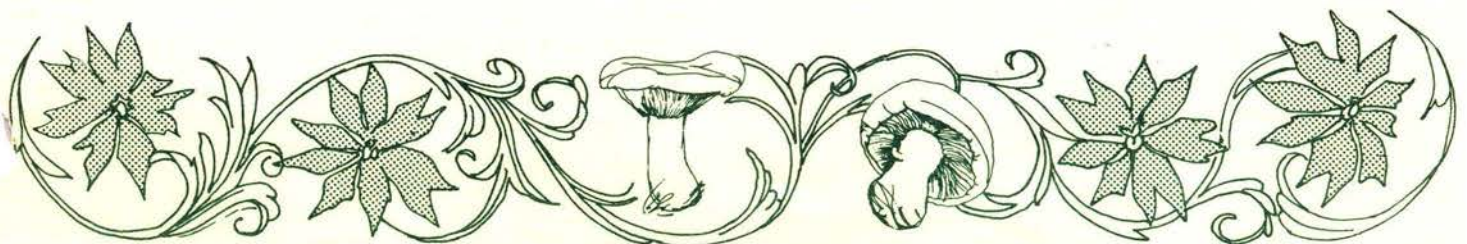


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## Calendar

- Dec. 8 Membership meeting & Christmas social,  
7:30 p.m., Monroe Center auditorium
- Dec. 15 PSMS Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., PSMS  
library, Room 104, Monroe Center
- Jan. 9 *Spore Prints* deadline
- Jan. 19 PSMS Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., PSMS  
Library, Monroe Center
- Jan. 26 Membership meeting, 7:30 p.m., Center  
for Urban Horticulture
- Feb. 17 Membership meeting, 7:30 p.m., Center  
for Urban Horticulture
- Mar. 15 Survivor's banquet, Wang's in Bellevue

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, December 8, 1986, at 7:30 p.m. in the Monroe  
Center auditorium, 1810 N.W. 65th Street, Seattle.

**Program:** "Trees, truffles, and beasts" is the title  
chosen by Dr. Jim Trappe for his presentation at our  
meeting on December 8th. Dr. Trappe will speak  
immediately prior to the club's annual Christmas  
cookie/cake "eatout." Dr. Trappe, whose Ph.D. in  
forestry was awarded by the University of Washington,  
was formerly Professor of Botany at Oregon State  
University. He was long associated with the forestry  
research laboratory at OSU and is considered the  
nation's preeminent authority on truffles, false,  
truffles, and associated fungi.

**Christmas Social:** The great cookie extravaganza  
begins right after the program. Everyone bring a  
batch of your favorite cookies to the kitchen area  
about 7:00 p.m. Several people are needed to help  
Martha and Arthur Benny sort and arrange the goodies.  
We also need many people to get the tables out and  
set up before the program starts at 7:30 p.m. And we  
need everyone to help put the tables away and clean  
up when we are finished. Come and enjoy!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Coleman Leuthy

**EVICTED!** Yes, the Seattle School District has asked  
everyone to vacate the Monroe Center by the end of  
January. This will cause some changes in our  
schedule. Starting in January 1987, the monthly  
membership meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the  
**fourth Monday** of the month at the **Center for Urban  
Horticulture, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle.**  
Because of previous commitments by Urban Horti-  
culture, the February and April meetings will have to  
be held on the fourth Tuesday, but in 1988 all the  
membership meetings should be on Mondays.

The Annual Exhibit will be October 17 and 18, 1987,  
at the Scottish Rite Temple, about five blocks north  
of the Broadway District on Capital Hill.

We have a couple of options for our library/office.  
One would leave us without storage space. Does any-  
one have a dry, somewhat warm area about 8 or 10 ft  
by 10 or 12 ft or larger in the Capitol Hill or  
University area that they would be willing to rent  
for a little extra income? If you do, please phone  
me at 322-2554.

Bills and expenses for 1986 need to be presented at  
the December 15th Board meeting. We plan to close  
the books by the end of December.

Committee chairpeople, please remember to prepare a  
ledger of expenses for 1986 and an anticipated budget  
for 1987 and have these ready for the January 19th  
Board meeting. I already have two turned in.

Any PSMS member wishing to join or renew membership  
in the North American Mycological Association, please  
send a check made out to NAMA for \$12 to me during  
December if you want to get the Society's discount.

In an effort to better acquaint our members, espe-  
cially our many new members, with other people in the  
Society, you are encouraged to order one of our  
plastic name tags from the membership desk at the  
monthly meetings. Until you get yours, please use  
the paper mushroom name tags that Charlotte Turner-  
Zila will have available at the meetings.



Much of the board meeting was taken up discussing changes in the by-laws to permit operating at a new facility and more flexibility in general, and discussing possible options for meeting places, the Annual Exhibit, the library/office, and equipment storage. The new meeting place will be at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle, and the Annual Exhibit will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple on Capitol Hill. The meetings will be on the fourth Monday of the month, and the Exhibit will be on the 17th and 18th of October. Space is still needed for the library/office and to store equipment.

