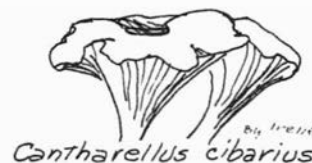


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CLASSES '85-86 (Monroe Center) Coleman Leuthy

ORIENTATION CLASSES: 7 Sessions. 6:45 p.m. in the auditorium before the general meeting each month. No charge.

These are designed for everyone but especially for new members. They give an overview of club activities and mushrooms in general: spring and summer varieties, cooking, collecting, photographing, and going on field trips. The classes will be conducted November through June except for March, when there will be a field trip instead.

BEGINNING CLASSES: 8 weeks, 7-9 p.m. Mondays in the auditorium and 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays in Room 104. Cost \$10.50.

These classes stress the characteristics of our common genera. Each session should include the following: time to identify specimens you bring in; a lecture on the characteristics of each genus along with slides showing these characteristics and examples of common, edible, and poisonous species; instruction and practice in using a "key" to identify mushrooms from slides, with a discussion of similarities and differences in look-alike mushrooms; and a review of important species. You are encouraged to use the key in the field and bring specimens with labels to class and to the mini-display at our monthly meeting. When you have identified the genus, use your handbooks and see if you can determine the species. We will be emphasizing edible species and those that are poisonous. Many people take this class more than one year. The \$10.50 includes \$1.00 per night to rent the classroom and \$2.50 for the key. The fee will be reduced somewhat if you start after the third session. The schedule is as follows:

1. September 16,17 Introduction to the fungi, collecting, types of poisoning, recognizing Amanita.
2. September 23,24 Lepiota, Pluteus, Agaricus, Coprinus, and chanterelles.
3. September 30 Armillaria, Catathelasma, Cystoderma, Lentinus, Pholiota, Gymnopilus, Stropharia, and ascomycetes.
4. October ^{14,15} ~~7,8~~ Russula, Lactarius, boletes
5. October 21,22 Tricholoma, Hygrophorus, Entoloma, Cortinarius, Naematoloma, Inocybe, Hebeloma, Clavariaceae.

6. October 28,29 Clitocybe, Laccaria, Leucopaxillus, Lyophyllum, Paxillus, Gomphidius, puffballs and other gastromycetes.
7. November 4,5 Collybia, Leptonia, Nolanea, Psilocybe, Panaeolus, Galerina, Conocybe, Mycena, Omphalina, hydnum.
8. November 18,19 Pleurotus, Crepidotus, jelly fungi, polypores, general review.

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES: 5 weeks, 7-9 p.m. Mondays in Room 104. Cost depends on keys used.

It is assumed that you can recognize most of our common genera. We will concentrate on keying to genus and species from fresh specimens, when available, and from slides. Come prepared to purchase keys as needed. Kit Skates' matrix key and glossary will be very helpful. We may use Keys to Mushroom Genera by Gene Butler, which is available from our book sales. Mainly, we will be using Pacific Northwest Key Council keys. The cost of these keys varies, depending on size and the date of publication. Prices range from \$0.25 to \$3.75. A complete set is about \$30.00. These keys are available at our library or from any Key Council member. Sessions will be held September 23, September 30, October 21, October 28, and November 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

Lori Knox

Hello! I hope you had a chance to see the great article by Paul Gregutt in The Weekly (8/21).

We have put together a questionnaire for use on individual trips and forays. Please fill it out!! We aren't prying into your favorite spots. The information will be accumulated over several years in conjunction with our cropping studies.

As a club-wide project, we would like to start a large-scale cropping study. This involves using big plots of untouched land and determining the separate and combined effects of trampling and cropping. This is a several year project. We need a minimum of 12 people who are willing to volunteer 5-6 hours a week during the fall season. Requests for additional volunteers are being made to other local clubs. The members of this society are uniquely qualified to do this study, and since we are the most concerned - let's do something useful for future generations of fungi fans! Thanks.



