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Presidents Message

I'm at my desk listening to the rain thinking it won't be long before we see snowflakes. If you are like me you are busy finishing summer projects, entertaining those last guests on the deck, and making your fall and winter plans. There are big decisions and small decisions to make.

One of the big decisions The Friends made this year was to forgo a big fundraiser and instead sell advertising space to businesses for the state park golf courses. By doing this we put in place a sustainable program that should guarantee The Friends income every year. We raised over \$7K.

The heavy precipitation that occurred last winter caused extensive damage to the roads and trails in the park. The park asked The Friends to put all our large project plans on hold. With the drastic state park budget cuts their energies need to focus on greater immediate concerns. So, The Friends decided we could help by financing the much needed road and trail repairs. We also hired a service to clear out old shrubs around the Visitor Center and keep the garden trimmed and weeded. We built some new trails, rerouted and cleared the older trails. They are all in great shape now with some new benches in place if you need a rest or just want to look at the magnificent views.

Enjoy watching the leaves show their autumn colors and thank you to all our members who helped with all our summer activities.

Best Regards,  
*Marianne Wicks*

**The Mission**

Of Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park is to preserve and protect the historical and ecological integrity of Wasatch Mountain State Park through public awareness and education and to promote the development of responsible recreational opportunities and facilities for present and future generations

Welcome New Members

Charlene Lovelass, Midway, UT

William Rhatigan, Springville, UT

John Miller, Midway, UT

Sunny and Dick Reinhold, Heber City, UT



*How glorious  
a greeting the sun  
gives the mountains!  
~John Muir*



### Notice of Public Meeting

Jordanelle Reservoir  
Resource Management Plan

Announces a Public Meeting  
for public comments

Thursday October 27, 2011  
7:00 PM

Jordanelle State Park  
Hailstone Event Center  
Located off US 40 Exit 8  
(Mayflower Exit)  
[www.jordanellermmp.com](http://www.jordanellermmp.com)



**PLEASE RECYCLE**



### Children's Nature Camp Joyce Pappas

Every summer Wasatch State Park offers a wonderful Nature Camp for children ages 5 to 12. During the two hour sessions, held weekly for six weeks, the children learn to recognize, understand, experience and most importantly, respect nature. Through fun and interactive projects the children learn about wildlife, plants, trees and fish; their function and relationship with each other so they each can survive. Projects involving edible dirt, bird houses, adopt a tree, animal tracks, animal fur and droppings make learning fun for the students. This program is a wonderful way to teach our children to appreciate and respect nature and to enjoy the beauty that surrounds them. The Friends provides financial and volunteer help for this program.



### Apple Tree Success Marianne Wicks

If you recall in the spring of 2010 The Friends sold 40 apple trees grafted from the Historic Huber Groove Apple Orchard. When purchased buyers were told it could be 5 years before any bore fruit. Well, to their surprise, The Friends members Mary and Murray Mahoney, Midway residents, have 3 beautiful healthy apples on their tree. When Wendy Wilson the Park Naturalist in charge of this project heard about the Mahoney's fruit bearing tree she wanted to tell others, whose trees have no fruit yet, the trees are establishing a strong

root system so do not to be discouraged. If you have a story to share about the tree you purchased let us know.



### Apple Harvest Campground Picnic Marianne Wicks



On September 8th we held our final summer activity, an evening picnic at the new Apple Harvest site. We wanted to check up on what the Park has been doing for improvements and we all agreed they have done a wonderful job with this area. If you are looking for place to hold a group outing with great facilities, beautiful

surroundings and privacy you should check out this site.

A picnic wouldn't be complete without badminton, horseshoes and a bonfire, we had them all. After everyone ate their picnic dinner we roasted marshmallows for s'mores. And, oh yes, Char Lovelass won a prize by guessing how many golf tees were in the wine bottle. She guessed 149 there were 162.

Just as it should be we watched the campfire die out telling old jokes and sharing laughter. There were 30 people and 5 dogs at our picnic.

