

# Potomac Valley Audubon Society

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## 2011 Annual Report

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Our children's programs continue to evolve and grow under the leadership of our Director of Youth Programs, Ellen Murphy. This year, thanks to the development of several new programs and some grants that provided scholarship funds for schools serving low-income children, we reached over 4,000 local youngsters through our programs—an increase of 1,000 and a new all-time record for PVAS.

A total of 1,540 students from 14 area schools participated in our fourth grade **Watershed Education Initiative program** this year. Now in its eighth year, this program continues to help children understand the importance of protecting water resources. It blends classroom sessions with field experiences that include hands-on activities like water quality testing; in all, each child receives up to 10 hours of instruction. Thanks to a grant from the Friends of the Cacapon River, we were able to offer this program at three Morgan County schools this year: Warm Springs Intermediate, Paw Paw Elementary, and Paw Paw High School.



Students from Morgan County show off some of the trash they picked up along the Cacapon River.

We continue to offer **school programs at our Yankauer Nature Preserve**. The programs give children in Kindergarten through sixth grade a chance to explore various aspects of the natural world, and include pre- and post-visit classroom activities to enhance and reinforce the field experience. This year, nearly 450 students participated in these programs. Many students from Ranson Elementary School were able to participate free of charge again this year, thanks to a \$1,000 grant from the City of Ranson.

Unfortunately, school budget constraints continue to make it difficult for many teachers to schedule field trips. To deal with this problem, we've been developing **new versions of our K-6 school programs** that utilize schoolyards for outdoor nature study and exploration. Last year we developed such programs for the second and third grades. In 2011, with a grant from the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, we piloted school-based programs for Kindergarten, first, fourth and fifth grades. More than 700 children participated in these school-based programs this year.

As schools struggle to cover program fees, PVAS has been fortunate to receive **grants for scholarship funds for classrooms serving children from low-income families**. The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation, Ecolab, and the National Audubon Society all provided funds to help cover the costs of programs serving disadvantaged youth. In all, 28 classrooms were able to participate in PVAS programs this year thanks to these scholarship funds.

PVAS developed a **special partnership with Martinsburg's St. Joseph Parish School** in 2011. After observing some severe erosion in one location in the school yard for several years, St. Joe's joined us to install a rain garden to help catch and clean

runoff before it leaves school property. James Dillon, a Pennsylvania Certified Horticulturist and owner of Native Havens Design/Horticulture Consultation, Jim Harden of J & J Builders (and a parent at the school) and other volunteers worked through Labor Day weekend to prepare the site. Afterwards, St. Joe's students who participated in our watershed program last year planted appropriate trees, shrubs, and perennials. The resulting garden will prevent further erosion; provide habitat for birds, butterflies, and other pollinators; and constitute a wonderful educational area for students to learn about all these things. In addition to this project, St. Joe's has adopted the Yankauer Preserve as a site for classroom service projects. Each grade will come to the preserve at least once a year to help with projects such as pulling invasive plants.



Rain garden at St. Joseph Parish School.

PVAS and members of our Potomac Valley Master Naturalists Program continue to play a major role in the **Jefferson County Science Olympiad**. The event is sponsored by the Jefferson County school system and involves all of the county's sixth graders in a day of intensive science-related activities. This year's Olympiad was again held in the fall at the For the Love of Children Outdoor Education Center near Shannondale. The Master Naturalists led many of the activity stations, reaching about 475 children.

PVAS also reached another 780 area children through its involvement in **special school programs**, such as health fairs sponsored by Kids in Action at Eagle School, Mountain Ridge and Mill Creek Intermediate

Schools, and a "Science Night" at Lincolnshire Elementary in Washington County, MD.

Our **Wee Naturalist program** has now completed its third year. The program provides pre-school-aged children and loving adults a chance to explore nature together safely at the Yankauer Preserve under the guidance of an experienced PVAS instructor, Suzi Taylor. This year, we continued to make the program more accessible for families with varying preschool schedules by offering sessions twice a month, once on Wednesdays and again on Thursdays. The program continues to grow in popularity and served over 100 children this year.



Our summer **Audubon Discovery Day Camp** at the Yankauer Preserve continues to be one of our most popular children's programs. This year's camp offered sessions for ages 3-12. A visit to Echo Hill Outdoor School gave some of the older campers a special opportunity to explore the Chesapeake Bay. This year for the first time, with support from the Arts and Humanities Alliance of Jefferson County, we also offered two weeks of camp focusing on local history at the Peter Burr Living History Farm near Kearneysville. This beautiful site includes a historic house, barn, bread oven, garden, orchard, and wetland. Campers put all these resources to good use, learning how early settlers made such things as butter, bread, crackers, candles, and even children's toys. We sincerely thank the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission for allowing us to use the property and volunteers from the Peter Burr Bread Bakers' Guild who taught campers how to make bread. We look forward to holding camp sessions at this location again next year.

