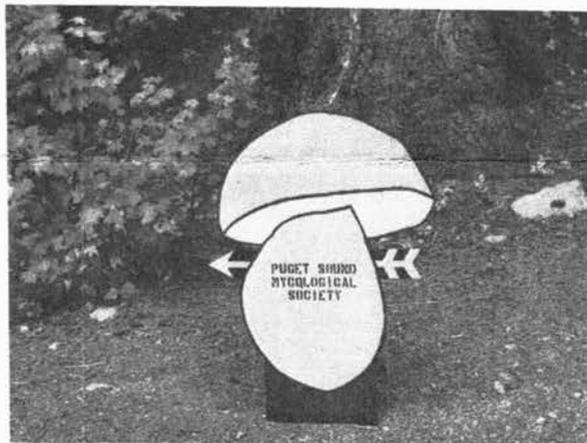


# SPORE PRINTS

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In the post-winter pre-mushroom drudge let us think about the good times of last year. All photos by Joy Spurr. Those on the left from the Crystal Springs Field Trip. Top: Our President Howard Melsen showing his versatility. Middle: Typical collectors table. Bottom: Bill and Pauline Pollard with their unique camping ensemble. Bottom right: The Seattle Zoological Society sponsored Junior Naturalists as guests of PSMS at the Oak Patch Field Trip in October, 1973. Right above: Typical PSMS sign.





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ALTERNATES Dorothy Conway, Everett Peavey, and Bill Pollard

SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR Dr. Daniel E. Stuntz

# Membership Meeting

Monday, February 11, \*8:00 pm, Eames Theatre, Pacific Science Center.

A double bill: Bill Pollard (picture on Page 1) will tell us How To Eat The Poisonous Mushrooms—always a good thing to know. Dr. Stuntz, our personal Myco King, will favor us with a talk, the subject to be determined at a later date. If he says it, whatever it is, it's good enough for us.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN MARCH. The Survivors' Banquet takes the place of the regular Membership meeting. You'all come now.

Photo by Joy Spurr and showing interested mycologist, Dr. Daniel E. Stuntz, and George Rafanelli at the 1973 PSMS Exhibit.



## CALENDAR

- Feb 11 Membership meeting Monday 8:00 pm
- Feb 18 Board meeting Monday 8:00 pm
- Feb 22 Deadline for March Spore Prints. Mail news, pictures, etc. to PSMS, 4029 E. Madison, Seattle WA 98112. No telephone calls accepted—our ear is tired. Plant peas and fava beans today.

NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN MARCH. Shake your piggy bank and see if you can make the Banquet.

- Mar 30 Survivors' Banquet Saturday 6:00 pm

## LOST

Kit Scates mislaid her copy of Boletes of Michigan by Smith & Thiers while she was either here at the Exhibit or in Oregon at the Foray on Nov. 3 & 4, 1973. If any member tripped over this book and put it in the collecting basket for safe keeping, please contact Editor at 485-5962 or leave at 4029 E. Madison, Seattle. It was a well-worn copy, and we doubt her name was in it.

## ENERGY CRISIS DEPT. By Jennie M. Schmitt

Attention Individuals! If you are interested in transportation or company to and from field trips, meetings, etc., call Bernice O. Mahoney, 232-8549. This is for all people who have a car and wish to pool it or people without transportation.

ELECTION COMMITTEE By Ed Cantelon, Chairman

Now you have the opportunity to serve the society. The nomination of candidates for officers and board of trustees will continue until the next membership meeting on February eleventh. We seek candidates for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and board of trustees. Those elected to these positions will meet each month to transact such business as may concern the society. Any member in good standing over eighteen years of age may serve.

This is an opportunity for those of you who have the time, to share a pleasant and rewarding experience with your fellow toadstool hunters. You may volunteer your own services or nominate some one else, but you must have the permission of your nominee.

Call Ed Cantelon 242-6115 or Emory Bronner 932-3591.



Verpa bohemica



JENNIE SCHMITT'S SPRING SESSION

Jennie's spring classes will be starting Thursday February 14th, 7:30 to 9:00 pm for eight sessions. They will be held at 800 Edmonds N.E., Renton, WA in the same building the State Patrol Dept. of Licensing is located. Take exit No. 5 off of 405 and turn right at the first stop light on Edmonds. Call 255-5286 for further information.

