

FEBRUARY MEETING Monday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Eames Theater, Pacific Science Center.
Lesson 4 for amateur mycologists: "Friesian (I'm not going to go into that again - read last month's) Identification by Mushroom Types - Second Half" and conclusion of the educational series for this year. Lecturers will be Tom Imori and Paul Rule, both genial and entertaining men.



THIS BULLETIN is being put out in a hell of a hurry under very harrowing conditions. Any criticism of syntax or graphics will have to be ignored, so spare yourselves. "A new low is better than half a low."--Pogo

HOWEVER:

THE BANQUET, OH THE BANQUET, AH THE ORGY OF IT ALL will be held Friday, March 22 at Norway Center. Ruby Chow's Food of Heaven, mushrooms in everything, will be one ~~pleasure~~ pleasure. Another will be our speaker, Mr. Stan Reed, columnist of the Post-Intelligencer, who is freshly returned from a Gourmet Tour of Europe to whet our appetites, or possibly just to truffle with our affections. A third pleasure will be Ben Woo as M.C. to introduce & install officers and guests. Bar will be open 6-8, dinner served at 8. (We'll be handling our own bar this year--cheaper, faster and more fun. Paul Nestell will be head barkeep--he needs 4-5 strong men to volunteer. Drop Paul or George Rafanelli a card, or call George, or show up and sign up at next member meet, Feb. 11.)

Ladell Black, Banquet Chairman, would like 6 to 8 women who would brainstorm with her in the details of the dinner such as the table decor, name tags, format of program/menu--the sort of ~~ix~~ thing it is great fun to do, so call her, LA 2-0398 by Feb. 15 or see her at Monday meeting.

REMEMBER: The more people you meet the more mushrooms you meet. It just takes steely persistence.

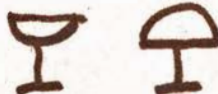
DEAR MEMBERS: The picking is slow this time of year, so the next best thing is to tuck about them, study the species, and eat a few at the annual banquet coming up. It promises to be a memorable function. With this event and the installation of officers, the deck will be cleared for some interesting field action in the Spring. Bon ape

Bon Apetito..
G. W. Rafanelli

APROPOEM

What better contentment
Than to go forth to dine
With congenial companions
And Agaricus and wine.--GWR

(I know it was in last month, but it fits better this month.--CY)



THIS IS A GREAT MAGAZINE. IT IS SO VALUABLE BECAUSE THE ARTICLES ARE TIMELY, YET INVARIABLY BASED ON CAREFUL ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH. NO OTHER MAGAZINE ACHIEVES THIS FEAT AS CONSISTENTLY AS DOES YOURS.
SENATOR STUART SYMINGTON (D)

SAVE
MAR. 22

HERE WE GO DOOBIE DUE: ^R
are ever so due right this
minute, so due, due, due.
(Oh for heaven's sake, must
we be so cute? H ah?)
\$5 or \$2.50 if student.

Put it in writing

"ALWAYS

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IMPARTIAL"

Feb 68

THE ONLY PARTY INVOLVED IN OUR ELECTIONS is the March 22 party at which the results are announced. Attached is a full slate, whatever that is. If you've ever used a slate, and ~~chank~~, you know you can hardly get more than 5 words on it, so what are we talking about?

Well, A NYway, the next mailing after this will contain ballot and dinner reservation sheets, so you can return both at once, possibly with that missing (sinper!) dues check I' keep talking about.

There are 15 candidates for the board; we vote for 10. SO...

At the Feb. 11 member meet an amendment to the bylaws is proposed: that the next three highest in number of votes will be held as alternates in case there are board vacancies during the year. Think.

Nominated members will be introduced Monday night, and asked to give sincere smiles and concise 40-minute talks on weight control.