In all, nearly 220 children attended one or more of our camp sessions this year. While that's a strong number, it was about 20 percent below 2009 attendance, mirroring a two-year trend toward decreased camp enrollments throughout the country. Hopefully, the economy and enrollments will improve next year!

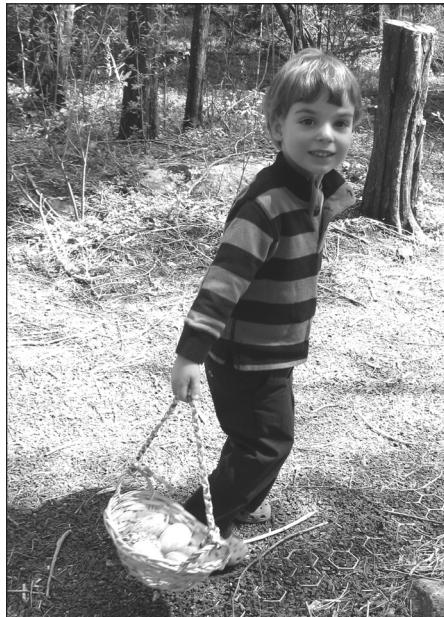


Campers make bread at Peter Burr Farm.

Each year, we use proceeds from our fall birdseed sale and donations from individual sponsors to provide **summer camp scholarships** to area children. This summer, we helped send one student to Mountain Adventures Summer Camp at Spruce Knob, two to Oglebay Institute's Junior Nature Camp near Wheeling, and nearly twenty to our own camp at the Yankauer Preserve. We received more scholarship requests than

ever before this year, reinforcing the importance of this scholarship program in the current economy.

Our fourth annual **Children's Egg Hunt** at the Yankauer Nature Preserve was filled to capacity again this year. Thirty-two children and their families participated in lots of fun activities including making bird nests using grass, bits of yarn, and sticks collected from the ground; examining a paper mache model of an elephant bird fossilized egg; perusing books that featured eggs of birds, snakes and turtles; walking while balancing a plastic, ostrich-sized egg on a spoon; and, of course, the egg hunt itself. Unlike traditional egg hunts, the eggs we use are painted like real eggs of wild birds; this helps children learn how birds use camouflage to keep their eggs hidden from predators.



## ADULT PROGRAMS



In November, our **Potomac Valley Master Naturalist Program** wrapped up its fifth successful year of training. Enrollees received 64 hours of classroom and field instruction in a broad range of natural history and environmental topics. Our program is a chapter of the West Virginia Master Naturalist Program, and those who complete the required training and volunteer service are certified by the state as West Virginia Master Naturalists. This qualifies them to assist with natural resources programming in various ways, such as docenting in state parks and assisting educators with instruction. To date, our program has graduated 70 Certified Master

Naturalists. Many of these individuals remain actively involved with PVAS, assisting us with our programs.

This year, we continued to offer a series of **Master Naturalist Workshops** as part of our Master Naturalist program. These workshops count as elective courses for Master Naturalists but they are also open to members of the general public who are interested in specific topics. Completely organized by Master Naturalist volunteers, the workshops covered topics ranging from nature sketching to wildfires.

Our **Potomac Valley Nature Writing Group** was created in 2009 for those who love nature, reading and writing. It meets monthly in various informal settings to review and discuss books by prominent nature writers as well as participants' own works. The group is open to new members with similar interests. It maintains a very active and informative blog at [www.potomacvalleynaturewritinggroup.blogspot.com](http://www.potomacvalleynaturewritinggroup.blogspot.com).

Our **Potomac Valley Nature Photographers Group** continued its monthly meetings throughout 2011. Each meeting includes a presentation on a topic of interest or a friendly competition and an opportunity for members to "Show and Share" their recent photographs. This year, the group organized a daylong photography workshop at NCTC that was free and open to the public. The workshop was sponsored by Canon USA and led by Seth Resnick, a nationally recognized photographer. The group's website is [www.potomacvalleynaturephotographers.org/new/index.php](http://www.potomacvalleynaturephotographers.org/new/index.php).

Thanks to the efforts of volunteer Sandy Sagalkin, this

year a **new PVAS Birding Committee** was formed. This group is now coordinating our birding activities and it's strengthened our birding program in many ways. Most impressively, perhaps, the Committee has been working hard to get young people more involved in birding and it's been making significant progress!

