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THIS IS OUR ELECTION ISSUE OF SPORE PRINTS H.R.H.

You are receiving this issue of Spore Prints a little earlier than usual. The reason is that the Board of Trustees (like in the past two years) decided to combine the election material including the ballots and return envelope, with this mailing of Spore Prints and save a sizeable sum in mailing costs. I feel our election committee has presented us a slate of very capable, energetic, and enthusiastic candidates, whose photographs and campaign statements are featured on pages 3 and four. It is up to YOU now to sit down, evaluate the candidates, mark your ballot and return it by March 12, 1977. Remember that family memberships are entitled to two votes, while individual memberships get one vote.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR BEGINNERS H.R.H.

In the last few months several of the mycological societies PSMS corresponds with have published information helpful to new mushroom hunters. Since we have been told that PSMS sometimes gears many programs and activities to the experienced mushroom hunter, and not to the novice, we are herewith doing this duty, and paraphrase from an article published by the Mycological Society of San Francisco.

Collecting Mushrooms:

1. Protect the environment. Take specimens with care. Raking up the humus, scattering unwanted specimens, defacing trees to collect ignicolous (wood growing) species, and leaving papers and containers are a demonstration of ignorance, not of serious intent. It is unwise to take specimens which are in less than choice condition. These are sometimes hard to identify and they deteriorate rapidly into unwholesome, smelly, useless masses.

2. Use paper towels or wax paper, not plastic

Plastic bags are virtually useless for specimens. At the end of the day you will have an amorphous glob of mushrooms. Use paper! Separate each species you collect. Provide yourself with a basket or bucket.

3. Carry a notebook. Put down any information that will be of use to identify the mushrooms. Include where the specimen was collected, when it was collected, etc. Put a slip of paper in with the mushrooms.

4. Learn the names of plants and trees. There are many adequate field guides to help with this important aspect of collecting. If you know the flora of an area it is much easier to anticipate what mushrooms will be found in that ecological habitat. Example: if you are seeking Leccinum scaber it is essential to know what a birch tree looks like.

5. Be comfortable. Prepare for weather changes. Carry a light poncho, sweater or jacket, etc. Expect the worst. Hiking boots are the best for footwear because most PSMS fieldtrips involve cross-country scrambling. Carry water and a little food for snacking. If you are bothered by sun, insects, etc. bring the proper protection. Carry and learn to use a compass.

6. Handbooks. There is no one mushroom book that will satisfy you. One excellent book for the Northwest is the Savory Wild Mushroom by Stuntz & McKenny. Others are available to PSMS members at a discount from our book sales department.

MUSHROOM CLINICS

Lisa Goldscher

The following article from the Munich Office of the Chronicle Foreign Service was sent to me by one of our members. Since I don't have the name of the publication it appeared in nor the date, I cannot properly note that, but since we are listing the author, I hope we won't be sued for copy-right violation.

Every fall mushroom experts set up clinics in Munich to help the public identify wild mushrooms gathered in the surrounding Bavarian woods. Collectors bring specimens from all over Middle Europe for identification.

"During a day my wife and I sort out thousands of mushrooms from 50 to 300 collectors," said Andreas Neuner. He and three co-workers staff the city-sponsored clinics held during the mushroom season, which lasts from late summer through the fall.

"Some people only want the mushrooms separated into two piles: edible and non-edible," Neuner said. "Others want to learn their scientific names."

Neuner, a high school principal, began specializing in mushrooms as a hobby in 1948. He has headed the mushroom identification clinics for 12 years and is seldom stumped.

"There are over 2600 kinds of mushrooms in Middle Europe alone," he said. "It is an especially beautiful day for me when someone brings a mushroom which I don't immediately recognize."

Neuner said the beliefs that a silver spoon cooked with poisonous mushrooms will turn black, or that mushrooms nibbled on by snails are safe, are false and dangerous.

The collector must learn to recognize the six poisonous kinds," he said. "There are also about 20 which attack the nervous system or alimentary tract causing illness, but not death."

"Ninety-five percent of all mushrooms can be recognized by sight, smell, taste and habitat," Neuner said. "Those collected on Sunday, however, can look different on Monday. The fast-growing fungus can continue to develop even after being picked. Overnight it can change shape or size, or a mature one can spoil."