IN ORDER TO BE ABSOLUTELY, PERFECTLY, FAIR, we introduce kind of an interesting innovation this year: half the ballots will have the names alphabetically from A to Z; the other half will go from Z to A, in order to obviate the weight of the tendency to check off the first 10 names and the hell with it. This way all us people at the bottom at last rise. You'll be thinking I thought this up, but I didn't. --CY.

Incidentally, the dinner is \$5.50 a plate. If anyone ~~an~~ an extremely limited income would like to go and really cannot lever it out of their budget, please call me, Connie Young. Replies confidential, as I'm having trouble myself.

"Complex societies are more vulnerable to disruption than simple societies."—John McHale, Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Sept., 1967, and God knows, they wouldn't print anything that wasn't true.

SPEAKING OUT - Ben Woo gave another talk to another Garden Club—Bellevue, this time. "Lissen, Garden Club", he ~~said~~ ~~said~~

ODE TO A. MUSCARIA

A. muscaria
Quite contraria:
Its beauty's a fable,
Tho 'taint comestable.
—Ron Requa, Jr.

LEOTA KAISER, and we thank her, has donated slides to our collection. Let this be an inspiration to the rest of you.

CRITIQUE
"Many critics of American society today seem to concentrate upon two alleged characteristics—shapelessness and meaninglessness."
— R. W. Williams, Jr.

Well I say these critics ought to try to match a found fungus with the picture in the book. By comparison, American society looks shapely and meaningful. --CY.

I OVE OF, ROOF OF ALL EVIL... Kindly notice financial statement enclosed. We're rich. Anybody with good ideas as to what we should do with this is welcome to submit it to the Board. I've heard talk of sponsoring a book. What have you heard?

NEVER OBJECTIVE

"Prudens quaestio dimidium scientiae."
- Aristotle

Change has become our byword and seemingly our only constant. ...The increased rate, frequency, and penetration of change in to so many areas of life are critical factors in our own period. There is less time for adaptation, both individually and socially, than before, hence more awareness of disruption and uncertainty as associated with change.

--John McHale in The Annals of the Am Ac. of Po' & Soc Sci Sept 1967, and you know how reliable they are.

Checking Reader's Guide in the Public Library, I find that articles on mushroomery are either too general and hobby-slanted to be genuinely helpful in learning to identify, or they are written by specialists for specialists and simply not understandable to most of us. For instance, a couple of years ago there was an hysterical flurry of excitement over the incidence of aflatoxins in peanuts. None of the articles ever did say why it was important, assuming that all readers would know. Aflatoxin is better than none? Call if you get word.

It would be clearly erroneous to compare man to the lemming, but every known animal species on which experimental overcrowding has been carried out is dysfunctionally organized.

The Gaiety of Herman Melville: Fungi Division
"I then pictured these three straightforward monsters, century after century, writing through the shades, grim as blacksmiths; crawling so slowly and ponderously, that not only did toad-stools and all fungoid things grow beneath their feet, but a sooty moss sprouted upon their backs."
John McHale "The Piazza Tales", Sketch Second, "Two Sides to a Tortoise"

The Fourth Annual Dinner, marking beginning of our fifth year. **MAR 22**

CHEER UP...
Just because it comes to a conclusion doesn't mean it will key out. You can't get that many genera on an ordinary 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper.

AREN'T YOU GLAD I don't edit National Geographic?
Hysterically,
Connie Young, Editor,
Publisher, Typesetter,
Printer, Graphic Arts
and Direct Mail and
Sagging Badly

CALORIC VALUE OF MUSHROOMS, so you can forget it, once and for all:
1 cup canned - 28 calories
10 small fresh - 10 "
7 small sauteed - 78. ~~cup~~. Butter.

But the Deylings, Marilyn Blake, Frances Shelton and Irena Jevdoschenko came to help put it out through sleet and snow, hail, nonsense and the dark of night. Tusin tak as the Squar-heads say.

"What we have learned is only a handbreadth, what we don't know is as great as the wide sea."
- Tamil proverb

Without order there can be no understanding, only bewilderment, or even worse - boredom.