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Calendar

- Sept. 9 Monday, Membership Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14,15 Field Trip to Canano Island State Park
- Sept. 16 Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. *Beginners*
Intermediate mushroom class, 7-9 p.m.
- Sept. 17 ~~Intermediate~~ *Beginners* mushroom class, 10-12 a.m.
- Sept. 21,22 Field Trip to Masonic Park
- Sept. 23 Legislative Committee meeting,
7:30 p.m. Library
& Beginners Auditorium
Intermediate mushroom class, 7-9 p.m.
- Sept. 24 ~~Intermediate~~ *& Beginners* mushroom class, 10-12 a.m.
- Sept. 28,29 Field Trip to Soda Springs Campground
- Sept. 30 ~~Intermediate~~ *& Beginners* mushroom class, 7-9 p.m.
- Sept. 31 ~~Intermediate~~ *Beginners* mushroom class, 10-12 a.m.
- Oct. ~~1,2,5,6~~ Field Trip to Lake Wenatchee State Park
- Oct. 7 **Membership meeting**
- Oct. 12,13 PSMS 22nd Annual Mushroom Exhibit
- Oct. 14 ~~Intermediate~~ *& Beginners* mushroom class, 7-9 p.m.
- Oct. 15 ~~Intermediate~~ *Beginners* mushroom class, 10-12 a.m.
- Oct. 20 *Beginners* **BOARD NEWS** *Oregon Myc. Soc. Show, 36th, near Spu*
Monroe Center, p. Board of **Betty Hamilton**

Our official mailing address (PSMS By-Laws, Article 3, first sentence) needs to be changed to the Monroe Center. The September 1985 membership meeting has been designated a special meeting with the purpose of amending the By-Laws to the new permanent mailing address.

PSMS is now an affiliate member of the North American Mycological Association. Jennie Schmitt is the representative to the NAMA meeting this year.

Now that the Daniel E. Stuntz Memorial Foundation has been set up and has tax exempt status, PSMA will donate \$5000 to the Foundation as a memorial fund.

The Exhibit Committee reports that things are going well. The Legislative Committee has been meeting weekly all summer; they report that, as yet, no permits or licenses have been issued to the German company supposed to set up business here. Representatives at the U-District Children's Fair dispensed a lot of handouts, including a 50 cents-off coupon for the Exhibit; many went to outdoor groups, Girl Scouts, etc., in the hope of getting people to the Show who don't usually come.

The 1986 Survivors' Banquet will be March 15th at Quinns. It's not too soon to volunteer.

Membership Meeting

Monday, September 9, 1985, 8:00 p.m. in the Monroe Center auditorium, 1810 N.W. 65th St., Seattle.

September is the kick-off month for what we all hope will be a prolific fall collecting period. Searching the right place at the right time is a major element in field trip success. Former PSMS President and master collector George Rafanelli has agreed to share his great storehouse of information on the mushroom "where's" of Western Washington and might even be persuaded to divulge a secret place or two. George plans to project map details on the big screen, so bring along your notebook and pencil.

*George Rafanelli
Past PSMS President
and Master Mushroom
Hunter, with hat*



ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Dennis Bowman

Our 22nd Annual Exhibit is right around the corner once again. As of this printing, only about 60% of the 150 or so staffing positions are filled.

In the past, much of the staffing has been carried out by our more senior members, several of whom have dropped out this year for health and other reasons.

I am putting out a call to all members, but especially to our younger ones, to become involved with the show this October. It is a wonderful way to meet our general membership. If you can donate a few hours time, please do just that. Your help is needed.

At the September meeting, we will have a master chart showing the vacancies that must be filled before the exhibit. Please come and put your name on one of the lines.

Should you not be able to come to the September meeting but are still interested in helping, please call me at 525-8399 and I'll connect you with a committee that needs you.

HOORAY FOR HENDRICKSONS Margaret Dilly

Now that the Spore Prints editors for the past decade have retired from that position, I have the opportunity to give them deserving praise without being edited out.