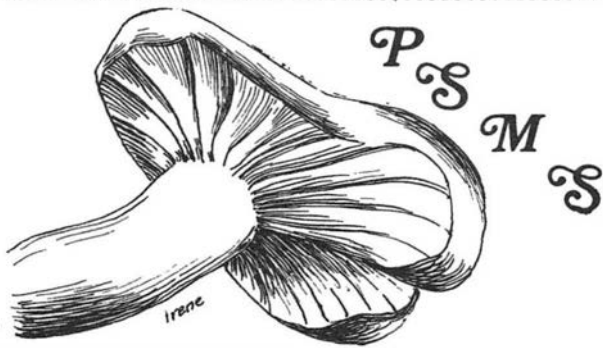
He advises that all wild mushrooms be prepared and eaten within 24 hours and also suggests that anyone trying a new variety eat only small amounts at first to test the effects, since even edible varieties may make some people ill. Most mushrooms consumed in Munich are gathered by private collectors and bypass the commercial market. They are abundant in Bavaria, Germany's largest state, and can even be found within the Munich city limits.

The mushroom clinics have propagated the general knowledge of mushrooms and reduced the number of poisonings.

Neuner said, "People visit the clinics, learn, and tell their friends and neighbors. Word gets around." Free booklets on mushroom collecting are handed out at the clinic.

A city the size of Munich however, needs a daily clinic," he said. Presently the clinics are held only three hours, three times a week.

"There are fortunately enough experts now in Munich, but in many Bavarian towns there is often not a single person who knows anything about mushrooms. That is why people die!"



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CALENDAR

Remember that the 13th Annual Survivors' Banquet which will be held Saturday, March 19, 1977 at the Officers' Club on Pier 91 is our regular monthly membership meeting for March. Come to the banquet.

March 21 Board Meeting

March 25 Actual Deadline for Spore Print Material. Send all articles, art work, and photos to the Editor, c/o 4029 E. Madison, Seattle, Wa., 98102.

March 26 Saturday Fieldtrip to the Ostrom Mushroom Farm

April 2 & 3 Fieldtrip to Steelhead Park by Rockport

April 11 Monday, Membership Meeting 8:00 pm

REQUEST FOR OLD SHOW LITERATURE Georgia Ramsey

Georgia Ramsey needs the flyers which were distributed at the 1970; 1974; and 1975 Annual Exhibits. She collects these and wants to complete her set. If you can help her out, send them to her, at 10511 Interlaaken Dr. S.W., Tacoma, 98498.

NEWS FLASH - PSMS HAS A NEW FIELDTRIP CHAIRMAN

Dick Sieger has taken over the assignment of fieldtrip chairman starting with the spring season. He will need the support of all of us to continue the fieldtrips in the same style that we are accustomed to. Therefore pick up your phone right now and volunteer to help (362-6860) and don't wait for him to all you. And if he does have to call YOU, don't turn him down. More later.

Membership Meeting

There are still plenty of tickets available for the 13th Annual Spring Banquet, which is our regular monthly meeting for March. The Banquet will be held Saturday, March 19, 1977 at the Officers' Club on Pier 91. Directions on how to get there follow below. To order your tickets, send your check AND a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ronna Randall-Brown, 4201 - 78th S.E., Mercer Island, Wa., 98040. Include \$7.50 per person for the dinner and 75¢ for a glass of wine, and \$1 for any mixed drink. The Club does not allow us to bring our own drinks. Drink tickets will also be available during the evening of the banquet. The deadline for purchasing dinner tickets is March 12th since we have to guarantee the Club a fixed number by midweek. March 12th also is the last day a refund can be given for dinner tickets. Drink tickets that are not used will be refunded, but only drink tickets.

Dinner will be buffet style and will include roast beef, baked salmon with a variety of accompanying dishes, including mushrooms. There will be three separate buffet tables to facilitate serving, and no long lines are expected this year.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Ed Farmer. Please do not bring table arrangements this year. They will be furnished, and may be purchased after the banquet. There also will be fantastic door prizes.

Come and join the good fellowship, the music, and the fun.

