

*Wisconsin
Phenological Society
Financial Statement*

*for the fiscal year
beginning March 15, 2010 and
ending March 31, 2011*

Balance as of March 15, 2010	\$3,939.74
Withdrawals	\$1,407.67
Deposits	\$69.00
Interest	\$6.69
Balance as of March 31, 2011	\$2,607.76
<i>Waukesha State Bank, 100 Bank Street PO Box 648 Waukesha, WI 53187</i>	

**Phenology on the
World Wide Web**



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

- ♣ www.wps.uwm.edu - 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.
- ♣ neoninc.org/budburst - Project Budburst—a NEON field campaign focused on citizen scientists.

**Wisconsin Phenological
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Check the Appropriate items:

- \$2 for 2011/12 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:
Mark D. Schwartz, President, Wisconsin Phenological Society
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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.

WPS Annual Spring Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Spring Meeting
On Saturday, May 21, 2011
From 1:00 - 4:00 pm
UW-Milwaukee Field Station
3095 Blue Goose Road
Saukville, WI 53080

Those who plan to attend should visit www.fieldstation.uwm.edu for directions or call Mark D. Schwartz at (414) 229-3740.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this message (at the end of the first week of April), spring has been a bit slow to progress across southeastern Wisconsin. My lilac buds are *still* not to first leaf stage, but the current forecast calls for a day this weekend with a high of 77°F, so that should get everything popping!

I continue to work on projects funded by 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 continues at a site near Park Falls, WI. I and my graduate students have finished the spring tree phenology project, and are looking to get new funding to continue monitoring autumn tree phenology for the next four years. This year we want to continue working with students and teachers from area high schools 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 autumn 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. Thanks to those who contacted me over the last year!

We continue expanding our affiliation and coordination with the USA National Phenology Network (USA-NPN). I encourage everyone to register and observe phenology using the USA-NPN on-line system at <http://www.usanpn.org>. This year we want to make the WPS Spring meeting (scheduled for Sat., May 21st starting at 1:00pm) more of an “outdoor interactive” experience, along with helping members gain skill and excitement for taking and recording phenological observations. The meeting will start with a short introduction to phenological monitoring and talk about the monitoring done at the UW-Milwaukee Field Station (FS). Then we will go out and tour the phenological monitoring and associated activities at the FS, such as the weather station, lilac garden, global phenology garden, tree swallow nest boxes, as well as taking a short walk in the woods following the transect used for native plant monitoring. We will point out phenophases of trees along the way and identify wildflowers in bloom, etc. After the outdoor tour, we will come back to the FS for some refreshments, and a demonstration of using the USA-NPN website to enter data. I look forward to seeing many of you there on May 21st.



Mark D. Schwartz
President

2011 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. We offer two-day and week-long workshops, and housing and meals are 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. Please contact the Field Station for more information and a registration form, or visit our website at <http://www4.uwm.edu/fieldstation/workshops/> full descriptions of each course, fee information, and a downloadable Registration Form.

The 2011 summer workshop schedule includes eight courses:

Bryophytes: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Virginia Freire
May 24 & 25 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Composites: Taxonomy and Evolution

Instructor: Dr. Alison Mahoney
August: 12 & 13 (Friday & Saturday)

Wildlife Inventory and Monitoring

Instructor: Dr. Gary Casper
June 3 & 4 (Friday & Saturday)

There are also a few spots left in our spring workshop:

Vegetation of Wisconsin

Instructor: Dr. James Reinartz
June 13-18 (Monday - Saturday)

Writing About the Natural World

Instructor: Dr. Mary Linton
April 22 & 23 (Friday & Saturday)

Aquatic Invertebrates

Instructor: Dr. Gretchen Meyer and Robert
Clare
June 24 & 25 (Friday & Saturday)

Ecological Geology

Instructor: Dr. Roger Kuhns
July 11 - 15 (Monday - Friday)

Grasses: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Robert Freckmann
July 29 & 30 (Friday & Saturday)

Aquatic Vascular Plants: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Tim Gerber
August 6 & 7 (Saturday & Sunday)

2011 Natural History Workshops

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More information and
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