We sponsored a record 52 **field trips** this year, and a total of nearly 600 people participated in them. Many were birding trips organized by the Birding Committee but we also continued to offer trips of more general interest. Especially popular trips included a winter tree identification walk at the Yankauer Nature Preserve in February, a trip to the Morgan County Fish Hatchery in March, and an organic farm tour in August.

Our **monthly lectures at NCTC** this year covered a wide range of topics as usual. The big surprise was a February 9 program that featured a presentation about the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug by USDA entomologist Tracy Leskey. By NCTC's estimate, more than 500 people showed up – the largest crowd NCTC has ever had for any kind of evening program. The talk had to be piped into overflow rooms in an effort to accommodate the crowd.

Our spring "**Birding 101**" course continues to be very popular. Twenty people participated this year, with expert birders Bob Dean, Wil Hershberger, and Matt Orsie as their instructors. The four-week course includes one evening classroom session each week, held at NCTC, with a related field experience on the corresponding Saturday.



PVAS' field trip to Redbud Farm, an organic farm in Gerrardstown, WV, drew over 40 people.

## CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

For the past three years, PVAS has been helping the City of Ranson develop **Flowing Springs Park** that encompasses some 30 acres of undeveloped land including the headwaters of Flowing Springs Run. The city wants to leave the parkland in as natural a state as possible and PVAS and other partners have been furthering that goal by conducting biological surveys and providing land management advice. Last November, we received a grant from TogetherGreen, a collaborative program between National Audubon and Toyota, to help facilitate the park project.

Through this grant, we contracted with West Virginia University's Landscape Architecture and Forestry programs to help develop site and land management plans. The grant also enabled us to plant over 300 trees along the stream to protect water quality, host several volunteer days at the park, recruit new volunteers from Ranson and Charles Town, and bring school groups to the park for programs. Our Master Naturalists continued to help with invasive species removal at the park. This year the park was a United Way Day of Caring site for the first time and was adopted by volunteers from Charles Town Rotary, Job Corps, and Master Gardeners.



Staff, students and volunteers from WVU, PVAS, Ranson, WV Division of Forestry, and Freshwater Institute plan future of Flowing Springs Park.

PVAS continues to support local watershed organizations' **stream cleanup efforts** by advertising volunteer opportunities in our newsletter and through e-mail alerts.

In October, PVAS again partnered with the Potomac Conservancy to host a **Growing Native** seed collection event at the Yankauer Nature Preserve. The Conservancy's Growing Native program is aimed at improving water quality in the Potomac watershed by restoring forests that filter pollution and runoff. Volunteers collect seeds of native trees, which are delivered to state nurseries where they are nurtured into small tree seedlings. The seedlings are then planted along streams and rivers in the watershed. It turned out that this year was not an abundant year for seeds or nuts, but adults and children alike had a great time searching for them!



PVAS continues to participate in two **Christmas Bird Counts** each year, one in Charles Town and another in Inwood. PVAS volunteers also participate in the C&O Canal Midwinter Bird Survey, the Cornell Great Backyard Bird Count and the West Virginia Non-game Wildlife Program's annual winter bird survey. Bob Dean continued to run a MAPS (Migratory Avian Population and Survivorship) station to collect bird-banding data for the tenth year at the Yankauer Preserve.

## WILDLIFE RESCUE

We continue to assist with wildlife rescue and rehabilitation efforts. A specially licensed PVAS member, assisted by other volunteers as needed, takes calls, provides expert advice, and coordinates the transport of injured and orphaned wildlife to wildlife rehabilitation facilities. In 2011, PVAS handled a total of 61 rescue and rehabilitation cases—including eleven raptors.



USDA's Wetland Reserve Program. Today, it includes a mix of shallow ponds, marshy areas, woods and edge lands. Although it is only 46 acres in size, its rich, diverse habitat makes it especially attractive to birds and this, in turn, makes it a favorite spot for birders. The preserve will be an important and enduring natural resource not only for the people of Berkeley County but also for residents of the entire Eastern Panhandle and visitors to the area. Needless to say, we're very grateful to the Millers for this very generous and public-spirited donation.



Stauffer Miller at the dedication of Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve in November.

## NATURE PRESERVES

This October, The Nature Conservancy and PVAS renewed the **agreements that govern the management of the Yankauer and Eidolon Nature Preserves**.

