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The first wildflower to emerge in the spring, often through snow, native to Central Wisconsin—beautiful. Because a love for natural landscaping courses through our veins...



The newsletter of Central Wisconsin's natural landscapers.

Be brave enough to live life creatively. The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition.

You can't get there by bus, only by hard work and risk, and by not quite knowing what you're doing.

What you will discover will be wonderful—what you will discover will be yourself.

—Henry David Thoreau

### CWWO Earth Sunday Display

The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Wild Ones will have a booth at the Earth Sunday Ecumenical Environmental Fair to be held at Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church in Stevens Point from 10:45 until 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 27, 2003. This is our second year of providing a display at this event. We will be joined by the Sierra Club, Aldo Leopold Audubon Society, and many other environmental groups. If you'd like to help staff the booth, contact Dan Dieterich. 🌿

### February Feng Shui Meeting

Many thanks to CWWO member Eileen Kelz for her presentation on February 13 about Feng Shui. We had a good turnout, and all of us learned a great deal about how to apply Feng Shui both in our homes and in various kinds of native gardens. If you were unable to attend and would like to learn more about Feng Shui, you can reach Eileen at M236 Winterberry Court, Marshfield, WI 54449. 🌿



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## Candidates Forum on March 26th


Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 26th, at 7:00 PM in the Pinery Room of the Charles White Public Library in Stevens Point. That's when the Portage County Network of Environmental and Outdoor Groups will hold a forum for area candidates for the Wisconsin State Senate and for candidates for Mayor of Stevens Point. The forum will concentrate solely on environmental issues.

You may be particularly interested in the State Senate race. Whoever wins this race will help shape Wisconsin environmental policies for years to come. Three of the five candidates have already agreed to participate, and we hope to involve the other two as well.


Dan Dieterich serves on the Portage County Network of Environmental and Outdoor Groups. If you're not familiar with the network, it is the only such consortium of environmental/outdoor groups in Wisconsin. They get together every few months to share information about organizations' activities and accomplishments as well as to share environmental information and concerns.

Although neither the network nor CWWO takes a position on individual candidates, because you are concerned about environmental issues, you may find this forum helpful in exploring those issues. 


### Wild Ones Handbook

If you've misplaced (or never received) your copy of the original *Wild Ones Handbook*, you will now find it online on the Wild Ones webpage: [www.for-wild.org](http://www.for-wild.org). This is the classic original handbook designed for the Midwest that includes complete directions on how to build your own Aldo Leopold bench, bat house, bird house, etc. It also describes how to create a water garden, plant a prairie, and plant a woodland. If you haven't visited the Wild Ones webpage lately, this is as good an excuse for visiting it as you're likely to find. 

### What's New with Wild Ones Nationwide?

While you're at the Wild Ones website, click on "What's New with Wild Ones." link. You may then decide to check out the information on "Plant Rescues" provided there by the Fox Valley Chapter. Or, you may instead decide to read about "When Cities Grow Wild"—an action plan for local governments that want to promote sustainability by encouraging landscaping with native plants. Who know what other valuable Wild Ones information you may find on the Wild Ones website? Check it out today! 

### BLOODROOT Contributors Wanted

Would you like to share a photograph of your favorite natural area, a brief review of the best natural landscaping book or article you've ever read, or the story of your first experiences with native flowers or grasses? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Just send a letter or e-mail message to Dan Dieterich. 

# Central Wisconsin Wild Ones' 2003 Meeting Schedule

**March 27, Thursday** 7 PM

Bob Freckmann—Wisconsin Grasses: Friends and Enemies  
Portage County Library, Pinery Room,

**April 24, Thursday** 7 PM

Bob Welch—Central Wisconsin's Flying Sapphire:  
Karner Blues and Oak Savannas  
Portage County Library, Pinery Room,

**May 3, Saturday** 10 AM

Bob Freckmann—Plant identification walk at the  
Marathon County Landfill followed by a plant rescue.  
Marathon County Landfill—Members Only

**May 17, Saturday** 10 AM

Tour private yards in the Amherst Junction & Waupaca  
Area. Details and directions will be announced in  
*BLOODROOT*.

