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Calendar

- Dec. 13 Monday, Beginners' Orientation Class, 6:45 pm
Membership Meeting, 8:00 pm
- Dec. 20 Monday, Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Dec. 24 Deadline for Spore Prints material. Send to Editor, 2559 NE 96th, Seattle, WA 98115
- Jan. 10 Monday, Beginners' Orientation Class & Membership Meeting
- March 18 Friday, The 19th Annual Survivors Banquet

1983 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please use the insert and return it with your check to renew your PSMS membership. Family memberships are \$12.00; Single memberships \$8.50, and Student memberships \$6.00. Make your check payable to PSMS and send it to 2559 N.E. 96th, Seattle, WA 98115.

You may renew your membership in person at the December membership meeting. Please come early, so we all can enjoy the party afterwards.

NOTE TO NEW MEMBERS

All members who have joined PSMS since last summer, have their memberships paid up through December 1983, so the insert does not apply to you!

Membership Meeting

Monday, December 13, 1982, 8:00 pm in the auditorium of the MONROE CENTER, 1810 N.W. 65th Street, Seattle.

Program: In 1974 a tradition began in our organization. For the December membership meeting we encourage our members to show their favorite slides, and after these presentations, we sit down for refreshments. The cookies and other holiday goodies are provided by the ladies of our Society, and PSMS furnishes the coffee and tea. Joy Spurr thought up this format for the December meeting, and it has been repeated ever since.

By early December the same frosts that are on the pumpkins have also found our secret mushroom patches, and only a few specimens from sheltered areas will grace the identification tables. But, in years past, these same tables have been loaded with an amazing array of good things to eat.

By the deadline for Spore Prints we have about 100 slides promised by several members -- we could use a few more. The slides need not be just of mushrooms, and it is not a contest. The December meeting is usually well attended, attesting that most of us are knife and fork amateur mycologists at heart.

If you have some slides that you would like to show, or if you want to know what kind of goodies to bring, give us a jingle - 242-6115, Ed & Ella Cantelon.

BOARD NEWS

H.R.H.

Treasurer Ferris Anderson brought good news to the Board Meeting. The 1982 Annual Exhibit was a financial success. Ticket sales alone exceeded expenses, and when booksales, commissions on Shiitake logs and arts and crafts are added, the net amounted to \$2,000. President Grout again thanked all who had worked on the Exhibit and helped make it a success in every way you look at it. Every chairman of a committee compiled a report about the duties of this committee; these reports have been combined and represent excellent working papers for next year's Show. President Grout is looking for a chairman for next year. (He probably would faint if he received a call from a volunteer.)

President Grout was pleased to see the many hands up indicating interest in an advanced class on mushroom identification and will work on getting one started. Details will be published when the details have been worked out.

After the first of the year, a committee will start reviewing PSMS Educational Pamphlet. Our supply is nearly exhausted, and it will be decided whether to reprint it.

Field Trip Chairman Charles Volz reported that he is making an inventory of field trip equipment. Also some thought or strategy is being developed about what to do, if we face another closure of a field trip site (as happened at Miller-Sylvania State Park in November). Since the closure was announced on Friday morning, no notice in a newspaper was possible. If a member has an idea, call Charlie (363-5465).

President Grout appointed Earl Harrison to chair the 1983 election committee. Other members are Fay Melsen, Ed Cantelon and Carl Hermanson. They will be soliciting candidates for next year.

Our banquet chairman, Charlotte Turner-Zila reported that the date for the 19th Annual Survivors Banquet will be Friday, March 18, 1983. It will be held at the Monroe Center

and plans are for the membership to "put on" the banquet like we "put on" the Annual Exhibit. The reasons for this approach are to get more members involved in more Society activities, and to keep the cost (= price) in a range that all members who want to, can attend this Society function. More on the Banquet in another section of this issue.

The Board Meeting was adjourned about 9:00 pm.

GIFT IDEAS

Judi Boa

At the December membership meeting (actually before the meeting starts, so come early) you can buy mushroom books and 1983 calendars, and wall prints, book marks, etc. to give as presents to your friends, relatives, and yourself.

All of the books again are in stock, and sold to members at a small discount from retail. You can choose books with beautiful pictures as well as technical ones for the serious mycologists. The antique wall prints also make thoughtful gifts. They are available as a set (\$3.50) or singly (\$1.00 each). If you cannot attend the December meeting, you can order books and prints by mail. Add \$1.00* for the prints and small books and \$1.80 for larger books, for mailing expenses.

Both calendars available have spaces to note your appointments. The calendar published by Mad River Press is \$4.50. It is the first in a series planned for assembly as an identification book and cook book. The second calendar features paintings by PSMS member Tatiana Roats. It costs \$8.00. Add \$1.00 for postage if you want to have the calendars mailed.