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN PSMS BY-LAWS

The December 8th, 1986, general membership meeting has been designated for the purpose of considering the following amendments to the PSMS By-Laws:

Article III: Change "The principal office of the Society shall be located at 1810 N.E. 65th Street, Seattle, 98117, King County, Washington" to "The principal office of the Society shall be determined by the Board of Trustees who may change the location as necessary within King County, Washington. The principal address will be included in each edition of the Society newsletter, *Spore Prints*."

Article V, Sec. 3: Change "Regular monthly meetings of the Society will be held on the second Monday of each month, except March, July, and August, at a location selected by the Board of Trustees, at 7:30 p.m. No written notice of the regular monthly meeting shall be required unless the time or place of the meeting is changed by the Board of Trustees, in which event ten (10) days' written notice of the time and place shall be mailed to each member." to "Regular monthly meetings of the Society will be held monthly except July and August at a location and time selected by the Board of Trustees. The annual Survivor's Banquet in March and the annual Exhibit in October may be considered regular meetings by action of the Board of Trustees. Notice of meetings giving date, time, and location will be printed in the Society newsletter, *Spore Prints*, and mailed ten (10) days prior to the event."

Article VIII, Sec. 1: Change "The Board of Trustees shall at a meeting in November appoint an election committee...." to "The Board of Trustees shall at a meeting in October appoint an election committee...." Change "At the January and February regular membership meetings, the Election Committee will announce the names of the persons nominated as of that time...." to "At the December and January regular membership meetings, The Election Committee will announce the names of the persons nominated as of that time...." Change "At the end of nominations from the floor at the February meeting, the nominations will be closed." to "At the end of nominations from the floor at the January meeting, the nominations will be closed."

Article VIII, Sec. 2: Change "Not later than ten (10) days following closing of nominations, the Election Committee shall prepare and mail to the membership ballots...." to "Not later than thirty (30) days following closing of nominations, the Election Committee shall prepare and mail to the membership ballots...."

Mushroom season is about over for the year and, brief as it was, it carried some pluses. The commercial people had a poor year and not just from the shortage of mushrooms. The law has finally caught up with their blatant neglect in registering with the State of Washington. What penalty the State will impose for their years of illegal operations no one knows, but my bet would be, probably nothing. At least now all commercial processors are licensed to do business in the State. This is only because of the efforts and persistence of the members of CEP (Citizens for Environmental Planning).

The CEP group and the Department of Natural Resources have continued to meet regularly to resolve some of the issues surrounding the commercial harvest of mushrooms. The DNR Mushroom Task Force has just completed an Issue Paper which addresses both pro's and con's of commercial and recreational harvesting. A limited number of this publication will be available at the December meeting of PSMS.

At the Task Force meeting in December, everyone is to be prepared with options and recommendations for regulations. CEP is asking for limits on commercial harvest and area closures if necessary. We are opposed to licensing, but may have to yield to it in an effort to get commercialization above ground.

The CEP group plans to re-submit to the House of Representatives our amendments for the Specialized Forest Products Act to include mushrooms. We are requesting a limit of 10 lb per species not to exceed a total of 35 lb plus one mushroom. (This is so you can pick that 35 lb *Sparassis* you find on your way out of the woods.) Whatever the outcome, we will need the support of all of you when the legislature convenes in January. Letters from constituents carry a great deal of weight with our law and regulation makers.

A good example of what can happen when people pull together is the 49 acre mycological preserve proposed for the Quinault Range District in the Olympic National Forest. This was spearheaded by Irene O'Connor, an old-time PSMS member. This still needs your support, as the final decision will not be made until January and the timber people are opposed to lands being set aside for recreationalists. Refer to your September 1986 *Spore Prints* for details. New members can request a copy or pick one up at the December meeting.

It is interesting that the lowly mushroom has risen to such heights as to have a war waged over it. But the battle is on, so let's all support our team.

#### SQUIRE CREEK FIELD TRIP

Andy Green

This field trip was originally scheduled for 29 Pines in Teanaway, but was switched to Squire Creek because of the dry conditions east of the mountains. It may have been dry there, but it rained most of Saturday, October 25, at Squire Creek. A lot of people found chanterelles, perhaps 3-5 lb apiece. Over 25 people stayed for dinner. The only good edibles found were some chanterelles, some *Pleurotus porrigens*, and a lot of *Armillaria mellea*. The boletes were all old and past their prime.

Margaret Dilly and Coleman Leuthy identified, and Gilbert and Alice Austin and Andy and Michelle Green hosted.

