

SPORE PRINTS

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HERE WE GO GATHERING MUSHROOMS IN MAY...

MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Monday, May 10 at 8 p.m. Eames Theater
Pacific Science Center

"Some Common Edible Spring Mushrooms" will be the topic of a slide show and in-depth discussion by Howard Melsen, followed by a mushroom slide quiz. There'll be identification sessions before and after the meeting, so bring in your mystery mushrooms.

FIELD TRIPS:

May 8- Osborne Field Trip cancelled.

" 8-9- Dalles Forest Camp-25 miles east of Enumclaw on SR 410

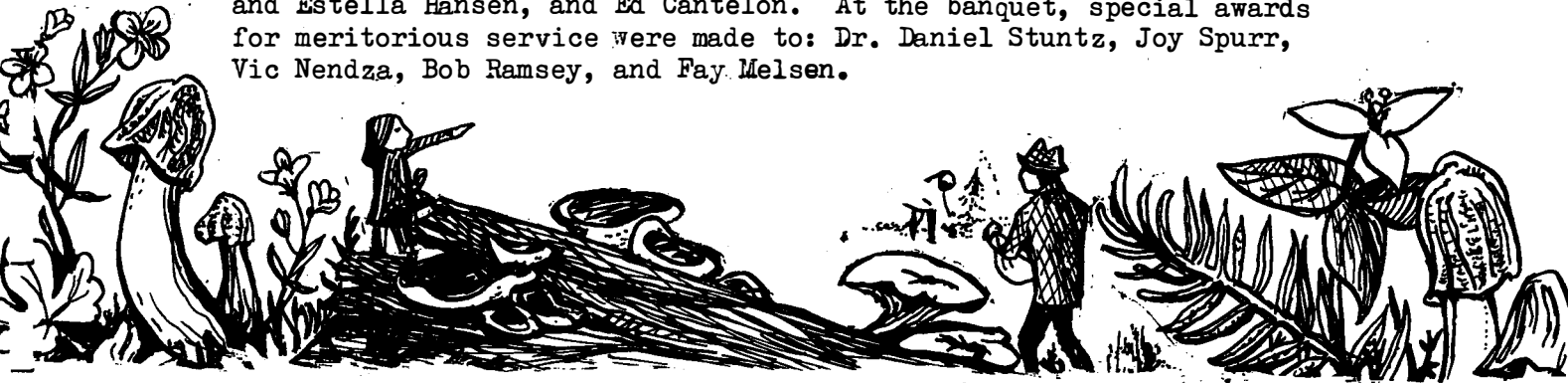
" 22-23 - Tumwater Forest Camp--10 miles North of Leavenworth on SR 2

" 22 - Olney Park --7 miles North of Sultan shelter. Claude and Margaret Dilly, leaders

" 29-31- North Fork Forest Camp--Entiat Valley Road 317, 33 miles N.W. of Entiat. We ask that no self-contained units park at above headquarters. There are three other camps within a few miles up the road. All other camps below North Fork are closed due to last fall's fire damage. Due to insufficient space there will be NO POTLUCK at the Entiat field trip.

BANQUET WINDUP

Although the applause is beginning to die down now for Chairman Belle Swaffield, for Chief Speaker Dixy Lee Ray, and for PSMS's great funny man Ralph Nolan who served as Master of Ceremonies, the 1971 Banquet will remain a beautiful memory of fun and tantalizing tastes upon the tongue, ranging from the hors d'oeuvre (see page 3) to the cream-and cookie Fungi Fantasy dessert. Belle Swaffield, 527 happy diners, and the entire PSMS wish to thank all those who donated real, edible mushrooms. For concocting a bumper crop of fabulous mushrooms for table decorations, another accolade is due Ella Hamilton, Stan and Edith Heilman, Thelma Larson, Dorothy Anderson, Martin and Estella Hansen, and Ed Cantelon. At the banquet, special awards for meritorious service were made to: Dr. Daniel Stuntz, Joy Spurr, Vic Nendza, Bob Ramsey, and Fay Melsen.





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For information about becoming a PSMS member, phone Fay Melsen, PR8-8191.

CALENDAR

May 8-Saturday-Osborne trip-cancelled
" 8-9-weekend: Dalles Field Trip
" 10-Monday:Membership Meeting-8 p.m.
" 22-Saturday:Olney Park Field Trip
" 22-23-weekend:Tumwater Field Trip
" 24-Board Meeting
" 29-31-weekend:Entiat Field Trip
June-14-Monday-Membership Meeting-8 p.m.