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**Membership Judy Huhn**

As most of you know from reading your membership renewal notices, this year has represented a change in our membership renewal process by transitioning to a calendar year membership for all members. At the end of this year, all members will have memberships that begin in January. You will be reminded in December about your January, 2012 membership renewal at which time everyone's membership dues will be paid for the full 2012 calendar year.

We expect this new process to minimize administrative costs and reduce the amount of time involved with administering membership renewals.

Thank you for your continued membership and support of The Friends. We appreciate all the members who volunteered their time this year. With the extensive funding reductions for all Utah state parks, Wasatch Mountain State Park needs our help more than ever.

**Trail Maintenance Day Don Taylor**



The Trail Maintenance Day at Wasatch Mountain State Park on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> was a big success! Led by Park Assistant Manager Tracy See over twenty people came to Huber Grove Trail Head to clear brush and add water bars to sections of the Visitors Center hiking and biking trails. The group was comprised of members of Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park, and members of the new Wasatch Trails Alliance. The WTA is a non motorized trails advocacy group that supports trail use and construction in all of Wasatch County.

Special thanks to Slim and Knobby's Bike Shop at 520 N. Main, Heber City UT, who donated \$20.00 gift certificates to the participants and to Friends of Wasatch Mt. State Park who donated \$1,500 to hire the equipment to rough grade the trail and they also provide tools for the volunteers to use.

Come on out for some great exercise and community service and help create today's trails for tomorrow's adventures!

For more information call the Park Visitors Center at (435) 654-1791. Membership forms to join the new Wasatch Trails Alliance are available at the Visitor Center.

**Save The Date**



Friends of Wasatch State Park Annual Holiday Party will be held  
Friday December 2, 2011  
At Soldier Hollow Day Lodge  
Watch for your email in November for an Evite with details.

Become a FRIEND

Join Friends of Wasatch  
State Park!

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WATCHING THE WASATCH Park Staff Report

The Wonder of Change...

This is such a beautiful time of year to Watch the Wasatch. Every tourist is just in awe of our scenery and the colors on the mountains. Savor every moment 'cause we know change is in the air!

Change is the only constant and this summer was full of it. The Nature Club started and was successful but there's always room for improvement (another word for change). Joyce Pappas was instrumental in making it a success. I offered 2 Jr. Ranger programs on Saturdays, one at the Yurt in the morning and one at the Campground in the afternoon. I felt this worked well because the kids fishing around the pond were able to participate at the Yurt and the kids in the campground were able to participate at the campground. These programs were short and sweet to get their attention and increase their curiosity about our natural world. I think the parents enjoyed the programs just as much as the kids.

September has been busy with apple pickin' and festivals. A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers at the VC and the Friends who stepped up to help me prepare for and put on the Apple Harvest, the EarthWell Festival and the Watershed Festival. I couldn't have done it without you. You're amazing!

I am looking forward to the upcoming season of school kids overtaking and exploring the park. If anyone has a desire to spend a day or two with elementary kids please let me know.

New seasons bring new and fresh ideas. We leave summer of 2011 and venture into fall as changed people: changed by experiences, changed by loss, changed by joy, changed by meeting new people and changed by things we have seen. Cheers!

Kathy Donnell, Park Naturalist

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**Board Position Openings**

Serving on the Board of the Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park provides a wonderful opportunity for members who want be more involved and support our organization with their time and talents. The board is a casual, flexible, dedicated group.

Elected Positions

President

Vice President

Appointed Positions

Publicity/Marketing Director

Hiking Director

( We are dividing Trail Maintenance and Hiking into two separate positions )

Positions are for a two year term. Board meetings are at 4:30 PM the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at Wasatch State Park Visitor Center. If you have any questions about the specifics of these positions or if you would like to volunteer yourself or nominate someone else for the above positions, please call Marianne at 435-654-1944 or email [mwicks6@msn.com](mailto:mwicks6@msn.com)

Please consider these opportunities!

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## Friend Watch

### Editors Note

I am pleased to introduce "Friend Watch" designed to help you get to know your fellow Friends members a little better.

