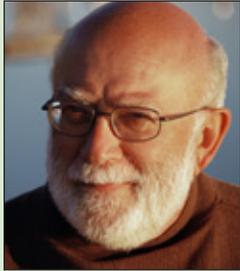




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Wasik

WPMC President

Wow! Has this year gone fast! I can't believe that this is the last newsletter of the year. Onward to next year.

We have had a great year as a Club. Although Morel season was hit and miss, the summer Chanterelle season was a boon across the Eastern US. It seemed that you did not have to look hard to find them from the end of June even through the Foray in September. Black Trumpets were plentiful for those who know how to look for a 'hole in the ground'. Sheepshead / Hen-of-the-Woods were again hit-and-miss since they started earlier than normal. Congratulations to the many pickers who found their over-abundance of mushrooms this year.

Special thanks goes out to the many members who made the year a success: Fluff Berger and the Education Committee for their fungi class at the end of June; Todd Kaufmann for stepping in for me during my summer vacation; Richard Jacob for the new website; Richard Jacob and John Stuart for spearheading the DNA Barcoding Project; Barbara DeRiso for being the Lincoff Foray Chair; Dick Dougall for guidance and support all year; Valerie Baker for stepping in as Secretary and heading the cooking crew at the Foray; all of the Walk Leaders throughout the spring, summer and fall; and Martha Wasik for all of her help in the Graphic Arts for the Club. If I missed someone, please accept my apologies.

Without their individual and combined support, 2013 would not have been the success it was. Thank you again.

I wish Best of Luck to the 2014 Officers and Board of Directors. I know that they will do a great job as the Club pursues the DNA Barcoding Project and Scholarship Program.

Jim Wasik
President 2013

November WPMC Meeting

FOR THE NOVEMBER 19TH MEETING we will be trying something different: Pot Luck Dinner and Member Photos.

For the Pot Luck, bring something for 6 – 8 people. Your choice, does not need to be mushroom related (cultivated mushrooms only if mushroom based). The categories are:

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| Appetizers | Salads | Hot Dishes |
| Cold Plates | Casseroles | Desserts |

Anything you want—be creative. The Club will provide soft drinks, plates, dinnerware, napkins, take home boxes. Also, if you would like to bring a set of pictures for the Open Forum, please bring no more than 15 pictures for a short presentation on a flash (thumb) drive or CD. JPG format preferred and the slide show does not need to be in a presentation program. Just the pictures will work. Topics: mushrooms, vacations, hobbies. Let's see what you are doing in your life. (no politicking, please).

Board of Directors and Officers

AT THE OCTOBER MEETING, the following were elected as WPMC Officers and Board of Directors:

President – **Todd Kaufmann**
 Vice-President – **Richard Jacob**
 Recording Secretary – **Scott Pavelle**
 Corresponding Secretary – **Ann (Fluff) Berger**
 Treasurer – **Barbara DeRiso**

Congratulations and Best of Luck to a great 2014.



L to R: Todd Kaufmann, Fluff Berger, Richard Jacob, Barbara DeRiso (Scott Pavelle, not present)

NOTE: The WPMC Photo Contest Winners are on pages 7, 8 & 9, other contest entries are included on pages 10, 11 & 12.



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Mushroom Club**

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WPMC Goals

- Provide organized walks and forays
- Teach scientific methods of wild mushroom identification
- Explore various art forms including photography, dyeing, and paper-making with mushrooms
- Share mushroom recipes
- Educate members and the public about the many aspects of wild mushrooms

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Fungi, fun and friends!

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