The old management agreements had been in force since October 2006. The new agreements also carry five-year terms, and will expire in October 2016. TNC and PVAS will continue to play the same roles at both properties. The Nature Conservancy owns and has ultimate responsibility for the properties. PVAS handles the day-to-day operations and maintenance and is also responsible for all educational programming and activities.

Perhaps the biggest development for PVAS in 2011 was the establishment of our new **Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve** in Back Creek Valley in Berkeley County. Stauffer and Elinor Miller donated this property to us in September, and it is the first nature preserve wholly owned by us. Formerly marshy farmland, most of the property was entered into a permanent, U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation easement in the mid 1990s and restored as a wetland through the

The wheelchair-accessible trail at the **Yankauer Nature Preserve** is now almost finished, with waysides and accessible benches installed. New interpretive signs for the trail and trailhead kiosk will be in place before year's end. This project has been funded by a \$31,350 grant from the West Virginia Department of Transportation's Recreational Trails Program.

A **land management plan and invasive plant map** for the Yankauer Preserve were completed this year by naturalist Michael Schwartz, with a grant from Potomac Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development. The management plan will provide a framework for future management of the preserve. We were very fortunate that someone as well-versed and knowledgeable as Michael was willing to undertake this task.

During the course of the year, **many volunteers helped with these and other projects** at Yankauer. The largest group, more than 100 volunteers, turned out on September 13 to help with various tasks under the auspices of the United Way's Day of Caring.

Shepherd University students pitched in on August 17 to help finish some details on the accessible trail as part of the University's annual Day of Service.

Yankauer was also the site of two **Eagle Scout projects** in 2011. The new Cedar Loop Trail waysides and benches were designed, built and installed by Skylar Benedict. Jack Fleri created beautiful new tree identification signs that have been placed along the Kingfisher Trail.



Special thanks are due to our volunteer land and facilities manager, Tim Murphy, who put in many long hours coordinating all of these Yankauer Preserve activities.

At the **Eidolon Nature Preserve** in Morgan County, we are one step closer to roofing the cottage. As you may recall, we had hoped to re-roof the preserve's **old stone cottage** last year but we were unable to resolve

structural issues that had to be addressed before that work could be undertaken. Thanks to Hedgesville contractor Duane Householder, footings have now been installed for the post-and-beam frame that will support the future roof. We're hoping to undertake that work next summer. Architect Matthew Grove and structural engineer Alicia McCormick continue to be invaluable advisors on this project.



The Yellow Trail at Eidolon.

Meanwhile, our volunteer Eidolon caretaker, Joe Gentile of Berkeley Springs, continues to do an excellent job of keeping Eidolon's **trails** clear and well marked, and of hosting groups visiting the preserve. We appreciate all his work as well. Although we have no way to keep a precise count of visitors to Eidolon, we know greater numbers of people are visiting every year. The number of trail maps we're distributing from the kiosk near the entrance keeps going up, and the preserve's trailways are becoming more and more defined from repeated use.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Our seventh annual **Wildflower Festival** at the Yankauer Preserve was soggier than usual this April with a solid day of showers ranging from "sprinkle" to "cats and dogs." In spite of the weather, about 20 hardy visitors came to enjoy the wildflowers and the poetry along the trail. More than 40 poems were contributed this year from the local community and from Shepherdstown Elementary School. The poems are proving to be as much of a draw as the wildflowers!

Our tenth annual **This Race is for the Birds**, normally held at the National Conservation Training Center, promised to be the biggest ever with more

runners registered than ever before. Unfortunately, the Center was forced to close because of the threat of a government shutdown. Even though the shutdown was averted at the last minute the facility couldn't be reopened in time for the race to go forward as planned. After a last-ditch effort to find suitable alternate locations to hold a full-blown race, we accepted an offer from Shepherd University's Wellness Center to host a streamlined version of the event on campus. Local runners welcomed race participants and suggested informal routes for runs, and the Wellness Center gave pre-paid runners free access to their facility. Campus police blocked off a route so we could still hold the children's "Fun Run." Forty children participated and all received prizes, ribbons

and cheers at the finish line! We couldn't have asked for better "impromptu" partners than the University and the Wellness Center. While many runners were disappointed, almost all were understanding and supportive. Very few asked for refunds and no sponsors would accept their money back. We want to give special thanks to our lead sponsors, Hoxton Financial and Friends of Mark Benedict for their generosity; to the University and the Wellness Center for all their wonderful help; to NCTC for trying to host and support the event; to Two Rivers Treads for troubleshooting and communicating the changes to the running community; to volunteers James and Suzy Munnis for directing and coordinating the event; to the race committee for helping to pull all the details together (several times); and to the many volunteers who helped out the day of the event. We couldn't have asked for a better team to turn a bad situation into a positive one. Next year's race is set for April 21 in conjunction with NCTC's Open House on Earth Day weekend.