DIRECTIONS TO THE OFFICERS' CLUB ON PIER 91

To get there, take Interstate 5 to the Mercer Street Exit. Go west on Mercer to Western Avenue. Go north on Western Avenue which turns into Elliott Ave. or 15th Avenue West. Watch for the signs (on your right) for W. Garfield Street and Pier 91. Follow these signs onto the bridge over 15th Avenue West, and you will see a sign that says Pier 91. Come to a full stop, bear left down a ramp to the pier. Stop at the guardhouse where you must show your dinner ticket for entry. Continue west under the bridge, bear right and follow the sign to the Officers' Club. At the far end of the bridge supports you will make a sharp left. Again watch for the Officers' Club signs. The Club is the last building on the right with a circular driveway around the corner. There is ample free parking. Good Hunting!

PSMS AND THE PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER MANAGEMENT

Everybody present at the February membership meeting heard Helmut Naumer, the new director of the Pacific Science Center say that PSMS is welcome there. He also told us that he is working on a fee schedule for the use of the Science Center facilities which should be ready by summer. And he assured us that in the future, if we are given a firm commitment for the use of the Eames Theater that an "earthshaking" event would have to occur for us to get bumped. Let's watch if he keeps his word!



THIS IS THE PROMISED PICTURE OF JOY SPURR

which was missing in last month's Profile article. In addition, we want to thank Joy for the very interesting and enlightening program on the Trees of Interest to the Mushroom Hunter. Just imagine how much we are missing by not knowing all the trees.

FIELDTRIPS

March 26 (Saturday) Ostrom Mushroom Farms
 The tour is limited to adults and children 12 and over. We will meet at the farm at 9:45 am with the tour to begin at 10:00 am promptly.
 Go south on Interstate 5. Just before Olympia (up the hill from the Nisqually flats) exit to Marvin Road, turning left to go south. Cross old 99 on Marvin Road. Continue a short distance to Stillicom Road and turn left. The Ostrom Farm is on both sides of the road within sight of this turn, park by the white building on the south side.
 Walk across the road to the growing sheds.

April 2 & 3 Rockport, Steelhead County Park

There are two possible routes, both lined with cottonwoods for hunting on the way. Either take the Arlington Exit from I - 5 through Darrington, OR Take the Burlington Exit from Interstate 5 and proceed on State Highway #20 to Rockport. Steelhead County Park is on your right, toward the river. Steelhead County Park has some hook-ups. There is a fee for all camping.

MORE ON FIELDTRIPS

Monte Hendrickson

Since the weather in the spring (and this year particularly) is hard to predict, PSMS has found a way to cancel fieldtrips if there is belief that the anticipated mushrooms have already fruited or have not shown, whatever the case may be.
 During the week prior to a scheduled fieldtrip all members of PSMS should read the PERSONAL column of the Seattle Post Intelligencer and The Seattle Times, because if a previously scheduled fieldtrip has to be cancelled, the following message will appear: THE SCHEDULED PSMS FIELDTRIP IS CANCELLED. If the fieldtrip will be held as scheduled NO NOTICE will appear.

CARPOOLING FOR FIELDTRIPS

Monte Hendrickson

Again we will try and arrange for carpooling for fieldtrips. But this is a new season and we start from scratch. The rules are as follows: Those members who plan to attend the spring fieldtrips should call Monte Hendrickson (phone 523-2892) and let him know if they can (1) provide rides, or (2) need rides. During the week preceding a fieldtrip the two categories will be "matched up." Of course, we hope there are more PSMS members who are willing to provide rides than we need, so that every member can come on a fieldtrip.

ELECTION INFORMATION: The May 10, 1976 Membership Meeting was designated as a Special Meeting and the membership voted to change the By-laws so that the officers and members of the Board shall hold office for two-years, or until a successor shall have been elected. Five of the ten trustees are to be elected each year.

It was resolved by the Board of Trustees and the Election Committee during the January 1977 board meeting that the following officers and trustees will continue to serve the full two-year term: President Jack Orth; Treasurer John Mudge; Trustees: Robert Hanna; Earl Harrison; Ronna Randall Brown; Louise Rautenberg; Buzz Walters.

The following incumbents on the Board have agreed to be candidates for a full-term: Ken Chaplin; Winston Hufford; Richard Sieger; Fred VandeBogart.

VOTING RIGHTS: Each individual membership is entitled to just one vote. Each family membership is entitled to just two votes.

