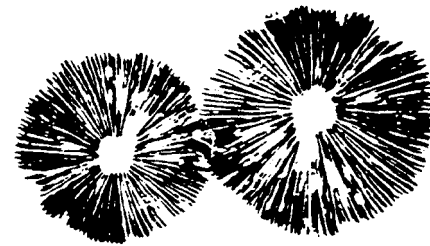


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**"Women and men, boys and girls,
help us put the FUN back in FUNgi!"**

**THE 39TH ANNUAL WILD MUSHROOM SHOW
NEEDS YOU!** David Hunt, Exhibit Co-Chair

October 19 will be upon us before you know it, and much needs to be done. Cleaning, gleaning, collecting, erecting, sorting, porting, stacking, packing, cooking, booking, and more — everyone gets to share.

Remember the immortal words of J.F.K., in a slightly different context: "Ask not what (PSMS) can do for you, but rather ask what you may do for your (PSMS)." *No prior experience is required!*

The Specifics:

Thursday, October 18, 6:00 PM: We will meet at the CUH storage shed to gather and transport show materials to the Sand Point show site. Volunteers with trucks and vans would be especially useful and appreciated.

Friday, October 19, 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM: Construct and set up display areas, receive and sort mushrooms, etc.

Saturday, October 20, 7:00 AM to noon: Arrange trays, identification and labeling of exhibits. *Note: Parking is behind the building (406 east). For security reasons, all volunteers will be issued show badges. Please wear them at all times while at the Show.*

Sunday, October 26, 6:00 PM: Take down and transport materials back to CUH.

Sign-up sheets for any or all of the above activities will be available at the regular October meeting. Of course all help will be more than welcome whether or not you have signed up for a specific time or activity.

FALL IDENTIFICATION CLASS Colin Meyer

A Beginning Identification class will be held on five week-night evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, starting Monday, October 21. This class will introduce participants to the identification of gilled and non-gilled mushrooms, collecting and cooking practices, and mushroom toxins. Mushrooms Demystified, by David Arora, will be the text; it is available at the PSMS bookstore, and on the first day of class. The cost of the class is \$35, and will be limited to the first 30 registrants. To sign up, send a check, payable to PSMS, to: Colin Meyer, 10729 57th Ave S., Seattle WA 98178. For more info, contact Colin at (206) 722-6687, or email cmeyer@helvella.org.

BEN WOO GRANTS

Patrice Benson

On June 11 PSMS held a celebration to honor Ben Woo and our newly named scholarship fund, Ben Woo Grants. One of the first contributions came from: Ben Woo! In addition to Ben's contribution of \$500, the PSMS board voted to contribute \$2000 each calendar year to this grant fund. Some additional funding has come from contributions of members during the renewal of membership process, and from the sale of mushroom cultivation books donated by Paul Stamets. We invite you to contribute to our grant fund by sending a check to:

PSMS - Ben Woo Grant Fund
Center for Urban Horticulture
University of Washington
Box 354115
Seattle, WA 98195

Any member of the mushroom community may apply for funding for projects, materials or fees which support our mission "to foster the understanding of Mycology as a science and a hobby, and to assist related institutions in these purposes."

So far we have two grant recipients this year, who were also honored at the June celebration. Brandon Matheny, our current Secretary and a graduate student of Mycology at the UW, attended a conference of world mycologists with the help of our grants. Erica Cline, a graduate student in forestry, used a small grant to pay for testing of some of the mycorrhizal mushrooms she is studying. Teachers, mushroom clubs, individuals, and students of all ages are welcome to apply. Please visit our website www.psms.org to view and print an application and to view the guidelines. You may also call Patrice Benson at (206) 722-0691 with questions or to request an application.

NEW ROSTER ERRORS Bob & Karin Mendell

The new 2002–2003 PSMS Roster was completed and mailed out to members in August. Since then, it has come to the attention of its editors (the Mendell's) that numerous errors slipped past our keen and tired eyes! An update with new members' info and corrections which have been brought to our attention will be sent out in December/January. Please forward corrections via e-mail to: bobmendell@attbi.com or k.mendell@attbi.com. You may also call (425) 868-7918 and leave messages with corrections. Please accept our apologies! Thank You!

