

The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Annual Report for 2012



New Amphitheater Cedar Deck with Pergola (located between Cross Dorm and Square Dorm)

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Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
owned by the National Audubon Society
but managed locally by
F.O.H.H.A.S., 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.”

2012 Board Highlights:

The FOHHAS Board usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 5 pm in the Farmhouse Board Conference Room. Meetings are always open to the general public. Priorities for 2012 included:

- conducting a strategic planning session for the Board
- pursuing Hunt Hill ownership transfer from National Audubon to FOHHAS
- securing funding for major facilities additions and improvements
- finding new ways to serve families in northwest Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota
- growing our membership
- building our financial base for Hunt Hill’s operations through new events like Prairie Fling
- strengthening relationships with non-profit partners in our area such as the Shell Lake Arts Center, Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, LLPA, WCLRA, charter schools, community education programs, UW-Barron County and WITC)
- seeking new outreach partnerships with other community organizations like Heartwood Conference & Retreat Center, after-school programs
- preparing for Board member and staff leadership transitions in the near future – including dealing with serious health issues
- incorporating new staff members into camp day-to-day activities

Land:

The Board, Facilities Committee, Hunt Hill maintenance staff of Larry Piskie and John Hartman and many other seasonal staff members and volunteers have worked hard all year to improve buildings and grounds at Hunt Hill.

Facilities improvements included: more bog mats installed for educational purposes; approximately 15 new Leopold benches donated around the central camp and hiking trails, a new outdoor amphitheater between Square and Cross Dorms; the new cedar deck at the Amphitheater, rebuilding the final chimney at the original Andrews’ Cabin on the hill; replacing firewood used in program activities; an Eagle Scout service project by Grant Evans, Chippewa Falls to replace the handrail posts and rope to the Borell Waterfront.

Future projects coming soon will be: new member-sponsored cedar Bluebird houses (nest boxes) on the Prairie Bluebird Trail, repair the rickety boards on the Beaver Pond Footbridge before they become a safety hazard for hikers, replace battery smoke alarms with hard-wired smoke alarm system in the dorms, reroofing the Long Dorm (last building in camp), heating system in the Barn Dining Hall, brighter lights in the Program Learning Center, invasive plant removal in the “hot spot” areas around camp, Farmhouse re-sided, Log Cabin repairs (insect damaged logs), repair the historic root cellar/storm shelter by the cabins on the hill and improve or widen main driveway access into camp.

Programs 2011

<i>Program Name</i>	<i>2012 (Camper Days/ Attendance)</i>	<i>2011 (Camper Days/Attendance)</i>
<i>Summer Camps</i>	499	865
<i>Schools</i>	1406	1431
<i>Programs</i>	743(with Prairie Fling)	584
<i>Contracted</i>	608	992
<i>Cakes at the Lake Series</i>	674	522
<i>Total</i>	3930	4394

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 Stencil, 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 November 1, 2012, there was an 4.7% increase of 131 members from 2011 to 2012. (505 in 2011 and 636 in 2012). 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.

2012 BOARD MEMBERS and OFFICERS:

Carolyn Cleveland, President
Nick Allen, Vice President
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Adam Liegl, Treasurer
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Dennis Grivna
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Wayne Sabatke
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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS (not Board or Staff)

Legal: Katherine Stewart

Facilities Committee: Tobin Clark

Finance Committee: Jan Bliss

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

Program Committee: Gary Dunsmoor, Dave Seis, Gene Romsos





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2012 Staff

Executive Director

Storme Nelson

Program Coordinator

Nikki Nelson

Office Manager

Jan Killian

Maintenance Team

Larry Piskie

John Hartman

Cooks

Carla Cewe

Kim Stephanites

2012 Spring Educator Staff

Toby Clark

Ellen Daniels

James DeNucci

Bambi Forcey

Michelle Gregg

Robin Heier

Colleen Johnson

Sharon Johnson

Jaclyn Ramsey

Amy Schmidt

Charlotte Snarski

Summer Educators

Nikki Rukamp

Catie Kriplean

Sage Dunham

Samantha Anderson

Kevin Zacharyasz

Volunteer Educators

Beverly Stencil

Tony Diehl

Laura Erickson

Contract Educators

Terry Dorsey

Chris Cold

Steve Betchkal

Maria Nelson

Pete Ducos

Virginia Elsen

Our 2012 Volunteers (as of November 1, 2012):

