

OCTOBER MEETING

Monday night, October 11, 8:00 pm, Eames Theatre, Pacific Science Center. We will see an interesting film on the commercial culture of the Japanese Shiitake (*Lentinus edodes*) loaned to us through the courtesy of the Japanese Consul-General's office. Mr. Street from the Ostrom Company who was to appear back-to-back with the film on this program found it unable to fit us in his schedule and will address the November meeting. Society business pertaining to the upcoming exhibit will require a portion of the meeting time. Bring your specimens for the monthly Identification Clinic, Dr. Stuntz presiding. Friends and families are welcome.

MUSHROOM EXHIBIT

Dates and times for the Second Annual Pacific Northwest Mushroom Exhibit are the following:

Saturday, October 16th -- 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Sunday, October 17th -- 12 noon to 6:00 pm

Chairmen of the various functional committees, still needing volunteers, may be contacted at the following listed numbers:

GENERAL CHAIRMAN	Ann Mack	LA 2-7348
EXHIBIT CONSTRUCTION	Ben Woo	EA 3-2450
PUBLICITY	Ted Choi	Ext 51 - LA 5-4700
IDENTIFICATION	Charles Volz	EM 3-5465
COLLECTING	Geo Rafanelli	PA 2-7011
SPECIMEN ARRANGEMENTS	Ilene Marckx	VE 9-0951
BOOK SALES	Al Crosetti	LA 3-9123
EXHIBIT STAFF	Lois Ohlson	CH 2-6523
CLEAN-UP	Neil Smith	463-8518

The construction committee needs beefing up to meet the cavernous challenge of the Eames Theatre, which we have planned to transform into an intimate little setting befitting our show. Work sessions are scheduled for Friday all day and Saturday morning. We need wood butchers of all shapes and sizes plus people to do painting, some wiring, poster mounting, and various strong-backed and weak-minded individuals to move furniture and stuff.

Ann Mack has been busy rounding up greenery for backgrounding the mushrooms, will be out in a small boat this weekend poaching cattails and driving a truck the following week stealing trees and brush. She wants to remind members to bring in plenty of moss.

George Rafanelli, Chief Collector, is in charge of the most important part of the show, the mushrooms themselves. All members who are not otherwise entailed should plan on getting out Friday (take sick leave) or early Saturday morning to round up specimens. An early Sunday morning squad should be out to provide fresh material for the second session. Please let George know the area you plan to collect in -- we want as wide variety of habitats to be represented as possible. Those who have lawn species or in-city locales are also needed, since we plan a feature display of these types.

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Collectors should bear in mind that collecting for exhibit purposes is not the same as regular scrounging. Specimens should be in prime condition and should include, if possible, the ground on which they grow. This includes the wood or bark for lignicolous species. Carry shovels, hatchets and saws, and plenty of paper boxes. Handle each collection with care, wrapping loosely in wax paper where applicable. Bring to the Center as early as possible, starting at 8:00 am the day of the show. With the rain that is blessedly falling during this week, the hunting should be good.

To meet expenses, admission of 50¢ will be charged for adults, 25¢ for children. Members will be admitted free. Lois Ohlson still has openings for help to man the admission desk, the information center and hospitality staff.

Finally, as the din of the crowd fades from the 1965 Mushroom Exhibit, Neil Smith, cleanup chairman, hopes for assistance in garbage disposal and dismantling. Mushrooms tend to become animated within a few days unless removed.

PORTLAND SHOW

The Oregon Mycological Society will hold its exhibit Sunday, October 10, 12 noon to 7:00 pm, at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. The Portland people are old hands at staging mushroom exhibits and always present an interesting and comprehensive display, well worth the trip for our members to attend.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

The Society's Fall Field Trip to the Keechelus-Kachess Area October 3rd was a huge success from the standpoint of turnout and specimens found. Dr. Stuntz and Miss McKenny were inundated with copious collections, succeeded in identifying 86 before collapsing from exhaustion. An estimated 120 species were brought in, some rare and retained for further study. We note with amusement that *Armillaria ponderosa* did not appear on the display table, although many were apparently found. Weather was dry and warm, and the kids had a great time.

PUBLICATIONS

Resurgence of interest in mushrooms is evidenced by reports of cases poisoning from Arizona, New York, Italy and elsewhere. Reducing the general ignorance that leads to such unfortunate results is one of the functions of our Society. On the national level, the October National Geographic contains the first comprehensive article on mushrooms carried by that venerable journal since May, 1920. Basil Ferguson has extra copies that he is willing to make available to our membership. Copies may also be obtained from NGS by sending \$1.00 to National Geographic Society, Publication Order Dept., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Seattle Magazine features a very interesting article on mushrooms this month, written by Tom Robbins, backed by a piece on mushroom cookery by Lorraine Arnold. It is available at your newstand.

POSTERS

Attractive posters announcing our exhibit have been silkscreened by Hwa-di Woo and Sandy Wood, and are now being distributed by the committee. If you have a location in your neighborhood -- supermarket, bank, bookstore, etc. -- that could beneficially display one, come and pick one up at the meeting, or call Ann Mack for a copy.