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Forest Plant Disease Workshop at Wehr Nature Center, Aug. 27

Franklin, WI (Aug. 10, 2016) – The hands-on workshop, “Plant Diseases of Wisconsin Forests,” is being offered at Wehr Nature Center, Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9 a.m.-noon. The Nature Center is located in Whitnall Park, at 9701 W. College Ave.

With bacteria, fungi, viruses, and insects as the most common life-forms in the forest, it’s no wonder that they have a strong influence—both positive and negative—on the health of woodland plants and trees.

Focused on Wisconsin’s deciduous forests, the hands-on workshop will explore common plant diseases, ways to identify them, determining if intervention is needed, and what methods of treatment may be considered.

Instructors are Ben French, a propagator at Johnson’s Nursery, and Howard Aprill, a naturalist at Wehr Nature Center.

The workshop, which is open to the public, is an advanced training course of the Wisconsin Master Naturalist program. The Master Naturalist program provides education, training, and service opportunities for adult volunteers who are passionate about conserving the state’s natural resources.

Registration is required by Aug. 24. The fee for the course, which includes free parking, is \$25 per person.

To register or for more information, call (41) 425-8550.

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