C A N D I D A T E S F O R E L E C T E D O F F I C E S O F P . S . M . S . 1 9 7 7

FOR VICE PRESIDENT - VOTE FOR ONE



JENNIE M. SCHMITT

Born in Boaz, Wisconsin where I attended grade and high school. As a housewife and homemaker I enjoy cooking and collecting recipes. PSMS member since 1965. Have served as membership chairman; on the education committee and been in charge of the preservation booth at the annual exhibit. Teach mushroom identification classes.



PAUL A. ANSON

Born in Anacortes and raised on a stump farm in Ferndale. Retired from the Army after 26 years of active duty. Now fully employed at our home on Perkins Lane. Have become a carpenter, plumber, electrician and water control specialist. Hobbies, when time permits, are big game hunting, fishing, and of course, mushrooming. PSMS member since 1969.

FOR SECRETARY - VOTE FOR ONE

Became aware of the pleasures of mycology in 1974, and joined PSMS during the show that year. Should have done it years earlier! Other hobbies are photography, when I'm in the mood; hiking, but never very far or very high; biking, but not up most hills; music, as a listener, not a performer; and just putting around my small garden. Have hosted one fieldtrip last year and want to get more involved.



MARGARET HOLZBAUER



I became a member when I got hooked at the 1971 exhibit. Worked on show decorations for four years. Also handled membership on an interim basis. I have taken Milt's class. I hope to enjoy the satisfaction of a more involved status in the Society. I am a Certified Dental Assistant; have an A.A. Degree in Natural Science.



SALLY ANN HANSEN

BELOW ARE THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - VOTE FOR 5



KEN CHAPLIN

Native of Seattle; UW Forestry graduate; Retired superintendent from Seattle Post Office; Active charter member South King County Arboretum (Lake Wilderness) Hobbies besides mushrooming, include gardening and raising Christmas trees.
Incumbent trustee. I am interested in keeping PSMS friendly and educational.



WINSTON HUFFORD

Incumbent trustee; I am a retired plumber and pipefitter. I have eaten wild mushrooms for more than fifty years. I enjoy being outdoors and find the combining of mycology and hiking very interesting.
PSMS member since 1973. Chaired the construction committee at the last annual exhibit.
I feel the Society fulfills a need to the mycophagist and to the community.

Incumbent trustee. I am a self-employed kitchen remodeler, and also a dedicated amateur winemaker. Family recreation includes attending most PSMS fieldtrips; canoeing, and spoiling the baby.
Presently historian-librarian for our Society. Collect and work annually on the exhibit.
I am interested in promoting our Society's endeavors.



RICHARD E. SIEGER

Ph.D. in Botany (Mycology) from the U.W. Specialized in the study of the genus Coprinus, but am interested in all fungi, large and small. I am also interested in exotic seed plants and their propagation and introduction to our area.
Incumbent trustee. Taught a class for PSMS last fall.



DR. FRED VANDEBOGART



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FERRIS ANDERSON

Native of Seattle - born in Ballard, grew up in West Seattle, now living in Bellevue. Employed with Peoples National Bank for thirty years; presently Vice President and Manager of Ballard Office. Joined PSMS late in 1975. Attended most of the 1976 meetings and fieldtrips. Worked on last year's exhibit. Enjoys fishing, traveling, and camping with wife Joy. Intends to be an active member of our Society

California born, but after living here for seven years, the Northwest has become my home. I recently received my M.Ed. in Learning Resources /Librarianship and am presently teaching Headstart handicapped children. Interests include dance, mycology, needlework, fantasy literature, photography, unicorns.
I have enjoyed PSMS activities and would like to do more serving on the board.



MARLENE FRIEND

Carl is an avid mushroom hunter and has been an enthusiastic booster of PSMS since 1974. Eager to take a more active role in PSMS annual shows and learn more about mushroom photography. Hobbies include bridge, fishing, hunting, and square dancing. Employed as Boeing Logistics Manager since 1959.



CARL A. HERMANSON



PAUL JONES

Born and raised in Wisconsin, but definitely call the Northwest home now, where the family enjoys to combine hiking and mushrooming. Served six years in the Navy during WW. II., Commander Skyway VFW post 1970-71; Church congregational secretary for five years. Member of PSMS for only one year, but attended most meetings and fieldtrips. Would like to help the many newcomers to PSMS.



Your Election Committee is presenting you these excellent and dedicated candidates who will be spending many hours of their time, for the next two years, serving YOU in the management of your Society.
Do YOUR PART and VOTE for the candidates of your choice

M. H.