Weekend field trips feature Saturday evening potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. Bring hot dish, salad or dessert and your own plates, cups, silverware and WOOD.

HELP WANTED: Bulletin Editor needed.

Hours long: Pay : nonexistent.
Reward: Fun, fun, fun...and fungi
(hot tips on good hunting grounds)
Plus the immeasurable joy of serving our Great Society.

Puget Sound Mycological Society Financial Statement Fred R. Wasson, Treasurer

December 31, 1970

Assets:

Cash in checking account	\$ 6557.97	
Cash in savings account	<u>3447.93</u>	\$ 10005.90
Mycological library	311.11	
978 Cook books, (approx. cost)	2268.96	
Misc. other sale books	247.45	
File cabinet	46.44	
Slide projector	160.50	
Multiplex slide cabinet	221.24	
Instat camera	45.46	
Slide screen	30.27	
Identification projector	52.20	
Adding machine	49.47	
18" Alladin field trip trailer	<u>765.00</u>	<u>4198.10</u>
Total assets		\$ <u>14204.00</u>

Liabilities:

None		
Net Worth		\$ <u>14204.00</u>

Recapitulation:

Net worth 12/31/69	\$ 9117.27
Net Worth 12/31/70	<u>14204.00</u>
	\$ 5086.73

Puget Sound Mycological Society Statement of Income and Expenses for 1970

Income:

Interest earned on savings account	\$ 144.93	
Books, (cook and others)	6987.74	
Dues	2644.50	
Banquet	2104.67	
Arts and Crafts	1042.90	
Exhibition receipts	<u>3766.74</u>	\$16691.48

Deductions:

Depreciation of assets	\$ 181.18	
Exhibit, banquet, and other costs	7310.92	
Postage	667.62	
Report cost	1.00	
Printing cost	1032.30	
Donations	1135.37	
Phone calls	34.66	
Exhibit equipment rental	528.48	
Field trip expenses	482.11	
Repairs	13.65	
Insurance, (trailer)	6.90	
Exhibit advertising	153.00	
Office supplies and costs	<u>57.56</u>	<u>11604.75</u>

Net gain \$ 5086.73

BOARD ACTION

The Board Meeting date has been changed to the Next to the Last Monday of the month. Next Board Meeting will be May 24th.

October 23 and 24 are the dates of the Fall Exhibit.

A contribution of \$200 was voted for the Washington Environmental Council.

BULLETIN FORMAT

A new reduction type format for the bulletin is being tried this month, in order to give more information. We would like to hear your reaction to it.



MFT - A NEW DISEASE?

Soon the search will begin for Verpas, Morels and other spring mushrooms. Many of you will be going on your first field trips with PSMS. Some who have done so in the past have returned to say, "It was lonely out there and why didn't someone take us hunting?"

Well, that's the way it is. Two or three couples may join to hunt but usually it's by couples isolated from others and hoping not to cross the same hunting grounds someone else already scoured! The nature of the prize requires widespread operations, sometimes 30 to 50 miles from the center. If we all went around in a group, we'd all find the same mushroom wouldn't we?

However, be sure to check in at the center of operations by noon. Sign up and indicate whether you are new and whether you want to join in the potluck. If you are not sure where to go and what to do, then locate the trip leader or assistants and ask questions. They can point out areas on maps and give you an idea how to look for particular species. But don't expect preferential treatment or a guided tour--we all had to work out our own special techniques by observation and by listening to others.

Above all, move slowly and look carefully. Often you will suddenly realize you're standing in the middle of a host of mushrooms you couldn't seem to get in focus!

After you've found a special one Dr. Stuntz has only seen twice before you're aware that Mushroom Field Trips is a new disease!

---President Robert Ramsey

MUSHROOMS--FIELD TRIP STATISTICS

April 10-Gold Bar The first one-day field trip, this season's innovation, was a great success. A cold wind mixed with rain and snow, kept trip-leaders Howard and Fay Melsen busy throwing wood on the fire and pouring hot liquids into the Verpa hunters. A colorful note, in addition to blue noses and red cheeks, was the 5 dozen Easter eggs contributed by Easter Bunny Mary Hochwalt.

April 10-11 weekend - French Creek Sixty-three victorious hunters took pot-luck. Altogether 108 people attended the Darrington area weekend, finding 25 different species including *Discina ancillis*, *Inocybe pudica*, and *Verpas* for all.

