

# The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

## Annual Report

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1989 to 2004



**The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.**

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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 sanctuary and learning center dedicated to promoting a greater appreciation and understanding of the environment. (From Strategic Plan - 2003)

## **Our Philosophy:**

Respect for the land is fundamental to our decisions and activities. We strive to preserve and protect the properties and creatures of Hunt Hill.

We believe in:

- Nature study and learning through hands-on field experiences.
- Quality education in a safe environment, promoting self-esteem, respect and awareness.
- Availability of environmental education for all, regardless of social/economic status.
- Providing quality, year-round, environmental educational programs for diverse audiences.

## **Strategic Plan Vision Statements:**

1. Hunt Hill will be a recognized and respected year-round environmental learning center, providing excellent hands-on experiences for diverse audiences.
2. Hunt Hill will promote and practice conservation of the natural environment.
3. Hunt Hill will be a sanctuary where there is harmony between human presence and conservation of the natural environment and cultural history of this site.
4. Hunt Hill will become economically independent, and achieve greater freedom of action to grow, through collaborating with current and new partners in pursuit of mutual values.

## **Highlights of 2004:**

- New Highway Sign at County M and Audubon Road (Eagle Project of Steve Janetski, Birchwood).
- New Waterfront equipment storage building, life jackets and canoe paddles (Eagle Project of Mike Powers, Spooner).
- New groups included UW-Eau Claire Upward Bound, Ventures Unlimited and Indian Waters Girl Scout Day Camp.
- Library and Long Dorm stained.
- Additional Adirondack chairs placed around campfire ring by Library.
- Bat Houses placed on Barn to encourage larger colony of Little Brown Bats in central camp.
- 15 Leopold Benches placed out on the hiking trails, with help from a Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (W.E.E.B.) grant.
- “New” (used) carpeting and new nature display areas placed in the Program Garage.
- “New” (used) camp vehicles donated: a Ford Explorer and a Mercury Villager mini-van.
- Major updating and expansion of the Blue Bird Trail (houses & feeding areas) out in the “Prairie”
- New Nature Trail Signs also with help from a W.E.E.B. grant

# The Friends of Hunt Hill in Review

## Land

FOHHAS, Inc. currently is responsible for managing land totaling 513 acres. The Hunt Hill property includes 12 buildings. There are almost ten miles of trails and two foot bridges. Possible changes in the land holdings are being pursued and additional land buffers around the core property of Hunt Hill may soon be explored to prevent development too close to Hunt Hill. New State Natural Area signs have arrived and will be put up along our road to show people which areas are included.

## Programs

2004 offered another year of successful programs. **110 programs** were offered with **3506 people** attending Hunt Hill programs throughout the season. Staff also represented Hunt Hill at several festivals, speaking engagements and conferences. This year witnessed the return to three full weeks of Spanish Immersion, the addition of another week-long resident camp: the UW – Eau Claire Upward Bound program, a Ventures, Ltd camp day for those with disabilities and the second annual Department of Natural Resources' Volunteer Carnivore Tracking workshop. Other public programs included winter camping programs, new day camp themes, the LLPA Fall Watershed Fair, a hiking club, butterfly gardens and three new "Cakes At the Lake" Pancake Breakfast/program series in cooperation with the Long Lake Preservation Association. 75 family members attended Trail of Myths, including one Girl Scout troop and Kinship of Barron County members.

## Staff

Mary Dresser, Program Coordinator had a nice opportunity and departed in April for Tennessee. Hunt Hill will miss her! Interim School Programs Coordinators Natalie Haley (spring) and Linda Austin (fall) did wonderful jobs; and short-term Program Director David Paulson filled the breach for the summer season. Second year Cooks Jon Gauvin and Maija-Liisa Phernetton continued to provide excellent meals and friendly faces in the refurbished Dining Hall. Special mention must also be made of our foreign camp staff member from Sweden – enthusiastic, hard-working Rebecca Heijke.