**June 7, Saturday** Time to be determined

Waupaca Field Station - Karner Blue Butterfly obser-  
vation. E110 Emmons Creek Road - Waupaca

**June 20, 21, & 22**

"Staff booth 143 at the Renewable Energy and  
Sustainable Living Fair"  
ReNew the Earth Institute in Custer, Wisconsin

**July 24, Thursday** Time to be determined

Joe Riederer—Prairie Plant Identification  
Outdoor Tour

**July 26, Saturday** 10 AM

Tour private yards in the Rosholt / Iola Area.  
Details and directions will be announced in the  
Chapter Newsletter

**August 28, Thursday** Time to be determined

Tour private yards in the Marshfield Area.  
Details and directions will be announced in the  
Chapter Newsletter

**September 13, Saturday** 10 AM

Marathon County Fall Plant Rescue  
Members Only

**September 25, Thursday** 7 PM

Tom Jerow & colleague from Department of Natural  
Resources—Rain Gardens and Wisconsin Wetland  
Plants  
Portage County Library, Pinery Room

**October 4 or 11, Saturday**  
Date and Time to be confirmed

Buena Vista Seed Gathering

**October 23, Thursday** 7 PM

Emmett Judziewicz—Botanical Surprises of Northeast  
Wisconsin  
Portage County Library, Pinery Room

**November 6, Thursday** 7 PM

Ellen Hardin—First Law Group Aldo Leopold proper-  
ties habitat award  
Portage County Library, Pinery Room

**November 20, Thursday** 7 PM

Annual Meeting—Seed Exchange, Triumphs &  
Disappointments  
Portage County Library, Pinery Room 🌿



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## Attend an All-Freckmann Month of Meetings



Wednesday: March 12, 2003—

### SHRUBS

Attend CWWO member Bob Freckmann's program on "**Shrubs for Wildlife**" conducted for the Aldo Leopold Audubon Society at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Pinery Room of the Charles White Public Library (1001 Main Street, Stevens Point). He will discuss the advantages, disadvantages, and sources of many native Wisconsin as well as cultivated shrubs. He will address shrubs in terms of cover and nest sites for birds and other animals as well as a summer food source for herbivores and a winter food source for browsers. Sounds like an excellent program to me. (**Note:** You don't need to be an Audubon member to attend this program.)

Thursday, March 27, 2003

### GRASSES

Join Bob Freckmann again for his presentation on "**Wisconsin Grasses: Friends and Enemies**" conducted for the Central Wisconsin Chapter of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes at 7:00 PM at the Pinery Room of the Charles White Public Library (1001 Main Street, Stevens Point). As an internationally respected authority on the taxonomy of grasses, Bob will deal with both native and invasive species in this presentation. Bring any questions you have about grasses you currently have on your land or are considering introducing. Bob will provide full information about identification, cultivation, and control. Hope you can make it.

Monday, April 7, 2003

### ORCHIDS

Finally, attend Bob Freckmann's presentation on "**Orchids of Wisconsin**" conducted for the Botanical Club of Wisconsin meeting at 7:30 PM in Room 120 of the College of Natural Resources building on the UWSP campus. If you've always wanted to learn more about Wisconsin's native orchids, this is your chance to do just that. Room 120 is near the northeast entrance in the new (east) wing of the building. University parking lots are open without charge after 7:00 PM. (**Note:** You don't need to be a member of the Botanical Club to attend this presentation.)

#### Robert Freckmann

If you didn't read the interview with him in an earlier issue of BLOOD-ROOT, Bob is a Professor Emeritus of biology at UWSP. Until last year, Bob had taught botany for over 30 years while serving as curator of UWSP's excellent herbarium. He's a co-founder of the Central Wisconsin Chapter of Wild Ones, a director of the Botanical Club of Wisconsin, and a director of the Aldo Leopold Audubon Society. 🌿



April 2003  
CWWO Meeting

### Karner Blues & Oak Savannas

On Thursday, April 24, you have an opportunity to learn more about one of the rarest and most beautiful butterflies in our area, as well as the way in which it interacts with its environment. "**Central Wisconsin's Flying Sapphire: Karner Blues and Oak Savannas**" is the title of the presentation that Bob Welch will give at 7:00 PM in the Pinery Room of the Portage County Library. After you've learned about this fascinating butterfly, you'll be ready to join us on June 7<sup>th</sup> as we in the CWWO observe the federally-endangered Karner Blues "up close and personal" as they take their first flight of the year. 🌿

### CWWO: MREA Booth 143

Please join us at the Renewable Energy & Sustainable Living Fair on June 20-22, 2003 at the ReNew the Earth Institute in Custer. Our chapter will staff booth 143 in Exhibit Hall B at the fair. If you can spend a few hours helping us staff our CWWO booth, you will receive free admission to the fair and access to the 150 exhibits and 115 workshops available during this three-day festival celebrating renewable energy, native gardening, composting, and sustainable living. You will find it a wonderful opportunity to share the Wild Ones perspective with the 15,000 like-minded people attending the fair.

To volunteer for the MREA Fair, write or phone Eileen Guthrie. 🌿