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FIELD TRIPS

Dick Sieger

Please check the classified section in the Seattle newspapers before you come to a field trip. Sometimes field trips are changed, and when this happens, we will advertise in the "825 TRAVEL" section in the Seattle Times, and the "740 TRAVEL" section in the Seattle Post Intelligencer on the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before the trip. If you are asked to "call Dick for changes" this means call Dick Sieger at 362-6860.

If you want to share a ride with another member, you also call 362-6860. You are asked to leave a message, telling whether you have room for a passenger or need a ride. Most of us should carpool to the first trip - since it will feature a short lecture at 9 AM introducing you to the territory and habitat of Verpa bohemica. This trip will be held - rain or shine; mushrooms or no mushrooms.

March 28 MacDonald County Park - Tolt River Park

Saturday only - no pot luck. This park is a half mile south of Carnation in King County. Enter via N.E. 40th Street from highway #203 to get to the day use area of the park. Cross the suspension bridge to the shelter on the west side of the river. Arrive by 9:00 and you will learn from the Hendricksons how to find Verpa bohemica. This is a fine opportunity to learn how these very successful pot hunters find mushrooms. Monte will give a talk and lead the hunt. Bring a lunch and a basket, box, or bucket for your mushrooms. We will provide coffee. It will rain, so dress accordingly.

April 4 - 5 Steelhead County Park in Rockport

There are two possible routes, both lined with cottonwood trees so you can look for Verpa bohemica on the way. Either take the Arlington exit #208 from I-5 and drive through Darrington, OR take the Burlington exit #230 and continue on State Highway #20 to Rockport. Steelhead Park is on the river bank. There are some hook-ups and a fee is charged for camping.

THE MARGARET MCKENNY FORAY

Dick Sieger

A meeting was held on February 10th to plan for this year's NAMA 1980 Foray at Port Townsend. The people attending were those involved with finances and registration and the information packet that will be sent to those who register. Rather than planning for special classes that are customarily held before NAMA Forays, we decided to have a post-foray program for those who want to continue serious collecting on the Peninsula. We briefly discussed programs and speakers, and will ask Dr. Stuntz for his advice.

CLASSES, CLASSES, CLASSES

Monte Hendrickson

The PSMS Beginners' Classes will continue with Bascis of Mushroom Identification (specifically Spring Mushrooms) from 6:45 - 7:40 (before the regular monthly membership meetings) on Mondays, April 13th; May 11th, and June 8th. Milton Grout, who teaches the regular PSMS classes in the fall, will be the instructor. The specific topics will be announced in Spore Prints preceding each meeting.

George Rafanelli will hold spring classes at Sealth High School (March 24 - May 5, 1981) and Rainier Beach High School (April 1 - May 13, 1981) For specific details see page 3 of the February 1981 issue of Spore Prints, or call George at 767 - 4408.

Steve Whitcher will hold a 4-week Community Service Class on "Mushroom Picking" starting April 9, 1981 at Puyallup High School, from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Topics covered will include: Range & Diversity of Fungi; Binomial Nomenclature & Taxonomy; Terminology and Mushroom Structures; Toxins; Use of Identification Keys; Cultivation; Resources (books, keys, mycological societies, etc.)

THE 1981 PSMS ELECTIONS

Ed Cantelon

This issue of Spore Prints reaches you a little earlier than usual, because it is serving as our ELECTION NOTICE. Included you will find the official ballots and return envelopes for your vote. Remember, a family membership entitles you to two votes, and a single membership to one vote.

Please return your marked ballot in the envelope provided so that it is postmarked no later than March 7, 1981.

The election committee has presented you with a slate of excellent, capable, and enthusiastic candidates. Their pictures and brief campaign statements appear on pages 3 and 4.

We urge all members to VOTE for the candidates of their choice and return the ballots postmarked no later than March 7th.