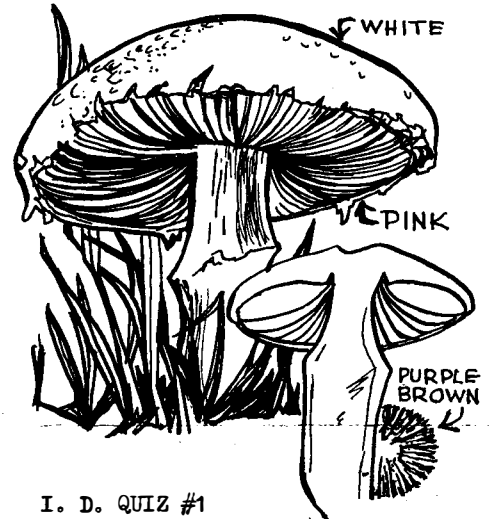
April 24-Money Creek Despite a cold drizzle, the roster showed names of 35 mushroom enthusiasts who cheerfully dug among the wet leaves and snow-drifts searching for the tiny *Verpas* just peeping through the duff. A warm fire, kept blazing by trip-leader Charles Volz, helped thaw cold fingers and toes. Tightly-wrapped cottonwood buds, clinging to bare branches, warned us that it was too early to waken mushrooms. *Verpas*, *Stropharia ambigua*, *Pholiota squarrosa*, *Coprinus micaceus*, *Psathyrella* sp., *Cortinarius* sp. and *Gyromitra esculenta* were collected.

April 24-25 weekend - Cle Elum A frosty-looking *Clitocybe dealbata* and a recently thawed *Russula cascadenis* epitomized the frigid April field trip at Cle Elum, where spring is more than a little late this year. Forty-five chilly pothunters were cheered by a bountiful pot-luck supper around Paul and Carol Nestell's roaring fire. By noon on the sunnier Sunday, 90 people had signed in, having collected a total of 18 different species, but in sparse supply.

BANQUET FINANCIAL REPORT

Continental hosts	\$3799.96
Staging	33.60
Burien Press	121.28
Decorations	117.96
Cake Box	41.48
Antipasto	226.07
Incidentals	86.62
Truffles	41.92
Total Cost	\$ 4468.89
Ticket Receipts	3035.00
Deficit	\$ 1433.89

MYSTERY MUSHROOM



I. D. QUIZ #1

Known as "mushroom" in England (everything else is "toadstool") this gourmet favorite may be found in open pastureland, grassy lawns, and (a very close relative) in grocery stores. To identify it, use your PSMS class key, and/or any textbook.

ANSWER: The "Field" or "Meadow mushroom"
Agaricus campestris



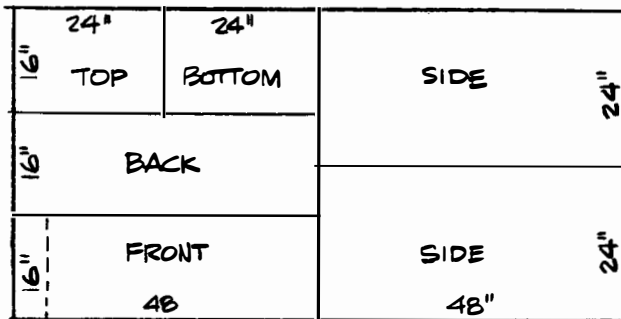
ANTIPASTO

Ingredients suggested for the Antipasto served at the PSMS banquet:

Chantarelles	canned, chopped
Mild onions	chopped coarsely
Green pepper	chopped coarsely
Red pepper or pimiento	chopped coarsely
Celery	sliced
Black olives	sliced
Water chestnuts	sliced
Garbanzo beans	
Agaricus mushrooms	canned, sliced
Capers	
Parsley	fresh or dried, chopped
Sesame seed	toasted
Cheese	Romano, grated
Vinegar	
Oil	
Salt	
Pepper	coarse ground
Italian herbs	dried crumbled
Garlic	fresh or powdered
Wine	Chablis or Sauterne

Additional seasonings, such as Lawry's or Johnnies Dock seasoned salt, Durkees Salad Seasoning may be added to taste.