The following article is from Bulletin No. 4, Nov. 1973, of the Boston Mycological Club. Bill Pollard has sent it in with the permission of Dr. Betty Hay of the Boston Myco. Club.

FUNGAL COURTING

The following is quoted from "The Compleat Naturalist", sub-titled "A Life of Linnaeus", by Wilfrid Blunt, page 52:

"Linnaeus elsewhere in his Journal mentions another fungus (probably *Boletus suaveolens*) which was prized by young Lapps when they went courting. In his *Flora Lapponica* he writes more fully and in his most romantic vein on the subject:

"When a Lapland youth finds this fungus he preserves it carefully in a little pouch hanging from his waist, so that its grateful scent may make him more acceptable to the girl he is courting. Oh whimsical Venus! In other parts of the world you must be wooed with coffee and chocolate, preserves and sweets, wines and dainties, jewels and pearls, gold and silver, silks and cosmetics, balls and assemblies, concerts and plays; here you are satisfied with a little withered fungus!"

# SURVIVORS' BANQUET

LATEST REPORT ON THE SURVIVORS' BANQUET

Hoss Kinney, Banquet Chairman, reports that banquet plans continue to move forward. He says, "No one wishes more than I that the price of the tickets could have been held to a lower figure, but as you all know the cost of almost everything is soaring." The Banquet Committee found it had to raise the price of the tickets in order to provide food, accommodations, and entertainment of the quality to which the members of PSMS are accustomed.

So join us for a relaxing evening with good food, good fun, and good friends. The date is Saturday, March 30 at the Seattle Center Arena. Roundup time 6:00 pm; dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets, \$9.50 per person, will be available at the February meeting, or send mail orders to Gail Kinney,



9288 Points Drive, Bellevue WA 98004. Phone orders and questions will be handled by Belle Swaffield at CH 4-2559.

Note to editor: Since the accent is on comfort and informality members and guests are invited to attend in any type of country/western garb that suits their fancy and/or their figgers—please, no spurs or six-guns.

—Belle Swaffield

# Mushroom Hunters Fill the Woods

WASHINGTON—The woods are full of mushroom hunters, who would as soon nibble a deadly "destroying angel" as reveal their trade secrets.

A housewife gathered 286 morels, an especially tasty variety, in two hours to win an annual mushroom hunt held in Boyne City, Mich. Asked how she did it, she replied:

"Just knowing where to look." No more.

A veteran mycophile, or mushroom lover, writing for novices solemnly advised: "If you should find a bonanza, remember one thing: Don't tell anyone where you found it."

A Minnesota mycophile recently claimed that mushroom hunting is the second-fastest growing outdoor activity in the United States, second only to archery, the National Geographic Society reports.

In Iowa, dogs have been pressed into the hunt. A Des Moines man claims his spaniel, Gertie, is so adept that "she points with her left foot when she has found a good bunch of mushrooms and with her right foot when she runs across just one or a few small ones."

A member of the New York Mycological Society relishes the challenge. "There is always the chance of making a mistake. That is the sport of mushroom hunting," he explained.

For beginners more interested in survival than sport, experts warn:

There is no foolproof way of telling edible from poisonous mushrooms. Anyone who is not an expert should limit his mushroom collecting to the shelves of the supermarket.

Mycologists advise the novice to forget theories that poisonous species will darken a spoon, or that have a telltale odor, texture or discharge, or a cap that peels readily.

"There is only one dependable course—learn to know your species," one authority said. "Verify your identification with a reliable field guide. Discard any specimen you cannot

positively establish as belonging to an authenticated edible species."

Knowledgeable hunters easily can find many edible varieties among the 2,000 species. And they come in assorted flavors—peppery, bitter and nutty. Some give off an aroma of ripe apricots or anise. Others taste of garlic, shrimp, beef tongue and chocolate.

A universal favorite is the morel, called by one enthusiast, "crisp, savory and enticing, one of nature's superior delicacies."