BANQUET PREVIEW

H.R.H.

The 19th Annual Survivors Banquet promises to be a unique experience for PSMS. As a starter we could sum it up as follows: "A new face; a new place; and a new pace." Let me give you an explanation: The new face is the chairman of the banquet committee, Charlotte Turner-Zila, a member since 1980, who is an alternate on the PSMS Board, and who is organizing the event. The new place is the Monroe Center, our present meeting place and "home" which has the room and kitchen facilities and open date to accommodate us. And the new pace promises to be the most exciting part of the 19th Survivors Banquet. Under the experienced direction of Irene Carpenter and Florence Metcalf PSMS members will put on the total Banquet as a Society event.

It will give us for the first time the opportunity to exactly do what we want to do. (In some past banquets no wild mushrooms could be featured because of the restaurant's liability insurance or the chef's lack of expertise with our delicacies.) Our experts are planning an exquisite menu, and are testing the courses at this time. (I hope you froze, dried, or canned extra chanterelles, boletes, and morels for the banquet.)

Starting at the December membership meeting, Charlotte will appeal to our members, old and new, men and women, to come forward and volunteer to help on Thursday and Friday, March 17 & 18, to prepare the food; and to help earlier on publicity, tickets, decorations, prizes, etc.

In addition to the opportunity of "doing exactly what we want" for the Banquet, the new pace idea was conceived at the time of our last Annual Exhibit. The Exhibit, at this time is the only occasion when a majority of the membership gets involved in a Society activity, either as a doer or as a participant. Afterwards, all have a very good feeling of accomplishment, and the Banquet Committee hopes that the mem-

bership will enthusiastically participate in the Banquet. It comes down again to the discovery that you usually get as much out of an activity and/or organization as you put in. The organization becomes more meaningful and rewarding to the members; they get to know more of their fellow members, and they will remember a good feeling of accomplishment.

There was another thought in the new pace idea, and that was cost. It is the committee's aim to set the (break-even) banquet price so that all members who want to come, can afford to attend the banquet. There will only be one drawback. The committee is aiming at a maximum attendance of 200 persons. This will mean that members will have to get their tickets early. They will be available at the January membership meeting. In January and February we will provide additional details about our 19th Annual Banquet which will have the theme: "Around the World with Mushrooms."

LAKE ARROWHEAD FIELD TRIP REPORT Gerard & Libby Barta

Friday's (October 23rd) ominous clouds and rain did not bode well for the weekend field trip, but Mother Nature relented on Saturday morning was beautiful and warm. Forty-six members of PSMS and the Kitsap Peninsula Mycological Society signed in, and then went out to various sites to gather mushrooms. Several new members were among the veteran "survivors" of previous field trips, and new acquaintances were made. Everyone found mushrooms, and nearly everyone found a few chanterelles to take home. Eighty-six species were identified by Jennie Schmitt and Charles Volz. Again this year, through the efforts of Dave and Jennie Schmitt, we were treated to the luxury of a warm and spacious Lake Arrowhead Club House where the identified species were displayed. Saturday evening we enjoyed another wonderful potluck supper which was attended by thirty-six members and guests. Gerard & Libby Barta were the hosts. (The Barts also sent new instructions about how to get to Lake Arrowhead, so that we all will have an easier time getting there. Thank you!)

MILLERSYLVANIA STATE PARK FORAY REPORT Ch. Volz

I want to report in chronological order what preceded the weekend of October 30 & 31.

In the afternoon, Thursday, October 28th, Mary and I set out with our trailer. The rain, although it did not dampen our enthusiasm, certainly did it to the campsite. The first shock was the presence of signs telling us not to connect to the sewers. These signs turned out to be unnecessary, as there were no sewer connections (they were stopped up with rocks!) We selected a reasonably dry campsite, connected the water and electricity, and settled down for the night. Early the next morning, Emory and Mildred Bronner pulled in near us. The ranger came to collect, and I confirmed our reservation for Kitchen #1 for Saturday and Sunday.

A while later (shock #2) we were told that the main water pump was down, and that the auxiliary pump had a bad bearing (this could be felt in the water pipes under full head). So we were told to fill our water tanks, in case the water had to be shut off.

I was waiting for our hosts for this trip to arrive with the field trip equipment, when we received the climactic shock #3: The auxiliary water pump had also quit, and the state park (by law) had to be closed for lack of water. I went over to the entrance to post a sign, and found that some member had already been there and posted a sign. Under the circum-

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MILLERSYLVANIA FIELD TRIP REPORT (continued)

stances I felt I could do no more, as it seemed too late to find an alternate site.

