

The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Annual Report

1989 to 2011



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The Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Owned by the National Audubon Society
Managed locally by
The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Our Mission:

“Hunt Hill is a wildlife preserve and learning center, open to all, dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation, and protection of the environment.”

2011 FOHHAS Board Highlights:

The FOHHAS Board meets on the fourth Monday of most months (except around the holidays) at 5 pm in the Farmhouse Board Conference Room. The general public is always invited to visit. Priorities for this year have been: finalizing our new lease with National Audubon to operate Hunt Hill for another ten years – however, we hope to get ownership transferred to FOHHAS in the near future, as NAS national leaders have pledged; strengthening the financial base for Hunt Hill’s operations through several new events; continuing innovative new programs with an ever-growing and diverse audience; strengthening relationships with other non-profits in our area (such as the Shell Lake Arts Center, Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, LLPA, WCLRA, charter schools, community education programs and WITC); facilities improvements (see below under Land report)

Land:

The Facilities Committee and the Hunt Hill maintenance staff of Larry & Colette Piskie and many other staff members and volunteers have continued working hard at keeping up the buildings and grounds at Hunt Hill. Facilities improvements included; the Twin Lakes bog education platform; plans for a new outdoor amphitheater between Square and Cross Dorms; rebuilding the chimneys at the Andrews’ cabins on the hill; reorganizing of the gardens; completion of the Cooperation Teambuilding Course (north of the lower campfire circle); completion of the kids’ Eagle Nest (tree house – south of the Program Learning Center near the kids’ sand box); additional split rail fence in front of the Farmhouse camp office; and continuing removal of trees from the restored “prairie” hay meadow. Through the LLPA’s winning of a major grant to fight aquatic invasives, the Twin Lakes at Hunt Hill were included in a Long Lake watershed-wide survey which determined a very high water quality level in our lakes with no aquatic invasives at this point. The consultant, Matt Berg, St Croix Falls, reported he was “very impressed” with the presence of several very sensitive high-quality aquatic species he has rarely seen in northern Wisconsin. Additionally, a volunteer expert on terrestrial invasive plants – Tobin Clark, Cumberland – single-handedly did a sanctuary-wide survey to locate invasive threats anywhere on our property. He found an occasional invasive barberry, buckthorn and honeysuckle, but the biggest threat appeared to be spotted knapweed. He will be submitting a detailed report to our Facilities Committee this winter and suggesting a remedial plan of action to remove these non-native invasive plants to protect Hunt Hill.

Programs 2011

Program Name	2011 (Camper Days/Attendance)	2010 (Camper Days/Attendance)
Summer Camps	865	408
Schools	1431	1487
Programs	584	587
Contracted	992	729
Cakes at the Lake Series	522	929 (not Sept)
Total	4394	4140

2011 Program Staff

2011 turned out to be another great year for programming at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary!

In the spring we hosted 28 school groups who had the opportunity to discover Hunt Hill through hands on exploration and activities. Programs varied based on each school's needs, and popular topics included: habitats, insects, survival and water programs. We had a great mix of new and returning staff that created positive experiences in nature for our visiting youth. The 2011 spring educator staff included: Colleen Johnson, Travis Fountaine, Charlotte Snarski, Gerry Garrison, Sharon Johnson, Amy Strupp, Toby Clark, William Bennett, Amy Frye, Nikki Rukamp, Jessie Schalkowski, Desiree Hartwig, Beverly Stencel, Michelle Jondreau, Storme Nelson and Kelsey Clinton. Thanks to all the spring educators!