PHOTO TIP FOR MARCH

Joy Spurr

Benefits of using a tripod: you get sharp pictures... you get the exact framing and composition you want... it is easier to see and eliminate distracting items in the pictures... allows the photographer to relax, work carefully and be creative. Invest in a sturdy, firm tripod, preferably with snap-lock legs. If you have to backpack it, a light-weight tripod can be weighted down with a rock or piece of wood. Keep a ball of string in your pack for this purpose. A monopod, or a seven-foot chain with camera mounting screw, helps to steady the camera. Either of these are easy to carry on trips where you may not want to take a large tripod. Make your own "beanbag" by filling a sock, or small bag made of stretch material, with pieces of styrofoam. You can use the "beanbag" on a car window sill, fence post, stump or on the ground to steady the camera body or a telephoto lens. It is practically weightless and can be made any size to fit your equipment.



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OFFICERS Carl Hermanson, President, 1982 (1)
John Kunz, Vice-President, 1981 (A)
Earl Harrison, Treasurer, 1982 (2)
Margaret Holzbauer, Secretary, 1981 (1)

TRUSTEES - Term expires March 1981
Margaret Dilly (1); Grace Jones (1); Dennis
Krabbenhoft (1); Tom McKnight (1); Agnes
Sieger (1).
Term expires March 1982
Margo Harrison (2); Rudy Karzmar (1);
LomNee March (2); Stan March (1); Don
Schultz (1). Jennie Schmitt (imm. past pres.)

ALTERNATES: Del Miller; Agnes Suit.

SCIENTIFIC ADVISER Dr. Daniel E. Stuntz

Calendar

- March 7 Saturday - last day to mail ballots for elections
- March 13 Friday - The 17th Annual Survivors Banquet will be held at South Seattle Community College, 6000 - 16th Ave. SW., Seattle. This is the annual meeting of PSMS. No membership meeting in March.
- March 23 Monday - Board Meeting, 8:00 pm
- March 27 Deadline for Spore Print Material. Send all articles, photos, etc. to the Editor, 2559 NE 96th, Seattle, Wa., 98115.
- March 28 Saturday only, Learning Field Trip to the Tolt River Campground by Carnation
- April 4 & 5 Field Trip to Rockport - Steelhead County Park
- April 13 Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Sara Brallier: 634 - 1130; Susan Frankel: 633-2088; Karl & Evelyn Hansen: 937 - 7356; Edward Eisert & Delores Nims: 481-7510; Arlene Hills: 633-3086; Henrietta Strom: 365 - 0432; John & Margaret Takizawa: 322-2784; Gerod Wattier: 255-9418; Peter Wirth: 842 - 3682.

Survivors Banquet

March is just around the corner - and March is Banquet time for PSMS. Our By-Laws specify March as the month for a special meeting for the purpose of announcing the newly elected officers and trustees who will serve for the coming year. Tradition, followed since 1964, combined this meeting with a Banquet. Long-time members look forward to the Banquet, since it seems to get better every year. This year will be no exception. With our evening focussing on ELEGANT DINING we intend to make our founders proud of us.

Now a few tips: Please remember your ticket, as it will assist us in locating your place card. Park north of the campus and follow the signs to the dining area, where a host will welcome you. The Champagne Reception will be held at 6:30 in the Rainier Room. You need not feel you must imbibe to join in this social re-union, everyone is welcome. After dinner, which will be served at 7:30 there will be a brief business meeting, and then we will have an interesting slide presentation by Dr. Melinda Denton. Following the presentation will be the drawing for door prizes, using your ticket numbers. The lovely floral arrangements adorning each table will be available to you at cost.

I hope to see you at the Banquet - March 13, 1981!

There are still some tickets available for the 17th Annual Survivors Banquet which is our annual and required special meeting for the month of March. (NOTE: no other meeting will be held in March!)