Also during April, we helped Travel Berkeley Springs and others in that community launch a special effort to promote the month of April as "**Get Outside Month**" in Berkeley Springs. Our contributions to this effort included two evening lectures and three field trips, all of which were well attended.

During the weekend of May 14-15, a total of 38 people in 13 teams participated in the annual **Ruth Ann Dean Memorial Birdathon**. Organized by our Birding Committee, this event is named in honor of Ruth Ann Dean, a founding PVAS member and longtime supporter who passed away in 2009. The idea is to count as many birds as possible in a 24-hour period, and to have a great time with fellow birders.

Our summer **Music in the Cedars concerts** at the Yankauer Nature Preserve continued to be well received this year; one performance drew an audience

of 75! The concerts continue to be a great way to showcase the preserve and introduce PVAS programs to new community members, as well as "give back" to our neighbors and friends. The concerts are only possible because of the generosity of the performers who participate out of love for music, the preserve, and PVAS. We sincerely thank all of this year's performers: The Outpatients; Erik Janus; Greg Lloyd, Bob and Robin Dean; Chelsea McBee; The Rolling Coyotes; The Dilletantes; David LaFleur; Betty Jo, Scott, and T-Roy; and Steve Cifala.

The weekend of September 16-18, for the third year in a row, PVAS sponsored a **Fall Birding Festival** in Berkeley Springs. The festival included a rich mix of evening lectures, daytime walks, and workshops. Attendance was higher than ever before (213!) with participants coming from as far as Ohio and Wisconsin. Many thanks are due to Judy Webb and Helen Herlocker for organizing this event and to Judy's Nature Niche store for providing very generous financial support. The names of the festival's other local community sponsors can be found in the donors' list at the end of this report. We plan to continue sponsoring this festival each September.



Fall Birding Festival was bigger than ever.

PVAS conducted its 30th annual fall **birdseed sale** this November. This is always a win-win event for PVAS. It provides members and friends with high-quality, fresh birdseed, and the proceeds are used to help fund our summer camp scholarship program.

PVAS held two **fundraising events** this year. In June, Walter Washington generously opened his historic home, Harewood, to PVAS members and friends. Guests were treated to house tours led by Mr. Washington, bird walks led by Bob Dean, music by Daryl Bryarly, and delicious food prepared by Diana Mullis, Alice Barkus, Gretchen Meadows, Deb Patthoff, and Jane Vanderhook. In November, PVAS

headed back to Wild Goose Farm for a barn party hosted by owners Cricky and Michelle Shultz. A delicious pork barbecue dinner with all the fixings was provided by the talented volunteers mentioned above, with help from Joe and Susan Brookreson and Craig Meadows. Guests enjoyed music by Greg Lloyd, Bob and Robin Dean and other musical friends; champagne hayrides; a lively auction; and a special guest, a Eurasian Eagle-Owl. Together, the two events raised valuable funds for PVAS programs.



## FINANCES

In spite of the difficult economic conditions that continued to prevail in our region, we were able to raise \$31,581 during our **annual fundraising appeal** last winter—an increase of nearly 6% over the year before and a new record. A total of 180 households contributed (also a new record), and the average contribution was an impressive \$174.48. Another 25 households contributed an additional \$7,197 to PVAS during the same period through the **United Way and Combined Federal Campaign** appeals, another new record. We're extremely grateful to all the families and individuals who continue to support us financially, even when the going gets tough!

### INCOME

Our overall income was up by 12% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, to \$240,672.\*

For the first time in three years, **grants** outpaced **programs** as our largest source of income. Income from grants accounted for 33% of total income, up from 27% last year, while program income accounted for 27%, down from 33% last year. This shift was due partly to some falloffs in program revenue but it stemmed primarily from special projects undertaken as a result of two major new grants: one to construct a handicapped accessible trail at our Yankauer Nature Preserve and another to assist the City of Ranson in developing their new Flowing Springs Park.

Although the economics of our region are such that we likely will never be able to ask schools and individuals to pay fees that are large enough to cover the full costs of our educational programs, we continue to strive to lessen our dependency on external grants and make our programs as self-sustaining as possible.

**Donations** accounted for 19% of income during the fiscal year and **special events** accounted for 18%. The remainder of our income was from **membership dues** (2%) and earned **interest** (1%).