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president Joanne Young. A motion to offer all program speakers an honorarium of \$100 and reimbursement of their expenses at the vice president's discretion was approved. \$500 was donated to the Ben Woo Grant Fund.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING **Patrice Benson** "A Potpourri of Mushroom Tales"

Tuesday, October 8, 2002, 7:30 PM at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle

The October meeting is Homecoming for **Dr. Denis Benjamin**, longtime and oft missed member of PSMS. Dr. Benjamin is currently with Cooks Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. He returns to the PNW to attend the NAMA foray as chairman of the toxicology committee and is detouring to Seattle to see his mushroom friends and regale us with wild tales from Texas. Many of you have enjoyed Denis' essays about mushroom hunting and he assures me that these will be new and exciting stories of poisonings, hunts and other assorted tales. Also, please join us for additional information about the Wild Mushroom Show. Sign up for committees, gather instructions about where and how to collect for the exhibit, and possibly connect with other hunters to do so. Please bring some goodies to share if your first name begins with Q-Z.

The meeting is also your chance to sign up for the fabulous Lake Quinalt Foray!

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS **Steve Curtice**

Each field trip will be lead by an experienced volunteer, who will meet with the participants at the field trip site between 9:00 and 10:00 AM and again from noon to 1:00 PM. PSMS identifiers will be on hand to identify the finds. Participants are responsible for bringing their own food, firewood, picnic utensils, etc., and organizing a potluck.

October 5 **Masonic Park UPDATE**

The space we have rented is called Peterson's Hall (not the "big kitchen area"). It is located a quarter mile further into the park; watch for PSMS signs to guide you.

October 12 **Soda Springs Campground** (elev. 3100 ft, 130 miles southeast of Seattle)

From Enumclaw, SE of Seattle, continue east on State Hwy. 410 over Chinook Pass. About 17 miles past the summit, turn right onto Bumping Lake Road (FR 18). About 5 miles farther, turn left into the camp.

October 26-27 **PSMS/Mountaineers Weekend**

This is a two-day event in cooperation with The Mountaineers at their Meany Ski Lodge east of Snoqualmie Pass. Saturday includes collecting, setting up display tables, and an evening program. Sunday includes a review of collections, local collecting, and preparing mushrooms for part of our lunch.

Accommodations are dormitory-style. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, personal items, and a lunch to eat Saturday while

CALENDAR

- Oct. 5 Field Trip to Masonic Park
- Oct. 8 Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
- Oct. 10 NAMA Foray, Diamond Lake, Oregon
- Oct. 12 Field Trip to Soda Springs
- Oct. 14 Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
- Oct. 19 Annual Exhibit, noon - 8:00 PM, Sand Point
- Oct. 20 Annual Exhibit, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Sand Point
- Oct. 22 *Spore Prints* deadline
- Oct. 26-27 PSMS/The Mountaineers Weekend, Meany Lodge
- Nov. 2 Quinalt Foray, Kamp Kiwanis
- Nov. 9 Field Trip to Twanoh State Park
- Nov. 12 Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM, CUH
- Nov. 16 Field Trip to Deception Pass State Park

BOARD NEWS

Brandon Matheny

Only Basic ID will be offered this fall. Patrice has scheduled several upcoming fall programs. Almost all exhibit committee chairs are confirmed; some positions like conservation and cultivation remain vacant. Seattle Tilth Fair generated some promising publicity for the exhibit. David is working with a Seattle Times reporter on a mushroom article expected by end of September. The board approved life membership for past-

collecting. The cost is \$35 and includes Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, and Sunday lunch. No alcohol in lodge. No pets.