When the Hendricksons arrived early Saturday, the ranger gave permission to collect in the far part of the park, and they led a small group of members on a mini foray. They found very little since both amateur collectors and commercial pickers had stripped the area. A few chanterelles and blewitts were the edibles found, as well as some *Lyophyllum* sp. by the roadside. I thank them for their pinching.

The potluck was held in Bronners' trailer, with 4 attending; we shared breakfast Sunday morning in our trailer.

This was the first time PSMS had a site closed in this manner; a few times we have had to use alternate sites, but there was always time to arrange another meeting place.

OF THIS AND THAT

The beautiful cover for this issue of Spore Prints was contributed by charter member Elsie Burkman. On November 3rd Elsie was a featured artist at Nordstrom's downtown store, during the Encore V. Seattle Senior Arts & Achievement Festival. Elsie demonstrated drawing with mushroom ink (from deliquescent *Coprinus comatus*). Thank you, Elsie!

The November 1982 issue of Organic Gardening magazine includes an article on growing Shiitake mushrooms. Reading it will be helpful to our members who bought Shiitake logs at the Annual Exhibit.

PSMS charter member Joy Spurr, who also was photography chairman for many years and presents the slide show at our Annual Exhibit, was the speaker for the November membership meeting of the Tacoma Mushroom Society. She gave a slide-illustrated presentation on "Polypores in our Forests."

Early in November the Crichfield family was the elated finder of an 18 pound *Sparassis radicata* while camping in the Darrington area. The main objective of the trip was fishing, and they were successful in that department too. The big mushroom was in excellent condition, and after sampling it fresh, they also pickled some of it.

The week after the Annual Exhibit, where she had worked so hard in book sales, Janet Riste went out on one more mushroom hunt, and injured her knee, requiring surgery. We wish you a speedy and complete recovery, so you can continue your hobby next year.

ITALIAN MUSHROOMS, FRENCH MUSHROOMS, POLISH MUSHROOMS, ETC. from Yankee Magazine

The October issue of Yankee Magazine (p. 271) included an article about 70 year old Tony Anzevino (the Mushroom King) of Millers Falls, Mass. who only collects Italian mushrooms (300 lbs. some years) which he either gives away to his friends or freezes for later use. In the article no scientific names were used, and reference was made that Italian mushrooms always grow on trees. Tony does not pick any mushrooms that grow on the ground, and is therefore, not competing with his Polish friends, who pick those "slimy" ones which "I am sure must be poisonous" and which grow on the ground, awful!

Tony has never picked a poisonous mushroom - it isn't something he worries about, he's so confident of his ability to spot his own kind of mushroom. Tony calls the mushrooms by the

names of the trees under which he finds them - the maple, the elm, the acorn (oak).

In the article Tony called the mushroom The Prince. However, the picture clearly showed *Grifola frondosa* (= Hen of the Woods) which grows abundantly on eastern hardwoods, gets quite large, and is choice. The largest one Tony ever found weighed 42 lbs.

Tony's trees are on the edges of cemeteries, in parks, near playgrounds, or in the yards of friends, who call him up when the mushrooms look big enough to pick. Tony's biggest rivals these days are cordwood dealers.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT DAEDALEA Philip Stein

There are two genera of woody mushrooms you are likely to find on dead branches. The first is *Polyporus*, so called because the underside shows hundreds of small pores: poly + pores. The other is *Daedalea* whose underside is made up of a maze of tracks and squiggles. But how come the name? Well, it seems that a long time ago, according to Greek mythology, a clever artisan, named Daedalus, constructed a labyrinth, or maze, in which the hero Theseus was imprisoned. Theseus managed to escape, but the maze became famous and the name Daedalus went down in ancient history.

Later, Daedalus himself was shut up in a tower with his son Icarus. There was no way of fleeing the island prison so Daedalus fashioned two pairs of wings out of feathers and wax. Flying away, Icarus ventured too close to the sun, the wax melted, and the boy plunged into the sea.

But Daedalus survived and his name is recalled whenever you see the maze on the underside of what you thought at first to be a *Polypore*. It is a *Daedalea*. (from COMA News).

CHICKEN DIVINE

Following is the recipe of the very delicious casserole dish which Marge Okuma brought to the potluck at a spring field trip:

2 bunches broccoli, boiled and cut into pieces

4 whole chicken breasts, baked, skinned, boned and cut into pieces.

Line a pan with broccoli, spread with chicken, and pour the following mixture over top:

2 cans cream of chicken soup

1 cup mayonnais

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon curry powder

at least 1 cup shredded cheese. Sprinkle more cheese on top. Bake in 350° oven for 30 to 40 minutes.