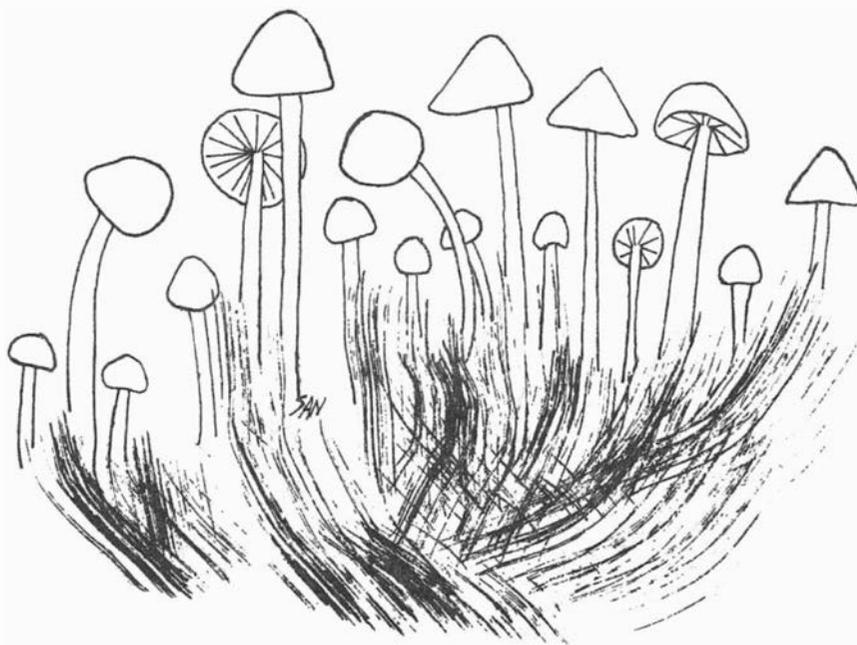
A mushroom actually is a fungus. Like other fungi, they produce spores instead of seeds, they have no flowers or true roots, and they contain no chlorophyll.

Without chlorophyll, mushrooms cannot convert the sun's energy into food, so they live as parasites or scavengers. A clump of mushrooms growing on a tree stump is anchored by thousands of unseen filaments that penetrate and digest the wood's cellulose.

## Mystery Mushroom



The Mystery Mushroom has flown the coop. As a matter of fact, all our contributing artists have flown the coop. The mystery is who, who will step forward and, (dare we say it?) volunteer to do mystery mushrooms and pretty drawings for Sporeprints? Few offers will be refused. Be fearless. We haven't bit anyone yet. Build your portfolio. Call editor at 485-5962, or just send the goodies to PSMS, 4029 E. Madison, Seattle WA 98112. Saying no is inoperative.



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This winter has taken its toll, and among them, Freda L. Paice. Freda was a charter member of PSMS and served several years as our Secretary. She received her B.A. in science from the University of Montana and taught over twenty years at Highline High. Her husband Albert has kindly given her mushroom books and notes to PSMS.

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We sadly regret to inform you of the passing of H. C. Norham, PSMS member since 1971. His wife Mildred asks us to convey her thanks to the many kind people who phoned and sent cards of sympathy.

PUGET SOUND MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
CANDIDATES FOR 1974



FOR PRESIDENT

Milton Grout. For avocation, outdoor enthusiasm with a number of "OLOGIES", headed by MYCOLOGY and mixed with a little boating and fishing. For vocation, Vice President of New England Fish Company.



FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Margaret Dilly. A member since 1965. My husband Claude and I have headed or worked on many committees, three years tray arranging at the Exhibit. At present working on morel committee and a work on Agaricus Key of the Pacific N. W. Keep me busy.



FOR TREASURER

Fred Wasson. Professional accountant. Five years in PSMS. Handled all book sales and financial records during that time. Three summer class sessions with Dr. Stuntz. With wife Helen has led field trips.



FOR SECRETARY

Doris Paduano. Born and raised in Seattle area. Mother of 3 children, 2 stepchildren. Employed at Boeing for the past 20 years, mostly in lead position and supervision in data distribution. Assists husband's business at home (bookkeeping). Hobbies: water skiing, swimming, gardening, love of outdoors.

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Judy Roger

A botany student and part-time secretary. Have helped on Exhibit, (chrm. hospitality committee) and would like to be more active in PSMS. Have taken a couple of Dr. Stuntz's classes and look forward to more. Hobbies: sewing, cooking, hiking and rose gardening.