PLAN FOR A BUILD-IT-YOURSELF MUSHROOM DRYER



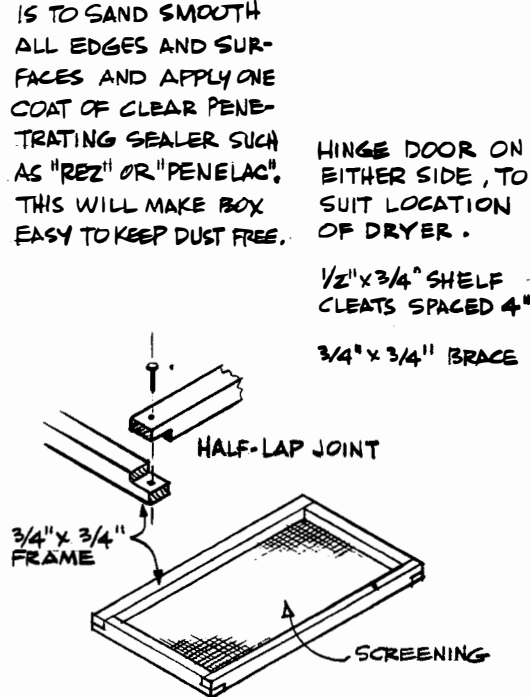
CUTTING LAYOUT ▲

BUY OR STEAL A SHEET OF FIR PLYWOOD, 4'x8'x 3/8" THICK. IT SHOULD BE SANDED. CUT AS SHOWN.

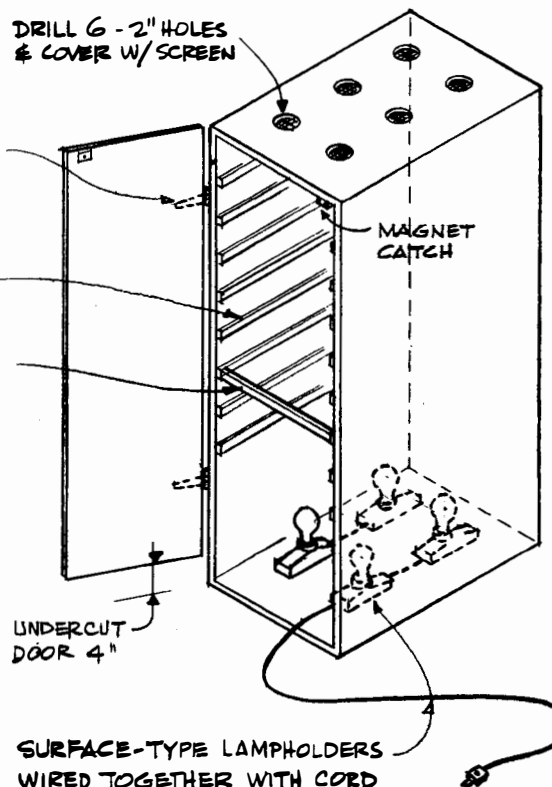
YOU WILL ALSO NEED ABOUT 60' OF 3/4"x 3/4" AND 32' OF 1/2"x 3/4" FIR; ABOUT 8' OF 24" WIDE ALUMINUM INSECT SCREEN; PLUS NAILS, STAPLES, GLUE AND MISC HARDWARE.

FINISH IS OPTIONAL. SUGGESTED METHOD IS TO SAND SMOOTH ALL EDGES AND SURFACES AND APPLY ONE COAT OF CLEAR PENETRATING SEALER SUCH AS "REZ" OR "PENELAC". THIS WILL MAKE BOX EASY TO KEEP DUST FREE.

FIRST, ASSEMBLE THE BOX, USING SIMPLE LAP, GLUE & NAIL JOINTS.



BUILD SIX SHELVES TO FIT LOOSELY INTO BOX, RESTING ON CLEATS. HALF-LAP & GLUE CORNERS. STRETCH AND TACK OR STAPLE SCREENING TO THE FRAME.



SURFACE-TYPE LAMPHOLDERS WIRED TOGETHER WITH CORD AND PLUG. LAMPS MAY BE 60W TO 100W. EXPERIMENT TO FIND BEST COMBINATION FOR YOU.

MORELS, VERPAS, BOLETES & CLAVARIAS DRY WELL. DON'T WASH! SPREAD IN SINGLE LAYER ON SHELVES. SPLIT LARGE MORELS. SLICE LARGE MUSHROOMS INTO 1/4" SLICES. ALLOW 24 TO 48 HOURS FOR DRYING. STORE IN JARS OR CANS WITH TIGHT LIDS.