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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margaret Dilly

As we move into October and the best of the mushroom season, which may be leaner than in some years, we look forward to another fun filled, successful exhibit. If the enthusiasm of our chairman and the cooperation of the membership are an indicator, we should have the best show ever. It is amazing what can be accomplished with many working toward the same goal.

Our club is very fortunate. Not only do we have among our ranks a mushroom expert, namely Brian Luther, but we have the availability of a large University and its Professor of Mycology, Dr. Ammirati, his students, and his library. Add to that many well informed members who claim the late Dr. Stuntz as their mentor, a great book committee that keeps us up to date and supplied with the latest publications, a fairly well equipped library, and, due to the donation of the Spurrs, an extensive slide library.

Those who read the board news in Spore Prints, and that should be everyone, probably noticed in the September 1985 issue that PSMS has affiliated with the North American Mycological Association (NAMA). This is a broadly based, nonprofit organization run strictly by volunteer effort. Its officers and trustees are located all over North America. Once a year, NAMA meets as a group at a Foray to conduct business that requires a vote of the board, while other business during the year is done by mail and phone. As an affiliate member, our club is assessed at the small sum of 10 cents per member per year. This entitles us to a trustee on the board, so we, too, have a voice in its operation. Jennie Schmitt, our delegate this year at the Foray in West Virginia, sent back a brief report (printed elsewhere in this issue) and the program and itinerary. From this I extracted some of NAMA's history.

It all began as the brain child of Harry Knighton, its present executive director and editor of its newsletter, Mycophile. Finding some fungi he could not identify led him to form a People to People Committee on Fungi as a part of a larger Native Committee at the Chicago Museum of Natural History. Among the "people" were professional mycologists, plant pathologists, collectors who kept herbariums, photographers, and mycophagists (gastronomic interest). In all, a group of about 50 received their first newsletter in April 1960. Their first foray, held in Ohio, saw 13 in attendance. Growth was slow but steady. By 1966 they met as a huge committee on fungi at a foray in New Hampshire. Later that same year, at Priest Lake, Idaho, they became America's first national amateur mycological association. In

1967, NAMA was incorporated, and trustees were elected from 12 regions, three from institutions and eight from affiliated societies. Committees were formed in all phases of mycology. Through their efforts, an annual slide contest is held, and round robin slide exchanges and membership slide exchanges have become important functions of NAMA. These exchanges are of great assistance, particularly to clubs who have no professionals available.

Annual forays are held all over North America. These are hosted by the local club. Each foray honors some person, past or present, who has made a great contribution to mycology. In addition, a prestigious "Award for Contributions to Amateur Mycology" is given which carries a life-time membership and a suitable plaque. Our beloved late Dr. Stuntz was the recipient in 1977, and Kit Scates, a great educator and our member from Idaho, in 1976. Our club hosted the NAMA Foray at Fort Worden in 1980.

Every several years NAMA organizes an overseas trip to such countries as England, Scotland, Germany, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, and China. Many famous and renowned mycologists are an integral part of NAMA. We should be very proud of our affiliation.

In addition to making available all educational material NAMA offers to all PSMS members, our affiliation entitles PSMS members who also hold full NAMA membership to a reduction in their NAMA dues. More information about NAMA is available in our library.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Bigelow, Denise	329-2266
Borland, Berta & Russell	363-1867
Emanuel, Irving	527-7349
Ferrier, Cordon & Jean	788-4518
Eichelberger, Steve	485-1491
Hammons, Charlotte	432-1032
Jaques, Helga & Fredy	226-4383
Morgan, Llyle & Stayner, Don	441-4012
Morrell, Dorothy	282-7042
Poppe, Walter	772-2855
Seo, Connie & Jae	782-4702
Stenoien, Deborah	783-6483
Tatelman, David	365-1834
Valentine, Mary Ann	329-8448
Wasik, James & Martha	775-0917
Watanabe, Anne & Brown, Jeffrey	783-7244
West, Ron	878-8718
Williams, Gerald & Karin	485-1491

Remember: The general meeting is on October 7th.