Monte and Hildegard Hendrickson truly are good examples of dedication and inspiration. They are well known by most PSMS members, and most have had occasion in some way or another to associate with them.

The Hendricksons joined PSMS in 1973. There is an excellent photograph of them in the September issue of Spore Prints that year. It was not long before they became deeply involved with club functions and operations. In September of 1974 they undertook the monumental task of editors. For the next 11 years they continued in this role and produced a newsletter that received plaudits and acclaim from clubs nationwide for its professionalism. Both of them gathered information and hounded for articles promised by the deadline. No easy task. Hildegard the expert on the typewriter and Monte on paste-up and with last minute trips to the printer, they worked beautifully as a team.

You would have thought this would have filled their club obligations. Not these two. Soon they began to play a large role in the exhibit, Monte repairing, preparing, transporting, and storing. Add to that publications and public relations. Their faces and dialogue in newspapers and on TV became a familiar sight. Banquet and books, they were involved in both, not overlooking education. When our club finally realized the need for orientation for new members, there they were again ready to take on one more responsibility. Expertly they developed it into an essential function of our club.

At field trips they are very evident and popular -- often hosting but always introducing the newcomer to the joys of mushroom hunting: leading the uninitiated member to productive areas, often sharing their own collections with the less fortunate. Hildegard's culinary delights have been enjoyed by many, and she is always willing to pass on her mushroom recipes.

I could go on and on, as the list of their accomplishments and achievements is endless. But I will end now by saying THANK YOU BOTH on behalf of the club and its members for giving so much of your lives to serve others. It truly is appreciated. Old editors may retire, but they never go out of print.

IDENTIFICATION AT FALL FIELD TRIPS Brian Luther

Once again the big season is upon us and I would like to get firm commitments from a number of people who are qualified and willing to help identify fungi at PSMS field trips. We are also in need of identification assistants who work closely with the identifier(s) sorting collections and arranging specimens, etc. It would be helpful and preferable to have at least two identifiers for a given field trip, so that a single person is not entirely burdened for a weekend. With this arrangement you can consult one another for the most accurate identification, or could also take turns at the table. Some field trips are so productive and popular that two people are easily kept very busy doing ID. The ID tables are the main focus of the field trips (although some would say that of the potluck tables), and it is critical that we have a competent staff to fulfill the needs. I'll have a sign-up sheet at the September membership meeting.

I would like to encourage all PSMS members to go to the field trips, for they are, by far, one of the best opportunities available to learn about the wonderful diversity of Pacific Northwest fungi first hand.

BOOK SALES

Judi Boa

Orders will be taken in September for Howard E. Bigelow's North American Species of Clitocybe, Part II. The price is \$25.00 if enough orders are placed.

Three new books may be examined at the book sales table. We have sample copies of Harper's Mushroom Reference Guide and Check List, \$12.95, A Judge Judges Mushrooms, and The Seasonal Occurrence of 250 Common New England Mushrooms, \$4.00.

CHANTERELLE PARASITE WANTED

Joy Spurr

Small mushrooms growing on chanterelles are wanted for study. Call Joy Spurr (206) 723-2759. Note the collection date, area, collector's name, phone number and, if known, the county and elevation.

The dew is on the grass and fall is in the air. All we need now is a little rain on our mycelium and we will be ready for those popping sporocarps. Let's get out our baskets, boots, buckets, compasses, whistles, and knives and hit the woods!

On Saturdays, show up at field trips by 9:00 a.m. if you would like the benefit of expert leadership on your morning foray. Bring lunch. The afternoon forays are less structured, and should end before the fantastic potluck dinner served Saturday evening. Sunday is "do your own thing day" for those that didn't quite get their baskets full on Saturday.

Lastly, but certainly not leastly, please be nice people and call me to volunteer for field trip hosts. Two or three couples per trip ease the already minuscule duties and ensure that everyone hosting gets into the woods. Hosting is a great way to meet club members, and it raises your karma.