### EXPENSES

Our expenses increased by 7%, to \$221,020, mostly because of new, grant-funded spending for the special projects cited above. Elsewhere, because of the economy, we continued to hold expenses down. As in the past, the vast majority (67%) of our expenses during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 were for programs, a category that includes staff salaries. Our next highest expense category was nature preserve maintenance and improvements, which accounted for 14%. Administrative costs (which include payroll taxes and worker's compensation) accounted for 9% of expenses. Special events, most of which are mission-related, accounted for 8% of expenses. Fundraising expenses accounted for only 2% of our total expenses.

### ASSETS AND RESERVES

Our overall financial position continues to be strong. We follow very conservative budget practices and have consistently achieved operating surpluses throughout the economic turmoil of recent years. And because we also manage our financial resources very conservatively we have not suffered any investment losses during the period. Our last audit, which covered the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, showed net assets of \$369,751, including real estate. We have since received a gift of additional real estate that brings our net asset total to more than \$450,000. We are free of debt and maintain healthy cash reserves.

### SPECIAL FUNDS

The **Potomac Valley Audubon Society Fund**, an endowment established by the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation in 2004 in honor of PVAS

founder Jean Neely and managed by the Bank of Charles Town, has continued to rebound from the losses it suffered during 2008-2009. In any case, the PVAS Board remains committed to reinvesting any and all proceeds from this fund back into the fund in order to grow it for the future, so we are not dependent on the fund as a source of immediate income.

Last year, PVAS founder and Board member emerita Jean Neely made a generous donation to PVAS to establish a new **Liz Neely Memorial Education Fund** in memory of her stepdaughter Liz. The fund is supporting our Audubon Discovery Day Camp by providing a full, \$2,000 stipend for one camp instructor per year for as long as its monies last. Friends of Liz have made additional donations, and the Fund now totals \$17,734. This means it will currently support nearly nine years of a camp-instructor stipend. Others who

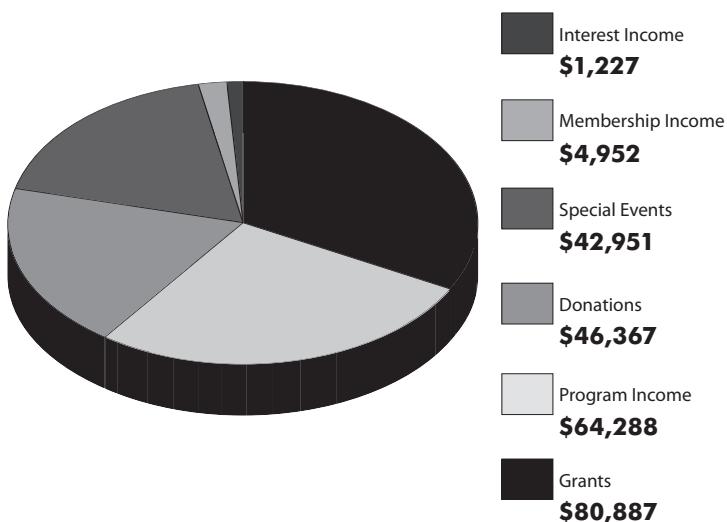
would like to donate to the fund to extend its reach are welcome to do so.

## FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT

Our **treasurer**, Alexander Miller, is a retired research actuary who is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. We continue to employ a very capable part-time **bookkeeper**, Elizabeth Lowe. She works closely with our treasurer on payroll, disbursements, tax reports, and monthly financial statements. On all financial matters, they and our staff and Board follow a **Fiscal Operations Policy Manual** that we have developed to guide all our financial procedures and recordkeeping. Our **accountant** is Chad Lawyer, CPA, of the Martinsburg firm of Ours, Lawyer, Lewis & Company. Our most recent professional audit, covering the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010, found that our books and procedures are in good order.

## PVAS INCOME

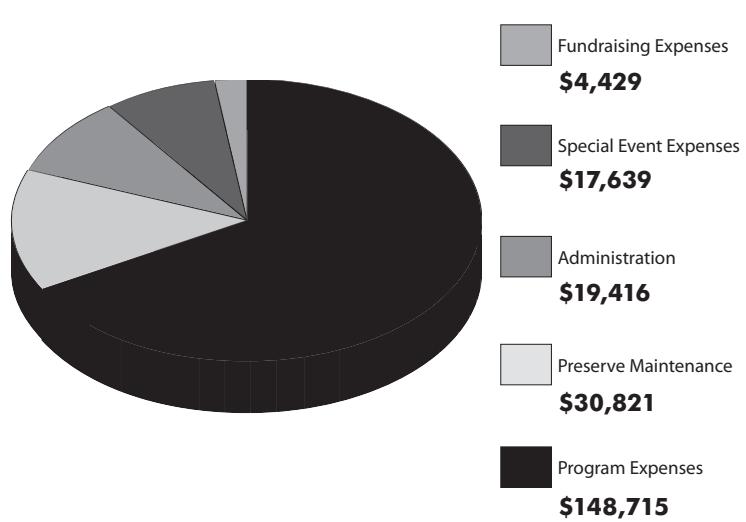
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*\* Income and expense figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 are preliminary and subject to change when this year's audit is completed. Income figure does not include in-kind support.*

