

**Wisconsin
Phenological
Society**

Financial Statement

*for the fiscal year
beginning March 16, 2008 and
ending March 15, 2009*

Balance as of March 15, 2008	\$4632.52
Withdrawals	\$638.93
Deposits	\$59.00
Interest	\$46.15
Balance as of March 16, 2009	\$4098.74

*Waukesha State Bank, 100 Bank Street
PO Box 648 Waukesha, WI 53187*

**Phenology on the
World Wide Web**



The internet is full of phenological possibilities. Check out the following links:

- ☞ www.naturenet.com/alnc/WPS - WPS Website
- ☞ www.usanpn.org - The USA National Phenology Network website. Participation by citizen scientists is strongly encouraged.
- ☞ www.usanpn.org/?=content/lilachoneysuckle-program - The USA National Phenology Network Cloned Plants Project
- ☞ www.naturenet.com/EarthAlive - Phenology for children, families and classrooms.
- ☞ www.budburst.org - Project BudBurst—a USA National Phenology Network field campaign focused on citizen scientists.

Please support the Wisconsin Phenological Society's objectives by paying annual dues or becoming a life member. Annual dues are used primarily to defray the mailing cost of this Newsletter.

Name _____

Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Check the Appropriate items:

- \$2 for 2009/10 dues
- \$_____ as further contribution to the work of the Society
- \$50 Lifetime Membership
- Please delete my name from the membership list
- Please send me information regarding programs of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

Please send the above information along with your dues to:
Nancy Dernehl, Treasurer, Wisconsin Phenological Society
UWC—Waukesha, 1500 University Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186

Data collection sheets are no longer being used. Please register and report your observations at <http://www.usanpn.org>. If you do not have access to the Internet, contact Mark D. Schwartz and request a paper observation form.

Wisconsin Phenological Society

2009

Department of Geography UW-Milwaukee
P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201
Tel: (414) 229-3740 * Fax: (414) 229-3981
mds@uwm.edu
www.naturenet.com/alnc/wps



WPS Annual Spring Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Spring Meeting
on Friday, May 1st, 2009
From 1:30-3:30pm

UW-Milwaukee
Bolton Hall Room 410D (Geography Dept.)

Those who plan to attend should contact Mark D. Schwartz at mds@uwm.edu (414) 229-3740, so he can secure visitor's passes for them before the meeting.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

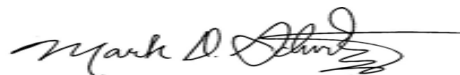
This winter we started off in Milwaukee (and many parts of the state) with a lot of snow, but by mid-January that had subsided, only to be replaced by a number of weeks of very cold temperatures. Earlier this week (St. Patrick's Day), Milwaukee reached a new record high temperature of 75°F, which got everyone thinking about spring! I think we will need to wait a few more weeks for the plants to start greening up, but I am certainly ready for that (and warmer weather).

I continue to work on projects funded by two grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF). One supports my research work, and the other is for development of the USA-National Phenology Network (USA-NPN) Research Coordination Network (RCN). The research project is taking place at a site near Park Falls, WI. Again this year in a few weeks, my students will be monitoring the spring phenology of almost 900 trees in several small plots for about a month (from bud break to full leaf expansion). This year we will be working with students and teachers from Park Falls High School as they track tree phenology for comparison to the measurements at our study site. It would be quite useful for us to have as many phenological measurements as possible in the areas close to the research site, so if you live in northern Wisconsin, within 50 miles or so of Park Falls, and would like to help us monitor tree phenology, please let me know!

Nationally, development of the USA National Phenology Network (USA-NPN) continued to accelerate over the last year. In early March, the USA-NPN launched a greatly expanded and improved version of their web page. Given this development, I think the time has come for WPS to formally affiliate with the USA-NPN. As a first step, we will no longer be using the paper observation forms as our primary means of collecting data. Instead, I encourage everyone to register and observe phenology using the USA-NPN on-line system at: <http://www.usanpn.org>.

Currently, USA-NPN supports only 27 of the 62 plants that WPS had listed on our paper observation form. Eventually, we hope to add most (if not all of these) to the USA-NPN species list, as well as have a special "partners" selection for WPS that will automatically list all WPS and Wisconsin plant species. For now, USA-NPN does not have animal phenology, but that is coming in 2010. If you do not have access to the Internet, or would like to record data for a plant or animal from the old WPS paper form that is not on the USA-NPN list, please contact me and I can send you one.

Lastly, I'd like to once again stress that your observations are extremely useful to the scientific community. Please consider becoming a fully active member of the Society, by recording and reporting phenological observations. As always, your support of the Society and its objectives is greatly appreciated.



WPS President

2009 NATURAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS

at the UWM FIELD STATION

*The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station
conducts a series of Natural History Workshops.*

These workshops offer an opportunity to study focused topics at college-level instruction under the guidance of noted authorities. Most workshops present two full days of instruction, with housing and meals available at the Station.

Enrollment is limited to 20; the atmosphere is informal and instruction is individualized. Workshops may be taken for graduate or undergraduate credit by enrolling in UWM, Topics in Field Biology. Fees vary.

The 2009 workshop schedule includes the following courses:

- ❖ **Wildlife Inventory and Monitoring**
Instructor: Dr. Gary Casper
May 29 & 30 (Friday & Saturday)
- ❖ **Aquatic Vascular Plants: Identification and Ecology**
Instructor: Dr. Tim Gerber
August 7 & 8 (Friday & Saturday)
- ❖ **Aquatic Invertebrates**
Instructor: Dr. Gretchen Meyer
June 12 & 13 (Friday & Saturday)
- ❖ **Birds, Migration and Bird Banding**
Instructor: Vicki Piaskowski
September 12&13
(Saturday & Sunday)
- ❖ **Vegetation of Wisconsin**
Instructors: Dr. James Reinartz
and Marc White
June 15 - 20 (Mon. - Sat.)
- ❖ **Ecological Geology**
Instructor: Dr. Roger Kuhns
July 6 -10 (Monday - Friday)
- ❖ **Wisconsin Butterflies and Moths: Natural History and Identification**
Instructor: Susan Borkin
24 & 25 July (Friday & Saturday)
- ❖ **Grasses: Identification and Ecology**
Instructor: Dr. Robert Freckmann
July 31 & August 1
(Friday & Saturday)

**2009 Natural History
Workshops**
University of Wisconsin
3095 Blue Goose Road
Saukville, WI 53080
262 675-6844 *phone*
262 675-0337 *fax*
fieldstn@uwm.edu

More information and
registration forms available
at the Field Station website:
www.fieldstation.uwm.edu