To help with our day camp programs as well as the daily camp life Hunt Hill welcomed summer educators: Nikki Rukamp, Sydney Schieffer, Catie Kriplean, Sarah Santa Cruz and Kelsey Clinton. Nikki Rukamp returned from last year and was a wonderful motivator, educator and overall positive ball of energy that the rest of the summer staff looked up to. We were so happy to have her back! Nikki is at UW-Steven Point where she is a dorm RA and is pursuing a major in biology education. Sydney Schieffer, a local of Rice Lake, did a wonderful job - especially as our youngest staff member, leading many of our day camp programs in addition to developing our skull display. Sydney is attending UW-Barron County and is a champion curler! Catie Kriplean, a new staff member from Manasha Wisconsin, developed well planned day camp programs and was a lovely addition to our summer staff. Catie is finishing her last year at UW-Eau Claire with a degree in early education with a minor in library science. Sarah learned about us while she was studying abroad in Ireland and spent the summer developing interactive programming and painting a giant snake on the learning center floor. Sarah is headed to New Zealand where she'll spend the next few months as a volunteer at a national park. Kelsey, a native of Washington State, worked as the LLPA intern- helping with clean boats clean waters and the Cakes at the Lake series and a Hunt Hill educator – where she spent time dressed up as anything from a pirate to a pioneer! Kelsey is now back at school in Louisiana State University where she is finishing her graduate studies in Environmental Science. Great work girls!

In addition to our summer educators, we also invited many specialty educators to Hunt Hill to assist and lead overnight programs during the summer. Eva Apleqvist returned as the Swedish Immersion camp director with the help of Rachel Willson-Broyles. Laura Erickson, Terry Dorsey, Chris Cold, Bruce Bacon and Steve Betchkal led our birding camp. Terry Dorsey also returned to help with the UW-Green Bay RCMS program. We welcomed Pete Ducos as the new Spanish Immersion Director. He did a fabulous job and brought with him Maria Nelson and Virginia Elsen. Volunteers for Spanish Camp included: Dominga Voigtlander, Pilar de la Vega, Rosie Hansen and Sara Ducos.

Thanks to all of our educating staff for making 2011 a GREAT year!

Membership

As of September 1, 2011, there was an 4.7% decrease of 25 members from 2010 to 2011. (530 in 2010 and 505 in 2011). Our membership contains a geographical mix of 83% Wisconsin, 10% Minnesota and 7% other (AZ, CA, CO, FL, IA, IL, MO, MT, ND, NE, NH, OH TX). *Family Membership is counted as three members; Individual as one member; Senior as one or two, depending on payment; Loon, Osprey, Sandhill Crane, Frances Andrews are counted as two members.*

2010 BOARD MEMBERS

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William "Chip" Wood

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Legal: Katherine Stewart

Facilities Committee: Tim McRaith, Linda Thompson, Toby Clark

Finance Committee: Jan Bliss

Fundraising Committee: Jan Bliss, Kathy Hanson, Diane Erdman, Bobbi Freitag, Linda Angeloni, Jill Lehman, Sharon Tarras

Program Committee: Linda Thompson, Gary Dunsmoor, Dave Seis, Amanda Kostner, Gene Romsos





2010 Staff

Executive Director

Storme Nelson

Program Coordinator

Nikki Nelson

Office Manager

Karen Kress/Jan Killian

Maintenance Team

Larry Piskie

Colette Piskie

Cooks

Elizabeth Lewis

Richard Scheppke

2011 Spring Educator Staff

Colleen Johnson

Travis Fountaine

Charlotte Snarski

Sharon Johnson

Amy Strupp

Toby Clark

William Bennett

Amy Frye

Nikki Rukamp

Jessie Schalkowski

Desiree Hartwig

Michelle Jondreau

Storme Nelson

Kelsey Clinton

Summer Educators

Nikki Rukamp

Sydney Schieffer

Catie Kriplean

Sarah Santa Cruz

Kelsey Clinton

Volunteer Educators

Beverly Stencil

Gerry Garrison

Dominga Voigtlander

Pilar de la Vega

Rosie Hansen

Contract Educators

Laura Erickson

Terry Dorsey

Eva Apelqvist

Rachel Willson-Broyles

Chris Cold

Bruce Bacon

Steve Betchkal

Maria Nelson

Pete Ducos

Virginia Elsen

Our 2011 Volunteers

(as of September 1, 2011)