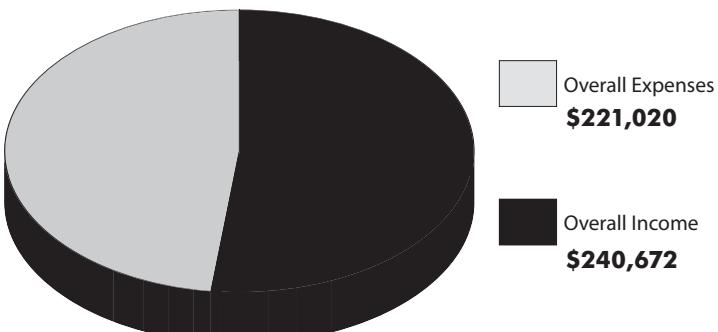
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## OVERALL

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## GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

PVAS continues to be committed to transparency and adherence to the highest best-practice standards for non-profit organizations. This year, thanks to the efforts of volunteer Dan Cogswell, we have continued to refine our new and much-improved database. This database has streamlined all of our recordkeeping and greatly facilitated improved membership and fundraising efforts. We continue to update our Fiscal Operations Policy Manual as new issues arise, and follow best practices in all administrative matters.

## LOOKING AHEAD

As usual, we have several new programs and projects on tap for next year:

- At **Stauffer's Marsh**, we will begin to develop a land management plan, plan trail routes through the preserve that will balance human visitation and enjoyment with bird habitat and protection, design interpretive signage at the preserve, prepare a bird list for visitors, and publish a new preserve brochure.
- Around the first of the year, PVAS will be launching a **new website** that will allow easier communication with members and friends. Among other things, this new site will be easier to navigate, allow participants to register for programs or become members on-line, and host a calendar of events.
- The PVAS Birding Committee will be working on a **Birding Map** for the Eastern Panhandle of WV and Washington County, MD to help birders

from near and far find the rich birding "hotspots" found here.

- As was noted earlier, we hope to have the old stone cottage at the **Eidolon Preserve** re-roofed next summer. After that, the next (and for the time being, last) major infrastructure improvement at the preserve will be the construction of a satellite parking lot and bus turnaround in the vicinity of the cottage. When all that work is done, we'll finally be in a position to begin offering educational programming at the preserve.
- PVAS will be piloting a new preschool program, "Wee Naturalists on the Road," to be delivered to preschools in Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. The program will use puppets, costumes, stories, and role-plays to teach about the natural world and the plants and animals found there. The development and pilot of this new program is being funded by the Two Rivers Giving Circle Donor Advised Fund of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation.



Sunrise at Stauffer's Marsh. Photo by Wil Harshberger, Nature Images and Sounds.

## IN CONCLUSION

So far, PVAS is continuing to weather these uncertain economic times without having to curtail services to the community. And although economic conditions are still unsettled, we continue to be optimistic. We've come a long way since we hired Kristin Alexander as our first and only staff member 11 years ago. Now, we're fortunate to have Kristin as well as Ellen Murphy. Both are capable, dedicated staff, and we have a good management team and many loyal members and friends. And most of all we know that our programs and activities are meeting real community needs and are respected in the community.

One of the main reasons we're able to accomplish so much in times like these is our extensive network of volunteers. These individuals, who come from throughout our region and from all walks of life, play a major role in nearly all of our programs and activities, and many of them make substantial contributions of time and expertise. Some key PVAS activities—like our Master Naturalist Program—are, in fact, managed almost entirely by volunteers.

We're also fortunate to have the assistance of some wonderful, long-time partner organizations. **The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center** continues to be extremely supportive, providing meeting space, professional expertise, volunteers and much more. **Cacapon State Park** also continues to support our efforts in Morgan County by generously providing space for a variety of PVAS activities. We continue to be closely involved with **The Nature Conservancy** through our co-management of the Yankauer and Eidolon Nature Preserves, which the Conservancy owns, and their help and assistance is invaluable.



