member and soon became interested in seriously studying the fungi. This interest might have bogged down in utter frustration but for the great patience and kind help that Dr. Stuntz has given all of us in PSMS. But for his encouraging help, Roger and I would not be spending our weekends in a bent over V-shape, nose to the ground everlastingly searching out these little treasures of our meadows and forests. And, our finding Amanita verna near Battleground, Wash. gave us that extra incentive to keep looking for another 'first'."

DECEMBER PROGRAM WAS TOPNOTCH

About 250 persons benefited from illustrated lectures on safety in the woods and the Boletinus genera. "By Nature's Rules", a film presented by Barry Newgard of the Mountain Rescue Council, illuminated how to avoid death by exposure. When one's body heat production does not equal loss of heat - due to cold, wet, windy weather and exhaustion - a condition termed hypothermia results in which the functioning of vital organs is adversely affected. There is danger of the ailment even in low and non-freezing altitudes. Keeping warmly and dryly dressed and rested prevents hypothermia.

Learned Ben Woo gave an informative lecture on Boletes, illustrated from his own sli. He observed that he has found the prized Boletus edulis on the Loop Highway, under spruce the Greys Harbor area and in late spring and early summer around Cle Elum. In his estimate, the Boletus scaber (aurantiacus) is just as tasty as the B. edulis. He also discussed a variety of Boletes unknown to many of us. Only a few specimens graced the display tables.



-- Dina Chybinski

"I always suspected I was really Prince Charming under a wicked sorcerer's spell but was never really sure until I switched brands of margarine."