Nick Allen

Maryann Amacher

Paul Amacher

Eva Apelqvist

Jan Bliss

Kathy Chenault

Tobin Clark

Carolyn Cleveland

Gary Davis

Arda Davis

Pilar de la Vega

Paul Donatell

Anne Drake

Sara Ducos

Gary Dunsmoor

Diane Erdman

Paul Finger

Bobbi Freitag

Amy Frye

Gerry Garrison

Dennis Grivna

Rosie Hansen

Kathy Hanson

Desiree Hartwig

Sharon Johnson

Karen Kaufman

Jan Killian

Kinship Kids

Lorna Kology

Amanda Kostner

Karen Kress

George Lever

Ted Lewis

Clarity Lewis

Nancy Lewis

Adam Liegl

Tony Lyne

Peter Medchill

Sue Menzel

Dawn Nelson

Nicole Nelson

Storme Nelson

John Neste

Judy Neste

Lois Nissen

Sue Olson

Derrick Olson

Taylor Page

Larry Piskie

Joan Quenan

Students of RCMS

Mike Reese

Carlotta Romsos

Eugene Romsos

Janine Rueter

Wayne Sabatke

Vivian Sandridge

Laura Sandstrom

Jessica Schalkowski

Michael Schroeder

Sue Schroeder

Dave Seis

Mark Sherman

Charlotte Snarski

Bernie Snarski

David Stariha

Gus Stelzer

Carlin Stelzer

Beverly Stencil

Bill Stewart

Katherine Stewart

Amy Strupp

Todd Strupp

Park Taylor

Tom Terhorst

Linda Thompson

Mary Thostenson

Keith Veldhuizen

Dominga Voigtlander

Volunteers of Americorps

William Wood

Our apologies if we missed anyone who did not sign in as a volunteer at the events. Please let us know ASAP!

Over 127 volunteers and 1888 hours worked through September! Thank you!

2011 Year to Date Budget Summary

As of August 31, 2011

Total Income \$183,533.37

Total Expense \$135,322.14

Income/Loss \$15,921.85

Current Assets \$197,215.80

In Kind Donations (Gifts & Services)

Kevon & Amy Conk	Mary & Randy Nelson	William & Katherine Stewart
Toni Dougherty	Carlotta & Eugene Romsos	Keith Veldhuizen-Vicki Collins
Mary Hemshrot	JoAnn Schmidt	Walt Reul
Karen Kress	Joyce Seever	
Robert & Dorothy Moe	Warren Spiering	

Donations of Funds 9/1/10 to 9/1/11

Arnold & Linda Angeloni	Ranae Gresser	Allan Rosenwald/Mary Grau
Nick Allen	Grand Foundation	Doug & Sandy Rudolph
Jody Babineau	Wayne & Carole Halberg	Janine Rueter/Dorie
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Jessie Gerteis	Kurt & Linda Romsos	Dr. John Works
Paul Goellner & Bette Colville	Carlotta & Eugene Romsos	Kenneth Yoder

Memorial Donations

To Luann Townsend Memorial:

Susan Bentley
Teresa Norris
Gay Semanko

To Marion Borell Memorial:

Maureen Borell & Keith Collis
Dave and Carolyn Cleveland
Mark Brigham
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Dreis Family
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Harold Lindemann
Gary Gronlund
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Ruth Anderson

Helen Block
Nellie Krakau
Mark Collins
Patricia Swanson
Earl Larson
Integra Realty
Denise Arntson
Dale Amundson
Erik Collins
Sharon Mathiason

Scholarships and Grants

Long Lake Preservation Association
RCMS/ Green Bay
WCLRA
WDNR: Citizen Based Monitoring Partnership
XCEL Energy

Endowment

Total endowment value as of August 31, 2011 is \$16,989.06.