Our first participant is Larry Warren, talented journalist, avid skier and Utah advocate.

Thank you Larry for your enthusiasm. Enjoy!

*Sharon Young*

If you would like to appear in Friend Watch, or suggest a member, please email name and contact information to:

friendsofwasatchmsp@gmail.com



Larry J Warren

**Where did you grow up?** Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**What brought you to Utah?** I went to the University of Denver, but transferred after two years to pursue a journalism major...my two requirements were a university where I could transfer and complete the journalism major in my junior and senior years, and be close to great skiing.

**How long have you lived in Utah?** Full time since 1977. Lived in SLC until 1980, then moved to Park City and stayed until 2007 when we downsized and moved to Midway

**What do you like most/least about living in Utah?** Most like the geographic diversity from north to south, moving with the seasons with recreational pursuits...October is prime time in Moab! I least like the intolerant political leadership at the state level.

**Have you done much traveling? Favorite trip or place you have lived or visited?** I was a television news reporter for KUTV Channel 2 in Salt Lake for 27 years, then another 4 for KTVX Channel 4 for another 4. News travels took me from Arctic Alaska to Guatemala to Europe numerous times covering the Olympic bid campaigns. Personal travels have taken my family all over the west, mostly—camping, boating and hiking in most every state from the Rockies on west. I suppose the most recent favorite place to travel is South America, recently spending a month in Ecuador and Peru, with excursions to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu. Other favorite place is Yellowstone Park, probably been there 100 times in all seasons.

**Favorite way to relax?** In the summer: Sitting on the beach in front of our lake cabin on the east shore of Bear Lake. Winter: On the deck of Snow Park Lodge after a day skiing Deer Valley.

**Favorite day of the week?** Why: Saturday of course...it kicks off the weekend of skiing, biking, hiking and all my favorite Utah pastimes!

**Favorite quote or words of wisdom for us?** "In God's wildness lies the hope of the world." John Muir

**Any children, grandchildren or pets?** Married to Carol Murphy, Three kids: Matthew 29, Megan 27, Andrew 23. Two rescue dogs: Rags and Winston

**What was your first full time job?** Construction—pouring concrete mostly. Inspired me to go to college!

**Tell us about your work at KPCW. Did you always want to be involved in Broadcasting?**

I was drawn to the network TV newscasts early on, and loved the idea of doing something different every day, meeting interesting people, being a witness to history and travelling widely. KUTV was a magical workplace which allowed its reporters to pursue great stories no matter where they were, leading to interesting adventures: Yellowstone fires in 1988, covering four American presidents on their western trips, Olympic coverage in the U.S. and Europe, and thousands of other great memories. Upon retiring from TV in 2008, I pursued independent projects, such as writing the interior signage and producing the historical movies in the new Park City Museum, and writing the book "Park City—Mountain of Treasure" I also write a travel column for the Park Record each Wednesday. In May of 2010 I took the job as General Manager of KPCW-FM, the community radio station for Park City and the Heber Valley. I love the KPCW job because the station is so integral to life in Park City...it is where Summit County turns for information and music...We've expanded local programming, live local concert broadcasts, and are now promoting music concerts at the Egyptian Theater in Park City. So far KPCW has brought Poco and Leo Kottke in for live performances. Next up: Jim Messina and in February, two nights with Judy Collins.

**Any exciting projects or plans in your life right now?** The next big project is to boost our signal in the Heber Valley. By Christmas we'll have a new tower, transmitter and higher power to broadcast a better signal in the Heber Valley.

At that point in time, we'll increase our news coverage of the Heber Valley, something we are already doing. On the personal side, we are beginning a major restoration of a home we own on Capitol Hill in Salt Lake...it was built of adobe bricks in 1868 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. I'm also updating my Park City book, which sold out this spring.

**How did you hear about FOW?** Our Midway friend and neighbor Donna Packard invited us to a fund raiser, where we left poorer in dollars but richer in new friends.