Nick Allen		
Maryann Amacher	Tonya Jahnke	Jessica Schalkowski
Paul Amacher	Christopher Jahnke	Todd Schieffer
Anna Angell	Taylor Johnson	Sally Schieffer
Eva Apelqvist	<i>Sharon Johnson</i>	Michael Schroeder
Cecilia Brierton	Karen Kaufman	Sue Schroeder
Katelyn Brenholt	Jan Killian	Katrice Schuler
Jan Bliss	Alyssa King	Dave Seis
Kathy Chenault	Ruth King	Jim Shattuck
Lenny Chenault	Lorna Kology	Kathy Shattuck
Tobin Clark	<i>Amanda Kostner</i>	Mark Sherman
Carolyn Cleveland	George Lever	Lisa Short
Dave Cleveland	<i>Ted Lewis</i>	Cathy Sigmund
Gary Davis	<i>Clarity Lewis</i>	Kaitlyn Sigmund
Arda Davis	<i>Nancy Lewis</i>	Alex Snarski
Libbie Detrent	Adam Liegl	Charlotte Snarski
Tony Diehl	Becky Licht	Gigi Stafne
Toni Dougherty	<i>Tony Lyne</i>	David Stariha
Anne Drake	<i>Peter Medchill</i>	Gus Stelzer
Anita Drost	Sue Menzel	<i>Carlin Stelzer</i>
Sara Ducos	Ted Moravec	Beverly Stencil
Gary Dunsmoor	Marissa Myers	Bill Stewart
Laura Erickson	Dawn Nelson	Katherine Stewart
<i>Diane Erdman</i>	Mary Nelson	<i>Amy Strupp</i>
Linda Farrell	Nicole Nelson	<i>Sharon Tarras</i>
Jim Farrell	Storme Nelson	Jan Tarnow
<i>Paul Finger</i>	Jack Nessen	Larry Tarnow
Linda Flottem	<i>John Neste</i>	Park Taylor
<i>Bobbi Freitag</i>	<i>Judy Neste</i>	Tom Terhorst
<i>Amy Frye</i>	Lois Nissen	Linda Thompson
<i>Gerry Garrison</i>	<i>Sue Olson</i>	Mary Thostenson
Josiah Gregg	<i>Derrick Olson</i>	Joe Thrasher
Dennis Grivna	Taylor Page	Marsha VanBuskirk
<i>Rosie Hansen</i>	Steve Parliament	Phyllis VanWyhe
Kathy Hanson	<i>Joan Quenan</i>	Keith Veldhuizen
Kay Harness	Students of RCMS	Emmanuel Vives
Jill Hartman	<i>Mike Reese</i>	Emma Voight
John Hartman	Carrie Romsos	Alissa Young
Brittany Hedlund	Carlotta Romsos	Adrianna Young
Nancy Hedlund	Eugene Romsos	
Krissi Hoffman	Dale Romsos	
Maxine Indrebo	Charlotte Ross	
Dick Indrebo	<i>Janine Rueter</i>	
Emily Jackson	Wayne Sabatke	
Lois Jackson	<i>Laura Sandstrom</i>	

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 November! Thank you!