September 14, 15 Camano Island State Park
Use I-5 exit #212. Go west on Route 532 to the island, south to the park and follow PSMS signs.

September 21, 22 Masonic Park
From Snohomish, use Route 9 north to Route 92. Go east. About 4 miles past Granite Falls, turn left at the Masonic Park sign into the private park. Modest fees are collected for day use and overnight camping. The gate closes at 8:30 p.m.

September 28, 29 Soda Springs Campground
Go east on Route 410 over Chinook Pass. About 17 miles past the summit, turn right onto Bumping Lake Road #174. Continue about 5 miles and turn left into the camp at the Soda Springs sign.

October 1, 2 Lake Wenatchee State Park
Go east on Route #2 over Stevens Pass. 20 miles past the summit, turn left on Route 207. Go to the shelter in park's day use area.

October 19, 20 Crystal Springs Camp

October 26, 27 Dalles Forest Camp

November 2, 3 Deception Pass

THE SODA SPRINGS FIELD TRIP Andy Green

The weekend of June 8th-9th was sunny and warm, and we had just received one of the few rains of this spring. Consequently, visions of huge morels danced in our heads as we headed over Chinook Pass.

The Hendricksons identified; Andy and Michelle Green hosted. Everyone found choice morels, and anyone that wanted pounds of pink or yellow Ramaria had their chance to load up. The Hendricksons and Boas also found quite a few Boletus edulis (as usual).

My afternoon hunting party could not persuade their leader to come out of the woods, and consequently they all missed the potluck dinner. Reports were that dinner was super, and I can personally say that the leftovers were great.

As we bid summer goodbye and swing into fall, I am sure you are all doing a rain dance. We certainly do need some moisture if we are to have a good flush of mushrooms by exhibit time.

With the exhibit in mind, August 12 our club participated in the Children's Fair sponsored by the Greater University Chamber of Commerce. Dennis Bowman and Andy Green gathered up a dozen of our burlap show panels. Andy, with the help of Bob Hamilton and Claude Dilly, assembled them on the grounds of University Heights School. With a large banner reading "Mushrooms & Toadstools" in calligraphy done by Sara Clark and beautiful photographs by Joy Spurr, we looked great. Elsie Burkman brought her paintings and Coprinus ink and spent the day transferring sketches into paintings of her recent trip to China, while visiting with the public. Bob, Charlie Volz, and myself spent the day handing out mushroom name tags to the children and flyers about the exhibit cleverly composed by Pacita Roberts. We all concluded it was a worthwhile venture with a minimum of planning, sharing of time, talent, and effort.

With this in mind, the exhibit is fast approaching and needs your help.

Other areas need your assistance too: field trip hosting, the annual banquet, Spore Prints mailing, assistance in the identification area, just to mention a few. I challenge each of you to contact at least one of the people involved with the exhibit and/or a chairperson of some committee listed on page 4 of your roster. Even if it is only a small amount of time or a job that requires your particular skill or talent, pitch in and help. Many hands and heads make the task lighter and more enjoyable for all. This is your club and we need you to make it work.

Now back to my rain dance. See you at the September meeting.

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The October membership meeting will be on the 1st Monday, October 7th, because our show is on October 12th and 13th.

Wall Street Journal readers: Please save your plastic bags for this year's poster sales. Pass them on to Pacita Roberts.

Look Up, Look Down, Look Down Under: Australia, New Zealand, and New Guinea will be toured by a group of comet watchers and mushroom hunters in April 1986. Call Dr. Emanuel Salzman (303) 296-9359 for details.

Home Exchange: Members of the Connecticut Valley Mycological Society want to exchange house and car, this fall or next, with a Northwest couple. Their letter is on our library bulletin board.

DIED: Long-time member William J. O'Connor, on Aug. 18. Remembrances are suggested to the PSMS Library.