The Banquet will be held, Friday, March 13, 1981 at South Seattle Community College, 6000 - 16th Ave. SW. To order your tickets, send your Check (\$12.50 for the dinner; plus \$1.50 additional if you want to drink wine with your dinner; and an additional \$3 if you want the Champagne reception) and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ethel Bennett, 3023 NW 63rd, Seattle, Wa., 98107. Last day to order the tickets is March 6, 1981.

VERPA BOHEMICA

Ed Cantelon

Each day the sun arcs a bit higher in the sky and the days are a little longer. Life begins to appear again as leaf and bud. Spring, once again, promises that life on this earth will continue for another year.

The mushroom hunter begins to wonder where he stored his basket, knife, whistle, and compass when the frosts came last fall. It is time to think about looking in the woods.

The very first spring mushroom to seriously consider is the Verpa bohemica, also called early morel. The first should begin to show in late February or early March. The first ones are tiny and the stipes short. They are difficult to spot, as their brown, convoluted caps blend so perfectly with the leafy duff in which they grow. The experienced mushroom hunter always proceeds very slowly, turning often, to better see the area just passed from a different angle. As the season progresses, the cream colored stipes are longer and they are quite easy to see. It has happened after mild winters with little snow or heavy rains to compact the fallen leaves, that the leaves lie loose and crumpled on the ground. When this happens, the Verpas come up under the loose leaves and stay completely hidden.

In some areas, this mushroom seems to prefer the proximity of cottonwood trees. In other places, they can be found in mix-

ed woods, like salal, waxberry, hazel nut and wild cherry. Usually, the soil is rich and black, and nearly always the surface is covered with the leaves of the previous year.

Mushrooms do not appear in the spring until there has been enough warmth and humidity for their development. Good indicators that the spring season is progressing, is to watch for trilliums in the bud stage and nettles about two inches tall.



By the time the trilliums are tall and in full bloom, Verpas should be found in good numbers.

Characteristics: The cap is easily detached from the stem. If the stem is split lengthwise, the hollow center will contain a cotton-like stuffing. When cleaning this mushroom for the table, always split the cap and stem lengthwise, as there often are small creatures found inside this mushroom. Usually they can readily be washed away under a stream of water. Heavily infested specimens should be discarded. For first-time users, it is suggested that Verpas be boiled in water, and the water then poured off. The heat drives off volatile substances that do not agree with some persons.

A good way to prepare Verpas is to saute them with shallots or green onions at medium heat and scramble in eggs. They also can be used in stews, casseroles, and meat loaf.

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MUSHROOMS formerly retailing for \$25, was available at J.K.Gill for \$9.98 at press time.

MICROSCOPES AVAILABLE - College Biological Supply Company in Bothell again has some used microscopes for sale. They are trade-ins from the U.W. medical school and are checked and reconditioned. They are suitable scopes for serious, parsimonious amateurs, and those who bought similar scopes a few years ago are happy with them.

CHARLIE VOLZ gave a talk to the Tacoma Mycological Society on Monday, February 2nd on the genus Tricholoma.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICES FOR P.S.M.S. 1981

ELECTION INFORMATION: Remember that each individual membership is entitled to just one vote.

Each family membership is entitled to just two votes. (PSMS By - Laws, Article IV., Section 3).

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT



JOHN KUNZ

Degrees in economics and psychology; independent computer consultant. Since joining PSMS my son David and I have participated in as many activities as possible and have computerized the PSMS membership records; serving as appointed vice-president; Am particularly interested in furthering the educational endeavors of our Society.

FOR SECRETARY



MARGARET HOLZBAUER

Incumbent Secretary; Since joining PSMS at the 1974 Exhibit, all my activities in the spring and fall are governed by marks on the calendar showing the dates of the field trips. When not stalking mushrooms, or even while doing so, I enjoy hiking, biking, fishing, photography, music, sewing, and gardening. Now that I am retired from Boeing I have more time to enjoy the above, and want to get more involved in PSMS.