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Term expires March 1987: Ernie Boa (2),
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Green (1), Charlotte Turner-Zilla (2).

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Membership Meeting

Monday, October 7, 1985, at 8:00 p.m. in the Monroe
Center auditorium, 1810 N.W. 65th St., Seattle.

Our speaker for October will be Dr. William Cibula of
NASA's Earth Resources Laboratory in Mississippi.
Dr. Cibula will speak on "Gulf Coast Fungi," with an
emphasis on boletes. Dr. Cibula is a Senior Botanist
at the Earth Resources Lab., where he is currently
working on satellite mapping of the earth's vegeta-
tion.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Dennis Bowman

All of us on the exhibit staff would like to welcome
all of you PSMSers out there to the upcoming mushroom
show. We are being blessed with bountiful rains, and
we expect an exceptional collection for the display.

Please come and enjoy a mushroom extravaganza where
you can see mushrooms collected from coast to desert
and Mt. Baker to Mt. Rainier. All in one stop.

We are expecting a busy exhibit, and if any of you
PSMSers out there can lend an hour of your time, it
would be muchly appreciated. Just stop in at mush-
room headquarters, Room 104 Monroe Center, and look
like you might like to do something.

All exhibit workers, please stop at Room 104 to pick
up your name tags. (Thanks, Sarah)

Our poster is spectacular and the mushrooms should be
plentiful. See you all at the exhibit.

1985 NAMA FORAY

Past PSMS president (and current NAMA delegate)
Jennie Schmitt writes that the 1985 foray of the
North American Mycological Association was a big
success. Each year, the foray is held in a different
region of the country. This year's event, sponsored
by the Mycological Association of Washington (D.C.,
that is), was held 1-4 August at Canaan Valley Resort
State Park in West Virginia. According to Jennie,
260 people were registered, not counting families,
with 450-500 specimens brought in and tallied. Be-
sides Jennie and her husband, Dave, the foray was
attended by three other long-time PSMS members, Ben
Woo and George and Tatiana Roats.

Jennie reports that there were lots of learning ses-
sions, all led by knowledgeable mycologists, too
many, in fact, to attend all they wanted to. Jennie
didn't get to any of the field trips, but she and
Dave more than made up for it on the wine and cheese
parties and the NAMA silver anniversary banquet. As
Jennie says, "Pie and cake at every meal."

For first-hand details, see Dave and Jennie when they
get back to Washington (State) next January.

Calendar

- Oct. 5 & 6 Field Trip to Lake Wenatchee State Park
- Oct. 7 **Membership meeting**
- Oct. 12,13 PSMS 22nd Annual Mushroom Exhibit
- Oct. 14 Beginner & Intermed. classes, 7-9 p.m.
- Oct. 15 Beginner class, 10 a.m. - noon
Legislative Committee Meeting,
7:30 p.m. Library
- Oct. 19,20 Field Trip to Crystal Springs
- Oct. 21 Beginner class, 7-9 p.m.
Board meeting
- Oct. 22 Beginner class, 10 a.m. - noon
- Oct. 25 **Spore Prints** deadline
- Oct. 26, 27 Field Trip to the Dalles Forest Camp
- Oct. 28 Beginner & Intermed. classes, 7-9 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Beginner class, 10 a.m. - noon
Legislative Committee Meeting,
7:30 p.m. Library
- Nov. 2,3 Field Trip to Deception Pass
- Nov. 4 Beginner & Intermed. classes, 7-9 p.m.
- Nov. 5 Beginner class, 10 a.m. - noon

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Lori Knox

The next two legislative committee meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, and Tuesday, October 29, in the PSMS library.

The meetings will include assignment (and completion) of subcommittee projects and preparation of material for the speakers bureau, plus some surprises, too. All members are welcome. Show you care.

FIELD TRIPS

Andy Green

October 5, 6 Lake Wenatchee State Park
Go east on route 2 over Stevens Pass. Twenty miles east of the summit, turn left on route 207. Go to the shelter in the park's day use area.

October 19, 20 Crystal Springs Camp
Use I-90. Nine miles east of the summit, take the Stampede Pass exit #62. Turn right at the stop sign. After a quarter mile, before the bridge, stay right to enter the camp.