Bill Pollard

Hate to brag but the truth will prevail - am a first World War veteran - retired from the Post Office - attend all meetings - now serving on our board - guard the book sales at the Exhibit - on outings I put up and remove the plastic - keep the fires going - spell off the trip leaders and instruct beginners but I can't sing.



Kathleen Tracey

I am a L.P.N. working out of "A" nurses Registry in Several Seattle Hospitals and on private cases. I attended Shoreline C.C. for 3 1/2 years taking nursing related subjects. Three years with the Society, worked on the Exhibits and hunted several years before. Interested in promoting growth of knowledge of mushrooms so people can enjoy them without danger.



Jerry Cons

A newcomer to the PSMS and a hardy survivor of many years of talking about mushroom hunting. Finally arrived at the point where "talking" must end and "doing" start. Favorite sport? Steelhead fishing. Printer by trade, amateur chef by avocation and mushroom hunter by hope



Sonia Cox

Born in Canada, raised in Brazil, moved to Seattle in 1971 and joined PSMS the minute I heard of its existence. Have enjoyed the field trips and meetings a great deal. Mother of two small boys who are also "Fungi Fiends". Would do my very best for the Society, if elected.



Patricia Allvmson Winter M.D. Ph.D.

Retired M.D. Became "hooked" on wild mushrooms as a child when father taught me to search for illusive morels. Comparatively new PSMS member but dedicated. Past two years had charge of Dr. Stuntz' freeze-dried specimens at our Exhibit and greeting the people who attended.



Sigrun-Margarete Budnik

BS in Biology from Fairleigh Dickinson University - retired science teacher - Hobbies: creative cooking, fashion design, mushroom hunting, skiing, mt. climbing, fishing/steelheading, tennis, camping/hiking, Toastalstress. Age 33.

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Takeo "Tak" Mochizuki

Graduate of U. of Utah - Engineer at Boeing - Joined PSMS in 1971 - hobbies are photography, camping, fishing and oil painting. Interest in mycology started while photographing mushrooms. Attended classes taught by Dr. Stuntz, Jennie Schmitt and Milt Grout.



Pam Kowalski

Occupation: Advertising, Address: Immediately south of Mt. Baker Park where I've found lots from B. Edulis to Fried Chicken (small quantities to be sure, but valiant attempts!) Raised in the Midwest with a voracious Polish appetite for mushrooms. Gastronomical desire: to introduce the lusciousness of the "Stumpy" to the Northwest, even if I have to carry the damn stump onto a 747.



Jan Iten

Autobiography: I'm a graduate of the Univ. of Minn. and have been with the PSMS for 1 1/2 years. My first week-end hunt was last fall and of course I was or became a student of Bill Pollard's. I only hope my nose for mushrooms becomes half as great as his. Hobbies are photography and cooking along with mushroom hunting.



John W. "Jack" Orth

Last year board member of PSMS - Also chairman of the annual Exhibit decorations committee and chairman of educational material. Hobbies: Hiking, music and naturally mushroom hunting.



Monte M. Hendrickson

Mushroom hunting has become my favorite activity since retirement. Additional hobbies include photography, electronics, wood-working and model-railroading. I am interested in getting more people involved in the classes and educational and wonderful field trips held by the PSMS.

A vote for me means a member of the board who would attend regularly and give service to full capacity.



Lester E. Baribo

I am the microbiologist for the Weyerhaeuser Company. Professionally I am interested in observing the relationship between plants in the forest as it may affect disease, nutrition and the growth of trees. So it is a double pleasure to be able to eat some tasty mushrooms after a day in the field. Other gourmet hobbies are bee keeping, trout farming and fruit raising.



Dorothy Conway

Seventeen years of living in the Pacific North West has addicted me to the fishing, camping, mushroom hunting, living; yes even the weather of this wonderful country. I love it.



Bernice Velategui

Member since 1970. Self employed. Husband who works for the waterfront employers. Three grown children, all attending college. Hobbies are gardening, reading, sewing and hunting mushrooms..



Florence Mals

I have been a PSMS member since 1971. I am employed at Boeing, a widow with teen-age twin boys at home. I love the outdoors, mushroom hunting, camping, hiking. My hobbies are oil painting and pottery.