BEGINNERS ORIENTATION CLASSES CONTINUE M.M.H.

The Beginners Orientation Classes held at 6:45 pm on the day of the regular membership meeting (which starts at 8:00 pm) continue through June. The series will continue with the activities and benefits of PSMS membership; what is a mushroom, how does it grow; cooking and preserving mushrooms (in January); the basics of mushroom hunting (February); in March there will be a learning field trip for the first spring mushrooms; April through June will be a series of classes on mushroom identification. These classes are open to all members. There is no charge.

Monte and I wish all of you a
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

NEW PSMS MEMBERS (SINCE THE SHOW) - INSERT IN YOUR ROSTER

ALBRIZIO, Peg	323-8534	KOENIG, Judy & Lee	324-7307
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ALLISON, Lee & Sharon	852-6002	LEIBBRAND, Bradford	852-1476
AMES, Dan	527-8216	LERCH, Bill & Gail	546-6747
ANDERSON, Robert	442-7680	LEWIS, Thomas & Mancy	235-0911
ANSON, Paul & Kay	282-2238	LI, Kevin	783-9193
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BIERLEIN, John	783-3715	MALATESTA, Paul H. & Hiroko M.	743-6584
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BLISS, Laurel		McMILLEN, Carol	632-3051
BOURKE, Tim & Katy	525-5357	McMILLIN, Kathy & LEACH, Wade	838-3890
BOWMAN, Dennis F.	784-1548	MEILLEUR, Peter & Mari Jane	746-5262
BRINK, Dean	525-7887	MELODY, David & RUET, Kerry	784-8813
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CAMERO, Lee & MERICLE Mathaile	367-9011	MILOSEVICH, George & Leila	631-2657
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CAULFIELD, Joe	293-2772	MUROTANI, Joi	641-1388
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CHAN-SEW, Maria	241-7354	NELSON, Robert & Helen	364-4984
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CLYDE, James & MARTIN, Alice	774-5921	OTANI, Susan	784-3748
COMIN, Peggy	789-2541	PAWLOWSKI, Syd & Kasia	881-0378
CONNER, Toodie	488-7877	PAYZER, Stan	242-6802
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COSLEY, Kevin	329-1028	PETERS, Donald & Eleanor	932-1711
COWAN, Bob & Ruth	454-7373	POETER, Eileen & James	888-0992
CUNNINGHAM, Michael & Hannelor	363-9596	POLSTRA, John & Means, Peggy	454-0830
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DUANE, Helen & LASHWAY, Cathy	788-2478	RICHARDS, Suzanne M.	988-8546
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EDWARDS, Keith & Beth	854-5845	SAKATA, Agnes	789-4638
ELLEDEGE, Wayne & Adele	772-0510	SANFORD, Paul & Karyn	522-4076
ELLER, Marlin J.	322-1287	SAVIAGE, Larry & Beth	226-0433
ENGBRETSON, Tim	782-0413	SCHNEIDER, Sharon	431-1485
ERICKSON, Phillip	283-0476	SCHRIVER, Florence	343-3105
FAIRBANKS, Charles & Anita	964-3386	SCHULZ, Carol	824-7618
FOLEY, Marty	255-5883	SELIGMANN, Jutta	324-0762
FOOTE, Bill & Cyndi	364-7607	SKLAR, Mayumi	938-2303
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GREEN, Andy & Michelle	523-5975	SMITH, Karl & Jan	226-8422
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HAGEROTT, Jalane	854-3528	STONE, John	938-0882
HALFPAP, Laurel	632-5461	TADA, Yohko	938-4108
HANSEN, Howard & Joanne	789-6639	THURLOW, Dave & Dee	746-0887
HATCH, Lydia K.	547-6242	TIBBATTS, Bill & Lee	833-7044
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HODGE, Evelyn	545-6914	TRAMMELL, Marguerite	782-5555
HOVANDER, Greg	793-1724	TRAPP, Dennis	
HURD, Lee & Aya	527-1464	TREYGER, Semyon & Zina	365-1837
IDA, Haruaki & Mabel	763-2539	VAUGHAN, Frank & Anne	631-1212
JAMES, Johnny & Louise	271-3010	VIMONT, Richard & Marian	922-7042
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KATAHIRA, Kenneth	524-1722	WEST, Dale	523-8804
KEENAN, John P	632-0731	WILLIAMS, Howard A	523-7204
KELLY, Millie	259-6469	WILSON, Carmella	546-2236
KIISKILA, Carla	633-4282	YELLMAN, Ted	746-2978
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