Registration is required. Call The Mountaineers, (206) 284-8484, between October 1 and October 23 to sign up. People canceling after 5 PM on October 23 must pay for food. We may be able to arrange car pools at 8¼ cents/mile or \$10 for this trip. If you need a ride or you can take passengers, say so (and specify how many) when you register and ask when to call back about your ride or riders. Pay at the lodge.

Participants will meet at the Crystal Springs Forest Campground at 9:30 AM to go collecting. (Go east on I-90, make a right-hand U-turn at Stampede Pass exit #62, and go a quarter mile to the campground.) Group leaders will bring participants back to the lodge about 3 PM. *Host: Coleman Leuthy.*

We need mushroom donations for our evening meal. In order to figure out what needs to be purchased, please call and tell Coleman, (206) 322-2554, what and how much you can donate by Wednesday evening, October 23.

November 2 Quinault Foray

Drive south on I-5 past Olympia to Hwy. 101, then west to Aberdeen. Go through Aberdeen to Hoquiam, following 101 north past Humtulpis and Neilton. At Amanda Park slow down, and turn right on North Shore Road. Continue 1 mile to Kamp Kiwanis, which is at 200 North Shore Road on Lake Quinault. *Hosts: Don Lennebacker and Karin Mendell.*

Note: The Wishkah Bridge (Hwy. 12) in Aberdeen will be closed for five weeks in either October or January. Traffic will be detoured over the Heron Street bridge before returning to Wishkah Street. The DOT has maps available on their website, www.wsdot.wa.gov (click on the Olympic area of the state map in the lower left column).

November 9 Twanoh State Park (elev. near sea level, 20 miles SW of Seattle by ferry)

Take the downtown Seattle-Bremerton ferry. From Bremerton, drive south on State Hwy. 3 past Belfair, then bear right onto Hwy. 106. Continue another seven miles to the park.

November 16 Deception Pass State Park (elev. near sea level, 80 miles north of Seattle)

From Seattle take I-5 north to Mt. Vernon. Take exit #226 and go west on State Hwy. 536 for about five miles, where it joins Hwy 20. Continue west on Hwy 20, then turn south on Hwy 20 South and drive six miles across the bridge at Deception Pass to the park, which is on the right.

I-90 CORRIDOR SURVEY: COLLECTING CONTINUES THRU FALL 2002 Tim Leavitt

Hello! I'm Tim Leavitt, forest service mycologist for the Cle Elum Ranger district, and we are once again looking for PSMS volunteers to collect fungi for the I-90 Corridor Survey. To date, the Survey has identified twenty-five protected species of fungi in the I-90 project area (one mile on either

side of I-90 between Hyak and Easton). Your PSMS volunteer efforts will help to protect habitat connectivity in the Cascades. The collecting got started with two kick-off BBQ's in September courtesy of PSMS. New PSMS member Leesa Wright, a recent graduate of Evergreen State, is currently working with me on this project. (Good job, Leesa!)

Leesa and I are looking for volunteers to collect on Mondays and Tuesdays, through the Fall 2002 mushroom season, the last one for the Survey.

P.S. On September 27 we found our first Matsutake! They're coming!

To join the Survey collecting activities:

- Meet Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM
- Meet at Cabin Creek Exit (exit #63) off I-90, on the south side (parking lot)
- Bring your lunch (noon break)
- Collecting continues throughout the day, usually ending around 4:30 PM (or earlier, by preference)
- I can be available on some additional days; let me know Mondays or Tuesdays and we can arrange for individual collecting times.

PSMS wishes to recognize and thank those folks who have volunteered and collected with Tim last spring. They are: Cathy and Don Lennebacker, Ross and Val Othus, Russ Kurtz, Luis Felix, Stephanie "Ace" Medlock, Marsi DiGiovanni, Leesa Wright, and Karin Mendell. Tim would also like to acknowledge and thank: Drs. Joe Ammirati and Michelle Seidl for their *Cortinarius* identification assistance, and Dr. David Hosford for taxonomy. Please join them this fall, in your last opportunity to collect for the I-90 Corridor Survey.