**DANIEL E. STUNTZ FOUNDATION** Carl Hermanson

In memory of our beloved friend, teacher, and scientific advisor, the Daniel E. Stuntz Memorial Foundation has been created by his friends to honor his lifelong unselfish giving of knowledge, time, and unending energy to the education of the general public and students of mycology. The Foundation will (1) primarily provide grants of aid to students of systematic mycology in the Pacific Northwest, particularly at the University of Washington, (2) help to maintain the Daniel E. Stuntz library (about 10,000 mycological books, texts, periodicals, and articles), (3) publish and dispense mycology information, (4) provide supplies and equipment for mycology research, (5) grant money to mycologists for travel to meetings and forays, and (6) support amateur and professional mycology programs in the Pacific Northwest.

The Foundation has been established under the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act and is exclusively for educational, charitable, and scientific purposes. All donations are treated as capital funds and are invested to provide money to support the Foundation's activities. No salaries are paid to the trustees or officers, nor are fund-raising commissions paid. One-hundred percent of your donations goes directly to the Foundation. The IRS has approved donations as tax deductible.

With the end of the year approaching and the tax laws changing, why not celebrate the season of giving with a tax-deductible contribution to perpetuate the memory and work of PSMS founder and long-time scientific advisor, Dr. Stuntz. Please send your donation to

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Bellevue, WA 98008

A booth displaying information on Dr. Stuntz and the Foundation will be set up at the December meeting. Reprints of the article "Daniel Elliot Stuntz, 1909-1983," by Joe Ammirati and Susan Libonati-Barnes, that appeared in *Mycologia* (Vol. 78, No. 4, pp. 515-521, 1986) will be available for \$1.00 each.

**DECEPTION PASS FIELD TRIP** Terri Green

Many new members showed up for the field trip to beautiful Deception Pass on November 8 & 9. About 25 stayed for the pot luck. Joy Spurr identified around 100 species -- including perhaps 15 species of *Agaricus*, several species of boletes, and half a dozen *Suillus*.

Andy Green's sister, Terri, who hosted along with Coleman Leuthy, found the only matsutake reported, a clump of seven right in the campground by the lake. Coleman found a cluster of five 4-5 in. buttons of *Agaricus agustus* and some blewits. *Boletus edulis* and chanterelles, however, were few. The most common mushroom may have been *Russula brevipes* parasitized with the orange *Hypomyces lactifluorum*.

One of the people showing up at the field trip was a reporter from the *Whidbey News-Tribune*. The resulting article, almost a full page with large pictures of Coleman and Joy, appeared on Wednesday, November 12. A copy is displayed on the wall of the library for those interested in reading it.

**MUSHROOM SPAWN** Helen Lashway

Upon reading in my November *Spore Prints* about William Boulanger and Paul Erickson having cultures of various morel species, I immediately telephoned Mr. Boulanger in New Jersey, and he is sending me a jar of morel spawn. I even got to select the kind: *M. esculenta*, *M. princeton*, *M. spathulata*, or *M. tulipera*. He said the latter two, while smaller, are more dependable and prolific, so I said I'd take one of those.

Then I re-read the article "Morel-Growing Process Patented" by Herold Treibs, and I don't know any more than I did before. I'm hoping I will receive growing instructions with the spawn, but I also suggest that perhaps someone with a bit more knowledge than I have might care to join me in this exciting endeavor. If anyone does care, my telephone number is 788-2478.

Mr. Boulanger said that he was especially interested in receiving young specimens of chicken of the woods, *Laetiporus sulphureus*, in prime condition. Put them in plastic bags and send them to him by overnight mail. The sender will be promptly reimbursed for the postage and will also receive morel spawn. Mr. Boulanger lives at 4 Pinehurst Drive, Cranberry, NJ 08512, and his telephone number is (609) 443-4913.

When going through a copy of my neighbor's magazine *Harrowsmith*, which contained a list of the majority of companies that sell seeds, I was surprised that three of the companies it listed sold mushroom spawn. They are:

*Mushroompeople*, P.O. Box 158, Inverness, CA 94937. Mushroom-growing supplies and several types of spores, including wood blewits and "strains of Shiitake never before in this country." According to co-owner Jennifer Snyder, who has just returned from a mushroom-gathering tour of Japan, "Our really strong areas are in consultation, helping the grower/farmer with our personal experience of the strains and specifics of Shiitake." Catalog free.

*Rainforest Mushroom Spawn*, Box 1793, Gibsons, British Columbia V0N 1V0. "Mushroom spawn from British Columbia's sunshine coast: chocolate brown button mushrooms, tree oysters, the Phoenix originally found growing on succulents in the Himalayan foothills, and Garden Giants, ideal for those who have always wanted edible mushrooms growing in the shade of the vegetables." Catalog \$2.00.

*Dr. Yoo Farm*, P.O. Box 290, College Park, Maryland 20740. "Shiitake mushroom supplies and instructions; Oriental vegetables, including bitter melon, MIZUNA Japanese greens, Chinese broccoli." Catalog free.



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