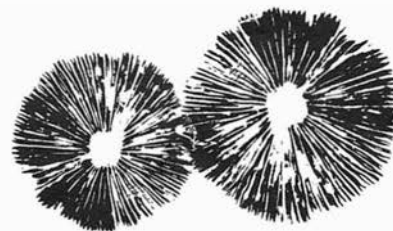


SPORE PRINTS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gilbert Austin

Step up and get your tickets, folks -- it's banquet time again. And for the third consecutive year we are lucky to have the roomy quarters of the Sand Point Officers' Club.

The cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m. on March 9, with dinner scheduled an hour later.

A menu upgrade from last year: Thanks to persistent needling by Banquet Chair Ingeborg McGuire, the food service staff has promised to do better by the vegetarian menu -- concerning which there were pejorative comments a year ago.

Another upgrade from last year: PSMS's long-time favorite emcee and founding president Ben Woo will be at the head table to enliven the introductions and program with his understated and often droll wit.

Our speaker has not yet been chosen. Several good possibilities are being weighed, and we will have an announcement soon.

Time to vote! Enclosed with this issue are an election ballot and a return envelope. Members are asked to mark their choices and return the ballots as quickly as possible.

Candidates' photographs and a brief statement from each appear elsewhere in this issue. Officers to be chosen this year are a President, a Treasurer, and five new members of the Board of Trustees, plus three alternates. An outstanding group of members have volunteered to make this commitment of time and energy to PSMS. Please vote and select the person or persons who in your view are best suited for the job.

The cutoff for ballots is March 2. Nominating committee members Inge Wilcox, Harold Schnarre, and Kris Fulsass will meet and count the totals, and the new officers will be announced at the banquet on March 9.

See you at the banquet!

Please return your completed ballots without delay!

RECONSTITUTING DRIED MUSHROOMS

Bill Kelso

Mycographia, Mt. Mazama Mushroom Assoc.

Most mushrooms that have been properly dried and stored will retain almost all their original flavor when reconstituted. To reconstitute dried mushrooms, place them in an open container and add just enough water to cover. The liquid should be lukewarm but not hot. A pinch of salt will enhance the development of the mushroom flavors. Let the mushrooms soak until fully restored (usually one hour), then drain off the remaining water. The mushrooms are ready to go in your recipes.

The drained liquid can be saved as a stock for cooking meats or vegetables. If the dried mushrooms are to be used in a soup, they may be reconstituted by adding them directly to the soup one hour before serving.

SURVIVORS' BANQUET

Ingeborg McGuire



The gala event of the season -- the one, the only 26th PSMS Survivors' Banquet -- is only a month away! It's time to make your reservations now.

Once again, we will be the guests of the Sand Point Officers' Club. The no-host "attitude adjustment" hour begins at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 9. Dinner follows at 7:30 p.m. The menu features a choice of salmon, Cornish game hen, or vegetarian's plate. This year, the cooks have promised to be a little more imaginative with "vegetarian."

As we go to press, we are still trying to negotiate a speaker. Our primary candidate is so illustrious I hesitate even to hint at the name. Several other equally interesting and prominent speakers are also in the running. So whatever befalls, be assured of an entertaining evening.

Tickets are \$16.00 per person and seating is limited. To reserve your ticket, please call me evenings at 633-5778 or send your menu choice and a check to

Ingeborg R. McGuire
4258 7th Ave. N.E.
Seattle, WA 98105

I'll be looking forward to seeing you at the banquet.



Funges. Take funges, and pare them clene and dyce them. Take leke, and shred them small and do them to seeth in gode broth. Color it with safron, and do there-inne powder-fort [and therein add strong spices].

To the King's Taste:
Richard II's Book of Feasts and Recipes
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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Calendar

Feb. 13	Beginners' orientation, 6:40 p.m., CUH 7:30 p.m. General Meeting, CUH
Feb. 19	Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., CUH
Feb. 22	Conservation meeting, 7:30 p.m., CUH
Feb. 23	<i>Spore Prints</i> deadline
Feb. 25	Cultivation Group meeting, call 722-0691 for details
Mar. 2	Ballot deadline
Mar. 9	Survivors' banquet and general meeting Sand Point Officers' Club

MATSUTAKE MAGIC DESSERT *Wild Mushroom Cookery* Oregon Mycological Society

4 egg yolks
 1/2 C sugar
 1 pint cream or half and half
 1/2 C pureed *Armillaria ponderosa*
 1/2 tsp vanilla
 granulated sugar



Beat egg yolks and sugar together until thick. Heat cream until bubbles form on edge. Slowly beat cream into yolk mixture. (It will curdle if added too fast.)

Stir in *A. ponderosa* and vanilla. Pour into 6 custard cups or a large custard mold. Place in pan of water.

Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes. Cool and sprinkle with granulated sugar. Broil until sugar melts and bubbles.

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle

Our February meeting features Jean Durning, Regional Director of the Wilderness Society, who will talk on "Old Growth Forests, Flora, Fauna, and Politics." Her informative and entertaining slide show will be followed by a period of questions and answers.

CULTIVATION GROUP

Patrice Benson



Because of the success of our cultivation attempts, we often find ourselves with too many mushrooms! Come to the cultivation meeting on February 25 to gather ideas and share some of your own regarding this welcome but still perplexing problem. Some preservation techniques and party recipes will be discussed. For more information, please phone Patrice at 722-0691.

BOARD NEWS

Agnes Sieger

Margaret Dilly will attend the seminar on "Special Products from Northwest Forests" to be held in Portland, Oregon, in February and report back to the board. Appropriate ~~uses~~ were discussed for the third-class mailing permit ~~recently~~ received from the Post Office. Since Dr. Ammirati has no students to recommend for a scholarship this year, the board considered donating a sum to the Stuntz Memorial Foundation. Foundation President Carl Hermanson will be asked to explain the foundation and its activities to the board. Gilbert Austin suggested that a permanent display be constructed for use at functions such as the King County Fair. Kern Hendricks volunteered to build the hardware if someone else would design the layout.

POCKET GOPHERS SPREAD SPORES

M.F. Allen and J.A. MacMahon
Mycologia, 80(5), 754-756

The pocket gopher emerged from a few refuges in the vast deep ash deposits left by the Mount St. Helens eruption and fed on the few scattered young lupine plants trying to get started. This predation did not set back the regreening despite the lack of mycorrhizal fungi the plants need in their root cells. On the contrary, it helped. In the intestines of the animals, left over from their last meal before the eruption, some fungal spores also survived the heat. The scat these animals dropped while almost but not quite devouring the plants supplied the needed fungal inoculum. The plant remnants prospered and served as foci for the regreening. Elsewhere new plants take some years to pick up fungal partners and become firmly established.

Our heartfelt sympathy to long-time member Nettie Laycock on the death of her husband, Jack, who died of a heart attack December 10.

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The following candidates are up for election to PSMS offices in 1990. This year we are voting for a president, a treasurer, and five trustees. Please read the following profiles carefully and mark your choices on the enclosed ballot. Don't forget to return your ballot in the self-addressed envelope. Each family membership is entitled to two votes, each individual membership to one vote.

PRESIDENT

As president, I will continue to work to get new members involved in PSMS and run our organization in a businesslike manner.



Kern Hendricks

TREASURER

A PSMS member for 6 years, I participate in field trips and the annual exhibit, attend most membership meetings, and currently serve on the PSMS board. I am a statistician in health care. I have received so much friendship from the society that I want to return the favor.



Harold Schnarre

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Denis Benjamin

As a long-time member of PSMS and a previous trustee, I would like to volunteer my time and energy again to the society. I have particular interests in both the toxicology and culinary aspects of mushrooms and would work to see these aspects enhanced.

When I was on the board in the past, I found it interesting and enjoyable. I would be happy to serve again.



Amerlia Schultz

I have been a PSMS member for most of the years since 1976 and have served as a trustee and Mycophagy chair. I truly enjoy hunting, studying, cooking, growing, and eating mushrooms! I am honored to be asked to serve again and hope to help with lots of new projects for PSMS members.



Patrice Benson



Ron Post

A 35-year-old native of Oklahoma, I am in my third year with PSMS. For the past 2 years, I have handled the publicity for the annual exhibit. I was formerly on the board of a publicly funded arts and humanities council in Alaska. Educational activities are high on my priorities.



Elizabeth Purser

Working with books has been a great way to know many of you better. I feel I could serve PSMS well on the board.

I have been a member of PSMS for 5 years, participated in the annual exhibits, and served as field trip chairman for 2 years. If you believe as I do that I have the ability to further the development of PSMS, I would appreciate your vote.



Irwin Kleinman

I have been an active mushroom enthusiast for 20 years, and am currently an alternate board member. I enjoy PSMS activities and would like to help with the responsibility by being on the board.



Bill Bridges



Beth Schnarre

A native Washingtonian, I teach preschool classes of normal and handicapped children. Active in PSMS for 6 years, I have experience working with adult groups and with group financial affairs. I am concerned with environmental issues and find most members share this concern.

Welcome to the following new members:

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Damaris Rice, 5019 N.E. 68th, Seattle, WA 98115

LAST CHANCE

Bernice Velategui

PSMS members who do not renew their memberships by
March will be dropped from the rolls. If you haven't
renewed yet, mail your dues now to Membership Chair

Bernice Velategui
2455 74th S.E.
Mercer Is., WA 98040

if you want your name to be included in the 1990
membership roster.

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Don't forget to vote!