LAKE QUINAULT FORAY Cathy Lennebacker

Get out the wool sweaters, but don't miss the Lake Quinault Foray, held at the YMCA Kamp Kiwanis on the shores of beautiful Lake Quinault, November 1, 2, and 3!

Dr. Fred Rhoades from Western Washington University will be the guest mycologist. You will recognize him from the January membership meeting, where he gave a wonderful presentation on Mushroom Ecology using 3-D glasses. Dr. Rhoades is a biologist and teacher specializing in lichens, bryophytes, and mushrooms. He is currently a consultant for the Forest Service.

The food will be prepared by Jaimie Knotman—vice president of the Orchid Society, PSMS member and professional chef—with the able assistance of PSMS members. Dinner on Friday night is a potluck.

Cost is \$60 for the weekend. There is adequate parking for cars, campers, motor homes, etc. Sorry, no price break for

Lake Quinault, con't. from page 3

bringing your own home as most of the cost is for food and site rental. There are no provisions for childcare. Sleeping arrangements are bunks in cabins. Please bring your own air mattresses, mats, and sleeping bags. It's a little primitive but the showers are great. The lodge has a giant fireplace and of course you can't beat the company!

For info and an application call Don Lennebacker at (425) 742-3163 or email crazyquilter@hotmail.com, or sign up at the October meeting. There is a limit of 50 guests so please be timely.

BREITENBUSH MUSHROOM CONFERENCE

There are still spaces left for the Breitenbush Mushroom Conference October 24–27. Come experience the expertise of Dr. Nancy Smith Weber, morel expert; Paul Kroeger, event mycologist and hot springs biology expert; Dr. Mo-Mei Chen, medicinal uses of mushrooms and forestry mycologist. Chef Michael Blackwell will lead us down the cooking path and nature photographer and slide musician Taylor Lockwood will surprise your ears and eyes with his incredible slide show. Maggie Rogers will dye with mushrooms and talk about books. Patrice Benson will teach the basics of mushroom hunting and along with Charmoon Richards will help you build mushroom farms to take home. Patrice's band of Merry Mushroom hunters will lead you on guided hunts, and after all of that you can soak in the comforting hot waters of the natural springs. Here is the web link to contact Breitenbush directly. You will receive much more information after registration. Visit:

<http://www.breitenbush.com/html/events/october24-27.html>

And to register: <http://www.breitenbush.com/html/reg.html>

You can also reach the Reservation office at (503) 854-3314. Email Patrice Benson at patrice.benson@attbi.com or phone her at (206) 819-4842 for additional encouragement!

MUSHROOM SHOW IN THE HOME STRETCH!

Security Committee (Karin Mendell and David Hunt)

After last year's theft of purse and contents, attempted theft of psilocybin mushrooms, and "near assault" by an agitated attendee, we have a new security committee for the Show.

Also, we are sharing the Sand Point facility with the Seattle Book Fest. They expect about 15,000 visitors per day, so the prospects of an enormous audience are nearly guaranteed. For this reason and to address last year's problems, we will be implementing the following:

- Safe Room: A locked room will be available on the premises for personal valuables.
- Two-Way Radios: Staff will be using two-way radios so that assistance may be called upon in the event of problems.
- Badges: All PSMS volunteers should receive an official badge. Please wear your badge at all times!

Biggest Potluck of the Year

Please consider bringing a potluck dish for our staff break room! Many of our volunteers will be at the Show around the clock and really appreciate the chance to grab a bite to eat.

We also need to borrow three large camping coolers, as there is no refrigeration available at the facility. Please bring them in pre-loaded with ice. Thanks!

Parking & Shuttle Service

The Sand Point facility manager has given us parking privileges behind building 406 (east), where we will be located. This is the same area as the last two years. As this is a public space, so no special parking may be roped off for PSMS.

The Book Fest will be providing free shuttle service within the Sand Point/Magnuson Park boundaries. We will have more details on exactly how this shuttle service will operate by the October meeting, but have been advised that our members are welcome to use it.



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