

## **BMC Banquet 2012**

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Early Sunday evening, November 11, BMC members and their guests began gathering at EVOO Restaurant in Cambridge, for a much anticipated banquet of ***ALL Local! All Wild!*** edible delights from the hand of chef Peter McCarthy.



**BMC members socialized before dinner.**

Seven separate and distinctly different dishes, including pizza, flan, and cake for dessert, were served, using eleven species of mushrooms, all told.



**One of the appetizers was Matsutake-Potato Pizza.**

Ben Maleson was the source for the *Wild* component of the menu – the mushrooms, of course, and several small farms and a seafood supplier made up the *Local* aspect. Details are on the [menu](#). A glass of wine was served with the seated part of the meal. We appreciated the fine food and attentive service from all the EVOO staff.

Well into the evening, two BMC members were singled out for unique recognition. First, Milton Landowne received a song and an enormous (2' x 3') card celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday – a few days early, he was careful to note. His gracious words of thanks and memories of his years of membership in the BMC were appreciated by everyone present.



**Milt Landowne (left) was honored. Ben Maleson (right) supplied the mushrooms for the night's dinner.**

A few moments later, BMC President Susan Goldhor presented a surprise, first-time-ever award (a Certificate of Appreciation, a proposed honorary membership in the Club, and an autographed copy of Eugenia Bone's *Mycophilia*), to a BMC member for years of quiet contribution to the Club. The words of appreciation say it all:

“The Boston Mycological Club hereby recognizes Marcia Jacob for many years of service, carried out quietly with humor and friendship. In doing so many of those thankless tasks that need to be done in order for any organization to thrive, she has been an invaluable comrade to us all and a pillar of support to the Club.”

[Editor's Note: The evening continued with a talk by Eugenia Bone, author of *Mycophilia: Revelations from the Weird World of Mushrooms*. See Russ Cohen's article, “Eugenia Bone's presentation, *Mycophilia*” for a description of her talk.]