BELOW AND ON PAGE FOUR ARE THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - VOTE FOR 5

Resident of Burien. Retired from contracting and construction business. Now involved in antiques and similar pursuits. Was formerly a top-flight participant and active in various sports. Enjoy fishing, travel, bee-keeping and horticulture; am growing fine roses. Like multinational cuisine, the preparation of, is a personal skill and a delight.



JOS. R. CAIL

I settled in the Seattle area in 1967 after retiring from Military Service. Presently employed by Swedish Hospital as a Medical Electronics Technician.

I am interested in fishing and other outdoor activities and joined PSMS to further my knowledge of mushrooms, and to meet other people who enjoy these activities.

I will do my best to further the goals of PSMS in any capacity when required or called upon to do so.



LINDSAY EADES

BELOW ARE ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Vote for a Total of 5 -



Academician (finance and economics) by profession; mushroomer, camper and gardener by avocation. PSMS member since 1972, and your editor since 1974.
I want to stay active and participate in the setting of Society policies especially as they pertain to membership and education.
I do plan to continue as editor.

HILDEGARD HENDRICKSON



Member since 1972; former trustee; assoc. editor; my current involvement in the beginners' class convinced me to support this activity in the future. I also want to continue as guide for beginners at fieldtrips so that they protect the environment and become proficient in collecting and identifying fungi.
Additional hobbies include photography, electronics, and woodworking.

MONTE HENDRICKSON

I have been a member since 1978, actively the past year. I would like to see the Society be innovative and flexible to accommodate its wide range of knowledge and interests in mushrooms.
I do landscaping; teach wild edible plant courses; pursue art, music, and mushrooms.



DAVE JANSEN

Born and raised in the Northwest, joined PSMS in 1976. Besides bringing up a family, hobbies include mushrooming, hiking (very dedicated to this hobby) and gardening (under protest). PSMS Membership chairperson and incumbent trustee. Have worked on all annual Exhibits. Like to go on fieldtrips and want to stay involved in Society activities.



GRACE JONES



Born in West Seattle; attended Fauntleroy & Gatewood Schools; graduated from West Seattle High. I am a former marine engineer, and have traveled to various parts of the world. I retired from the U of W power plant as steam engineer.
My hobbies are driftwood sculpture & rock hounding. I am a member of the Maplewood Gem & Mineral Club, and the Edmonds Senior Kiwanis Club.

ROBERT JUDD



I've been a member since 1970; incumbent trustee; have helped with a number of the annual exhibits and want to stay involved in our Society. I enjoy photography, Mt. Rainier, and Backgammon; but my happiness is the pursuit of fungi in sunshiny woods. Flying privileges with United Airlines get me to out-of-state hunting grounds and to Hawaii.

DENNIS KRABbenhOFT

Member of PSMS for 3 years; helped on last two annual exhibits. First became interested in mycology through Dr. Stuntz' general mycology class at the UW.
I'd like to find out more about the inner workings of the Society and to contribute a few ideas.



MARIAN MAXWELL

Employed as an editor at the UW Applied Physics Laboratory. Associate editor of Spore Prints. Elected to the Board in 1979, I would like to serve a second term.
Originally from Southwestern Idaho, where I never saw a mushroom. Joined PSMS in 1973 after hearing a lecture by Ben Woo, and discovered that the fascinating little devils are all over the place.



AGNES SIEGER



Born in Joliet, Montana, went to grade school in Laurel, Montana. Then I came to Washington and graduated from Wm. Winlock Miller High in Olympia. Have four children and ten grandchildren. My hobbies are traveling and all kinds of crafts, in addition to mushrooming. I am a volunteer coordinator for the Edmonds Senior Center.
PSMS alternate trustee in 1980.

AGNES SUIT



Have learned a lot about fungi since girl scout day camp at Seward Park and searching for morels on Red Top Mtn. on the day of Mt. St. Helens big eruption. I did anthropological and archeological research here and abroad.
Have gained a lot from PSMS classes and have worked on the annual exhibit. Now I want to serve where I am needed in our Society.

CHARLOTTE TURNER-ZILA