2012 Year to Date Budget Summary (As of October 31, 2012)

Total Income	\$229,762.66	Income/Loss	\$19,828.29
Total Expense	\$176,667.30	Current Assets	\$180,968.59

In Kind Donations (Gifts & Services):

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To Rick Thompson

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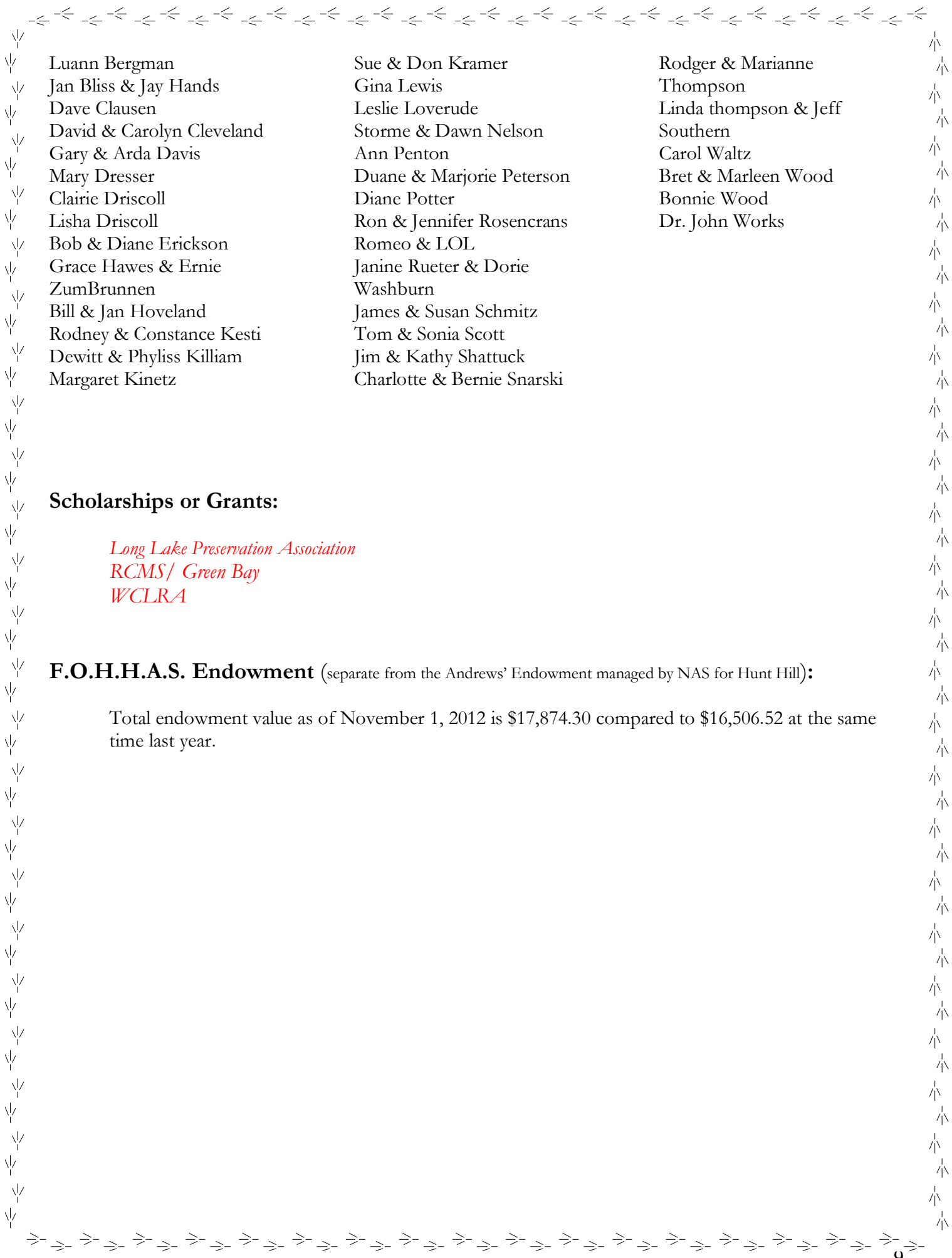
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Scholarships or Grants:

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F.O.H.H.A.S. Endowment (separate from the Andrews' Endowment managed by NAS for Hunt Hill):

Total endowment value as of November 1, 2012 is \$17,874.30 compared to \$16,506.52 at the same time last year.