

# Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

## October 2021 Postillion



## President's Message

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Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

Autumn is here and with it glorious days of warm sunshine and crisp nights. The main event for the Swiss Club of Washington DC in October is General Assembly. And while it is an evening filled report outs from the various Swiss groups, it is also a chance to hear from you, the members. I hope you will join us on October 22 at 6:30 pm for the General Assembly. We will send out a Zoom link to all on this list closer to the date.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Lisa Mossi and Mike Mickney. Both Mike and Lisa were participants in many Swiss Club events. Please see the tributes below. If you know a member who has recently passed away, and would like for them to be honored in the Postillion, please let us know.

The Board Members continue to assess the impact of COVID on in-person Swiss Club events. Grittibänz will be virtual with a similar format to last year, and we are working on a possible in-person event for December. Stay tuned for the date for Grittibänz! Until then -

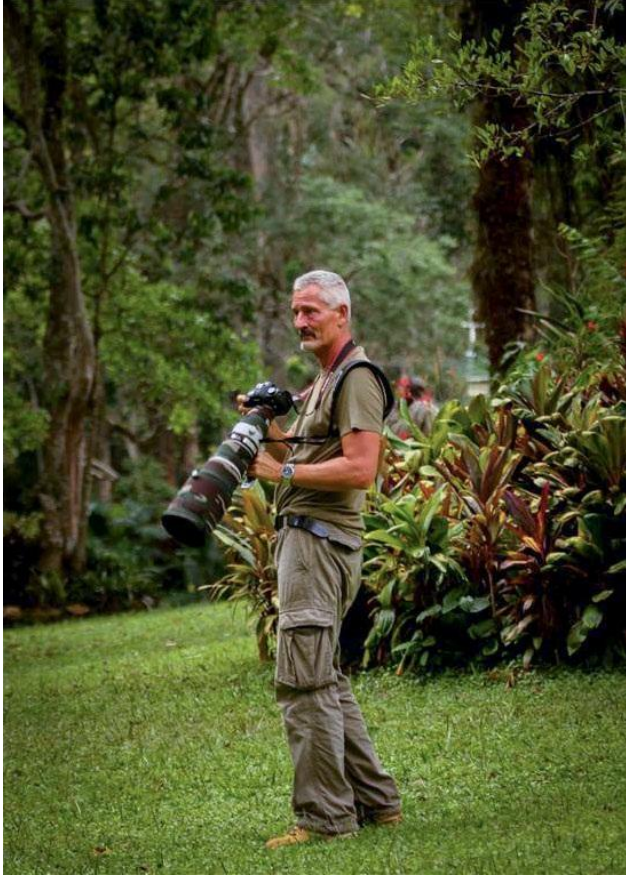
Stay safe and be well,  
Lynn Feldpausch Zipf

## ***"A Native Plant Oasis in the Heart of Washington***

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For those who have missed the previous mentions we've made about our own Ambassador Pitteloud and his birding activities, never fear, he's made the news again! This time featured in the National Audobon Society, the article highlights Ambassador Pittleoud's efforts to create hospitable environments for native and threatened wildlife in the DC region.

"[Ambassador Pittleoud has] been on a mission to rewild the expansive grounds, aiming to create a biodiversity reserve marked by the native plants of the region. He forbid the use of pesticides and allowed the lawn to grow out in spotty patches. Using resources such as Audubon's native plants



database and guide to birds, he worked closely with a local landscape designer, Aldertree Garden, that specializes in native plants. They uprooted all the non-native bushes and trees, such as ornamental burning bush and non-productive grass, and replaced them with meadows, bushes, and native trees, including white oak, scarlet oak, black oak, and others."

You can read the full article [here](#).

## **Lisa Marie Mossi**

*August 7, 1963 - July 26, 2021*

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Lisa died after a long struggle with progressive MS. For years she was trapped in a body that no longer worked. But she was there and wanted to visit New Hampshire again. She loved it there and we finally made it back. She died at home in Woodsville, NH, after having pneumonia for a week.

Lisa graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Maryland. She received two B.S. degrees – Business and Finance. She did her best, but the MS took every function from her. She was a breast cancer survivor. Lisa was a fighter. She always loved animals and enjoyed being with our dogs, Kelly and Carrot. Lisa was so happy to be going back to the White Mountains.

Lisa is preceded in death by our parents, Ercole and Marie, our older sister, Mary Jo, and our grandparents.



- Grittibänz
- Samichlaus

Virtual  
TBD

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