October 26, 27 Dalles Forest Camp
From Enumclaw, travel south on State Highway 410 for about 25 miles. Turn right at the sign.

November 2, 3 Deception Pass State Park
From I-5, take exit #226 and go west on route 536 (becomes 20). Turn south, away from Anacortes and toward Whidbey Island. Cross Deception Pass to the park and follow PSMS signs. Alternatively, take I-5 exit #189, continue west on route 526, cross to Whidbey Island on the Mukilteo ferry, and go 50 miles north on route 526 (becomes 20).

CAMANO ISLAND FIELD TRIP

Andy Green

Our first trip of the year -- to a new location, Camano Island State Park -- yielded few edible mushrooms for most hunters, but some struck it rich! Walter and Lori Knox went just off the island and found 10 gallons of beautiful Agaricus campestris. Five collections of Agaricus agustus, described by Brian Luther as "the very most delicious mushroom you could ever eat," made it back to base camp on the beach. Irwin Kleinman was brave enough to leave his on the identification table. Sixty-eight species were identified by Brian Luther and Charlie Volz. Forty-two people attended a delightful potluck. Karen Kelly hosted.

PERSONAL NOTES

A.A.S.

Tatiana Roats just completed a 17 day mycological study tour of the Himalayas. Does this mean we can look forward to Himalayan mushrooms on her next watercolor calendar? Maybe. We'll try to get a first-hand report -- just as soon as we can pry the details of their trip to mainland China out of Carl and Betty Hermanson and Earl and Margo Harrison. You can't say Northwest mushroom hunters are stick-in-the-muds!

CONGRATULATIONS, GREG

A. A. S.

By the time you read this, PSMS member Greg Mueller will be settling into his new job as curator of mycological collections at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, where he will be working with Rolf Singer. For those of you who might not appreciate how great a plum this is, Singer is generally regarded as the most prominent mushroom taxonomist in the world today.

The honor may be Greg's, but some of the congratulations belong to Singer on an excellent choice. Greg received his B.S. at the University of Southern Illinois, his M.S. at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale under Walter Sundberg (his wife, Betty Strack, also received a Master's in mycology under Sundberg), and his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee under Ron Peterson. He did visiting research in Sweden for 7 months under Nils Fries, and came to Seattle in January 1984, where he has been working with Dr. Ammirati at the University of Washington, under a grant from the National Science Foundation (with the aid of a small stipend from PSMS).

The Field Museum is one of the largest in the U.S., with four research wings -- Zoology, Geology, Anthropology, and Botany -- as well as large public exhibits. Part of Greg's job will be overseeing loans of mushrooms to qualified researchers from the museum's 150,000 dried collections. He also gets to teach a continuing education class for amateur mycologists at the museum and a regular mycology class at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His most important responsibility, though, is acquiring and "working up" new specimens. Currently, the museum's emphasis is on South America, and Greg is already anticipating catching up on his vaccinations.

BLEWITSWendla McGovern, Mycena News

The blewits are here, there, and everywhere (so it seems), cropping up in parks, gardens, and woodlands. They keep popping up until frosts come, fruiting scattered or gregariously. Blewits are recognized by their unusual deep violet gills and frosty lavender caps when fresh. When older they become a brownish pink, almost a flesh color. On top of their sturdy stems, their caps appear to be lopsided canopies. Another clue is their radish aroma. Because the blewit's scientific name is constantly being changed, it is sometimes easier to find them near shaded paths and open woods than in mushroom field guides. Their newest name is Clitocybe nuda, but they are more commonly known as Tricholoma nudum and Lepista nuda.

Blewits are fabulously delicious when combined with sour cream or yogurt and either fresh or dried dill and/or fennel seeds -- ingredients that enhance their earthy, vaguely radish-like flavor.

DIED: member Maria Clark, on September 8th. Our condolences to her husband, Gene, and their family.

BOARD NEWS

Betty Hamilton

The board meeting on September 16th was short and sweet, since Dennis Bowman reported that preparations for the Annual Exhibit are going like clockwork, with no problems apparent or anticipated. The posters for the Exhibit will be on sale, and the original painting will be raffled off.

