



in the show dome for the Mitchell Park Domes exhibit, "Mums, Mosses and Mushrooms." Okay, I have to take a breath now. To say we were busy is an understatement. But none of these events could have happened without the concerted effort of the Wisconsin Mycological Society Board of Directors. They are all volunteers and, given the difficulties presented by the pandemic this past year, they really outdid themselves.

Melissa Klotka created the new Rustic Camping event which was a resounding success. Rose Tursi took charge of our YouTube channel and now most of the articles in our newsletters have a link to the videos that she has created. Gary Schlapinski, our Vice President, was in charge of the Northwoods Foray and the Fungi Fair and both events were outstanding. Britt Bunyard and Patrick Leacock served as our science consultants and I can confirm that their advice and guidance was invaluable. Matt Normansell lead our Appleton Forays at Mosquito Hill. Mariah Rogers served as our Community Science Officer and dragged our new microscope across the state. Mariah also has lead all of our iNaturalist meetings that happen prior to our zoom lectures while Aron Corbett has taken over as our new Newsletter editor. And none of this would happen without our amazing Secretary Treasurer Peg Oberbeck keeping an eye on the books. In other words, these folks put in a hell of a lot work to make WMS what it is and to continue to further our mission of mycology education in Wisconsin.



AJ Dixon - Lazy Susan - Fungi Fair



The upcoming year will see some changes on our Board of Directors. Gary Schlapinski will be stepping down from the board. His leadership and counsel will be sorely missed. But we wish him all the best in his well deserved retirement. Matt Normansell is also stepping down from the board. Again, we will miss his excellent contributions to our efforts. They both have assured me they will still be around.

We have three members running as candidates to become board members-at-large beginning in 2022 and I could not be happier. They include Kristin Blizzard from Cable, Wisconsin, Jeremy Hooper from Milwaukee and Tavis Lynch from Cumberland, Wisconsin. Be sure to check out their biographies in the Board Candidates section of our website and this newsletter. Our WMS elections will take place on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Watch your emails for the link. This is an important meeting as we will also be voting on a few changes in the by-laws.

All in all, it was both a busy and successful year as WMS continued to work toward sustainable and inclusive foraging, education and fellowship in the woods. I can only say that if this is what we can do during a pandemic, I cannot wait till next year. I hope to see you all soon in the woods!

Warmly,
Dr. Theresa Kenney



Mural created by Kristen Schueffner - mushroom sculptures WMS BoD Mitchell Park Domes 2021