**The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources** continues to support our Potomac Valley Master Naturalist Program and assist us in other ways. **The Conservation Fund's Freshwater Institute** continues to provide expert assistance with various projects as required. The **United Way of the Eastern Panhandle** continues to offer guidance on non-profit matters, to provide financial support, and to coordinate annual Day of Caring activities that benefit us tremendously.

In recent years, we've gained other partners as well. We greatly appreciate the willingness of **CraftWorks at Cool Spring** to share their wonderful facilities with us. **Shepherd University's Wellness Center** was extraordinarily generous and helpful during this year's "Race for the Birds." **The Friends of the Cacapon River** have been very generous in supporting our Watershed Education Initiative program in Morgan County, and the **Cacapon Institute** assisted with that program significantly in 2011. **Potomac Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development** provided invaluable assistance in funding the completion of a Yankauer Preserve land management plan and invasive plant survey. **St. Joseph Parish School** has been a wonderful new partner with their rain garden project and commitment to involve students in service projects at the Yankauer Preserve. We're very grateful to the **Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission** for allowing us to use the Peter Burr Farm for summer camp sessions. The **Peter Burr Bread Baking Guild and other Peter Burr volunteers** have also been extremely helpful to us. As has been noted previously, we've been working closely with the **City of Ranson** in helping them develop their Flowing Springs Park, and through that partnership we've also been working with the **West Virginia Division of Forestry** and the **West Virginia Conservation Agency**. In addition, **Master Gardeners, Charles Town Rotary, and Job Corps** helped with Flowing Springs Park this year. We're continuing to participate in health fairs sponsored by **Kids in Action** to encourage kids to go outside and play. We look forward to working closely with **USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service** to maintain the Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve.

PVAS always has been—and will continue to be—a team effort, and we thank all those who have helped us this year for their many and varied forms of assistance.

As always, if you have any questions about this report or about the projects described, please do not hesitate to contact us. We truly do enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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# Potomac Valley Audubon Society

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Capon State Park, Berkeley Springs – Donated space for Potomac Valley Master Naturalist Program training sessions and other events.

Chick Fil-A Ranson – Donated 40 sandwiches for Day of Caring Volunteers at Flowing Springs Park.

CraftWorks at Cool Spring Farm – Donated space for master naturalist training programs

James Dillon, Kearneysville – Owner of Native Havens Design/Horticulture Consultation designed and helped build rain garden at St. Joseph Parish School. Donated several trees and shrubs to the project as well.

D. Frank Hill III, Shepherdstown – Donated services for all the legal work associated with the donation Stauffer's Marsh to PVAS.

Historic Shepherdstown – Donated space in the Entler Hotel for semi-monthly PVAS board meetings.

J & J Builders - Jim Harden used backhoe and dump truck to dig trench for rain garden at St. Joseph Parish School.

Nature Niche store, Berkeley Springs – Provided bird feeders at cost for Yankauer Nature Preserve.

Progressive Printing, Martinsburg – Provided regular discount on all printing projects and free posters and postcards for "This Race is for the Birds!"

Sandy Sagalkin, Sharpsburg, MD – Donated tripod and 60 mm zoom telescope with leather case for birding programs.

Gary Sylvester, Martinsburg – Provided tractor services for projects at the Yankauer Preserve and St. Joseph Parish School. Also donated educational supplies for programs.

Cam Tabb – Donated and delivered mulch to Flowing Springs Park for the spring volunteer day, and to the Yankauer Preserve for Day of Caring. Also donated compost, mulch, and topsoil for the rain garden at St. Joseph Parish School.

Through the Garden – Donated compost for the rain garden at St. Joseph Parish School.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center – Donated space for Potomac Valley Master Naturalist Program training, monthly Potomac Valley Nature Photographers meetings, PVAS monthly programs, and other occasional meetings.

Valley Trees, Shepherdstown – Donated services to remove dangerous limb at Yankauer Nature Preserve.

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City of Ranson – \$1,000 to provide programming to students at Ranson Elementary School.

EcoLab, Martinsburg – \$1,500 to provide a scholarship fund for schools that cannot afford PVAS's programs.

Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation – \$2,500 to help underwrite PVAS programming in Title 1 schools.

Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation – \$1,920 to form a partnership with Berkeley Heights Elementary School to offer teacher training in environmental education.

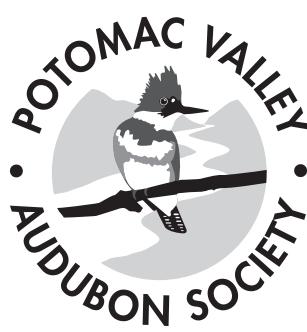
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