Brian Read reported that preparations for the banquet are coming along fine. Judi Boa said books are also fine. Ed Bush said that he will have the library ready soon to check out books.

Interest has been expressed in having the general membership meeting at an earlier time. A motion to move it to 7:30 p.m. will be brought before the membership at the next meeting.

Someone is needed to chair the Spore Prints mailing committee.

BOOK SALES

Judi Boa

Our popular 8-1/2" x 11" mushroom posters are still available. We reproduced four wood-cuts from Nova Plantarum Genera published in 1729. Each costs \$1.00, and the set is \$3.50. Add \$1.00 for mail orders.

You may order, for \$24.95 plus \$2.00 postage, Kit Scates' Diagnosis and Treatment of Mushroom Poisoning on Basis of Symptoms and Mushrooms. This splendid chart may be seen in our library.

Purchase books at the next membership meeting. At the Exhibit, members won't get their usual discount.

Members of other societies are invited join us in ordering North American Species of Clitocybe, Part II. We are trying to get enough orders to sell the monograph for \$25.00, a substantially reduced price.

NEW BOOKS

R.E.S.

NAMA's The Mycophile lists some recently published books.

Mycologists & Other Taxa by Martha Singer, \$7.00

The Curious Morel by Larry Lonik, \$7.95

Field Guide to Southern Mushrooms by Nancy Smith Weber and Alexander H. Smith, \$16.50.

Mushrooms & Truffles by Rolf Singer with added chapters by Bob Harris, \$35.00

Dictionary of the Fungi by Ainsworth & Bisby, 7th edition, \$26.50

Atlas Der Basidiomyceten by Meinhard Moser & Walter Juelich, Vol. I, \$40.00.

FORAYS, CONFERENCES, TOURS

MycoMedia Conference: October 25-27. Andrew Weil, David Hosford, Gary Lincoff, David Arora, Ohara Hiro-moto, Paul Przybylowicz, Johathan Ott, Dale Leslie, Kote Lotah. \$150 (meals & accommodations). 1-426-9337

Wild Mushroom Conference: October 31, November 1-3, Breitenbush Community, Detroit, Oregon. James Jacobs, Gary Lincoff, Gary Menser, Kent Powloski, Kit Scates, Paul Stamets, James Trappe, and Mike Wells mycologists. \$125 (meals & lodging). 1-503-854-3501.

Gourmet Truffling Tour of Spain, France, and Morocco: 1-18 March 1986. Gary Menser, Kit Skates, Spanish mycologist Isabel Alvarez and epicurean cook Pilar Alvarez. 1-312-767-0477 or 1-312-767-9076.

Halley's Comet & Mushroom Study Tour: April 3-20, 1986. New Zealand, Australia, Papua. Emanuel Salzman, Gary Lincoff. 1-303-296-9359.

Wanted -- for forthcoming morel cookbook: literary references to morels - stories about hunting/cooking, poems, etc. (I am not looking for scientific information or field guide sources.) Send complete citation and brief description: author, publisher, page number, etc. If used, the first citation will receive a \$10 gift certificate and a copy of the cookbook. Deadline October 31, 1985. Malfred Ferndock, Box 86, Dennison, MN 55018.

NEEDED: A Few More Helping Hands

Dr. Pat Winter needs two or three able bodies to put up and take down the freeze-dry cabinets before and after the show. Setting up should take about an hour and a half, beginning around 7:30 p.m. Friday. Take-down is only 45 minutes or so. Remember, Dr. Pat can't do this herself, so offer to lend a hand. Her telephone number is 486-4264. (A few more people to keep the crowd from leaning too hard on the cabinets after they're up would be nice, too!)

Ethel Bennett could also use a few more people to man the Preservation booth. (No, you don't have to be a canning/freezing/drying expert; you just have to show up.)

Remember: No committee can have too many people. Mostly, they have too few.

VOLUNTEER



It's
Fun!



- FLASH: PSMS T-shirts go on sale at the Exhibit -