



President's Message

Our Chapter is run by dedicated members who volunteer their time and energy to keep all the facilities and programs running. Many have held these positions for years. The Board is made up of 7 Officers with 1-year terms and 12 Directors with 3-year terms, with 4 Director's terms expiring each year. In addition, there are many Committee and Activity Chairpersons. I recently posted the Chapter's Organization Chart. Please look it over. There are several openings where volunteers are needed, and if there is an area you are interested in helping with, please contact the Chairperson or myself. If you get involved, I am sure you will find it rewarding. I know I have.

Susan Cassell

Trout Stocking on March 4th

Join us on Friday, March 4th for a fun morning stocking the Lake with 150 Brown Trout and 150 Rainbow Trout. The fish are scheduled to arrive at 9:00 am, but last time the truck arrived early, so I suggest arriving at 8:45 am. We will need volunteers to help carry buckets of fish to pour into the Lake. We'll also have some coffee and donuts.

Remember, for the week following the Lake stocking, fishing is for members only, with the normal 3 fish per day per member limit.

Eagle Project to Repair the Lake Pier

Peter DeRose from Boy Scout Troop 1094 will be repairing the Lake Pier for his Eagle Scout project. He will be replacing rotting boards, rusting hardware, and repainting the pier. The project will take place on Saturday, March 26 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday March 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The pier will be unavailable for use these two days. Rain dates for the project will be April 2nd and 3rd.

March Speaker Focus

Built in the 18th and 19th centuries, Jerusalem Mill Village, located in Kingsville, Maryland, is one of the oldest, most intact mill villages in the country. The village is being preserved and restored by the Friends of Jerusalem Mill, an all-volunteer, non-profit charitable organization. The mission of the organization also includes preserving and protecting the trails along the Little Gunpowder Falls.



Rich Albright is a retired Senior Executive from the Department of Defense. He started volunteering in the village in 2014, primarily maintaining 24 miles of trails in the Central Area of the Little Gunpowder Falls State Park, while researching the history of the area. In 2018 he was appointed Curator for the village, and in 2019 joined the Board of Directors and was elected as Treasurer. Rich continues to serve as Curator and Treasurer today.

Rich's presentation will introduce you to the history of the Jerusalem Mill Village, and the importance of preserving the structures and the memories of the people who lived and worked in the village. He'll also talk about their program of educating the public through "living history", and the many events that are available (the majority of which are free to the public).

Learn Archery This Summer!

If you or your kids have ever wanted to learn the fundamentals of archery or improve your skills, IWLAR's Summer Archery is the program for you!

You'll learn proper shooting form and fundamentals in a safe and family-friendly environment from our USAA-trained instructors. All equipment is provided.

Members can register their children ages 10-18 and member adults. There is no "little kid" archery this summer (ages 8-10).

Sundays June 5-July 17, 2022 (no session on July 3)

- Schedule Session 1: 12:30-1:45pm
- Schedule Session 2: 2:00-3:15pm

IWLAR Member registration opens March 1. First come, first serve basis.

Member rate: \$50/person

For more information and registration, go to:
<https://www.iwlar.org/archery/>.

If you have questions, please contact Martha Patterson.

Woodie Wrap-up

Just a few weeks ago, we wrapped up another successful season of the Chapter's Wood Duck Conservation Program. Thanks to a great group of volunteers, the Chapter's 73 wood duck nesting boxes are ready for this spring's upcoming nesting season. Twenty-two volunteers logged over 120 hours in January and early February as they braved the frozen swamps to monitor last year's nesting activity, prepare the boxes for this spring, make repairs, and even clear a few problem trees.



Work at the Beaver Ponds: John Furguson, Isaac Paez, and Kent Shaw

Woodie Wrap-up (continued)

The 2021 nesting season, which we recorded during our outings this winter in 2022, was a successful year. There was nesting activity in 45 of the 73 boxes (62%), which is within the historical average of 60-65% and an improvement over the past five-year average of 56%. The wood duck team recorded evidence of 193 hatchlings out of 309 total eggs. The 62% hatching success rate is again an improvement over the past five-year average of 57%. Whether you have participated in the wood duck outings or not, this is a conservation success story that every Chapter member should be proud of.

As the Chapter's long-time wood duck coordinator Ryck Lydecker would say, a tip o' the Camo Cap to all of our volunteers for all of your hard work and dedication. It was great to see some new faces out there, as well as the veterans, and I hope that you all had as much fun as I did. See you out there next year!



Work at the Big Ponds: Jose Marone and Todd Hayton

Thanks to the IWLAR Chapter and a generous donation, we were able to procure five new pairs of waders that allowed everyone who wanted to wade the swamps to do so. The Chapter now has a great inventory to accommodate adults and children to have fun in the field during our outings.

~Joe Walther~

Stream Monitoring Event Help Needed

Mark Granger from MCPS Outdoor Education will be doing a "live stream" stream monitoring for students at Roberto Clemente Middle School on March 11. We will need a volunteer to open the gate for Mark and the teachers with him and remain on property while they complete the stream monitoring.

The Rockville Email Group

The Rockville Chapter operates a members-only email list for announcements and discussions among members. The newsletter comes out once a month, so the email group is the only way to stay informed about important things that occur in between newsletters.

Individuals will be added to iwlar@googlegroups.com automatically when they become a member unless they request not to be added. Members can remove their address from the list anytime but we are hopeful that they will not do this because the list is the most effective way to receive short notice activity announcements and cancellations.

Chapter Newsletter Distribution

Going forward, electronic distribution of the IWLA-Rockville Chapter Newsletter will be the default. Chapter members may still receive a hard copy but will be required to "opt in" to do so. To receive a hard copy only, contact Judy Danish

If you do not receive the Newsletter in your email and wish to do so, contact David Schwartzman.

New Members Recently Inducted

Joe & Kristi Belcher	Germantown
Nathan Bidwell	Germantown
Edgar Contreras	Hyattsville
Johnny Du	N. Potomac

A warm welcome to all!

Ike's Want Ads

To Place a non-commercial ad, write to the Chapter's PO Box, or contact Todd Anderson. Ads must be submitted by third Friday of the month.