## Facilities

The Facilities Committee and Maintenance staff worked well together throughout the year on several key projects, bat house installation, a new roof on Cross Dorm and a new water well at the historic cabins up on the hill (both thanks to National Audubon Society) and a newly insulated roof on the Log Cabin (thanks to the Minneapolis Foundation). Eagle Scout projects included wooden lakefront storage barn, new survival kiosk and roadside sign at M and Audubon road. Thanks go to Larry & Colette Piskie, in our Maintenance department for all their hard work and on several occasions to their volunteer son David. Six new chairs and 200 new trail markers were painted, made 20 new interpretive signs and dug holes with volunteer help, the Library and Long Dorm were repainted, dorm shutter panels were repaired and repainted, posts for the new nature trail were prepared, and upgrades to the business office included more insulation and new paint to brighten the ceiling and windows, researched and purchased pontoon, planted new donated butterfly garden with volunteer help and upgraded and expanded vegetable beds, spent over 100 hours on tractor mowing and moving dirt. Even the cold fall-like weather of August didn't slow down the grass growth with all the rain we had, so there was as much mowing as ever. In their spare time, between groups, they cleaned, hauled garbage, did laundry and cleaned some more. But the entire camp looks wonderful – a tribute to their hard work.

## Membership

There was an increase in membership of 13% in 2004 over 2003 (464 members in 2004 over 406 members in 2003). Our membership contains a geographical mix of 68% Wisconsin, 21% Minnesota and 11% other (Az, Co, Ca, IA, IL, KS, MI, MO MN, ND, NA, NH, TN, WY).

Memberships are now on a calendar year basis (January 1-December 31) with renewal notices being sent out in October of each year. 2004 supporting member categories include Senior (\$15+), Individual (\$25+), Family (\$50+). Additional levels of recognition are Osprey (\$100+), Sandhill Crane (\$250+), Loon (\$500+) and Frances Andrews Club (\$1,000+).

## 2004 BOARD MEMBERS

Carol Heim, President	Jan Bliss
Wayne Sabatke, Vice President	John Gozdziwski
William "Chip" Wood, Secretary	Tim McRaith
Scott Hanson, Treasurer	John Works
Nick Allen	

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

<i>Technology:</i> Nancy Chick	<i>Finance:</i> Vicki Shaffer	<i>Legal:</i> Katherine Stewart
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## STAFF 2004

### Executive Director

Storme Nelson

### Program Coordinator

Mary Dresser  
David Paulson

### Office Manager

Karen Kress (from April 2003)

### Maintenance Team

Larry Piskie  
Colette Piskie

### Cooks

Maija-Liisa Phernetton  
Jon Gauvin  
Sue Menzel, Assistant

### Volunteer Educators

Bob Dreis  
Rhonda Tisdell

### Contract Educators

Terry Dorsey  
Dennis Grivna

### Other Summer Staff

Anna Mielke, Junior Counselor  
Chris Hagen, Junior Counselor  
Nathan Tisdell, Lifeguard

### Season/Educational

Linda Austin  
Gary and Arda Davis  
Natalie Haley  
Sarah Halvorson  
Rebecca Heijke  
Adam Krowka  
Heidi Mielke  
Sue Menzel  
Nikki Nelson  
Marlo Schield  
Shawn Tisdell  
Arianne Wack



## Our 2004 Volunteers

Nick Allen	Mike Lemoine	Sue Schroeder
Eva Apelqvist	Brittney Lepley	Vickie Shaffer
Linda Austin	Richard Long	Kenny Slabaugh
Jan Bliss	Jannifer Long	Megan Smith
Nancy Chick	Tony Lyne	Michelle Smith
Wanda Circle	Jake McCusker	Katherine Stewart
Peter Davidson	Jean McCusker	Bill Stewart
Arda Davis	Emilee McCusker	Linda Thompson
Gary Davis	Tim McRaith	Roger Thorp
Bob Dreis	Sue Menzel	Marge Thorp
Betty Dreis	Alan Nauertz	Nate Tisdell
Alden Drew	Jenny Neinfeldt	Shawn Tisdell
Erin Flehmer	Storme Nelson	Marsha Van Buskirk
Mario Fuchs	Judy Nelson	Marilyn Vig
Katie Haines	Abby Nelson	Darcy Vrieze
Natalie Haley	Dawn Nelson	Kayle Vrieze
Scott Hanson	Lois Nissen	Andrew Vrieze
Carol Heim	Ole Odden	Amelia Wack
Bill Hoveland	Mimi Pollard	Patty Wack
Joakim Jarvis	Gene Prigge	Pete Wagar
Sofia Jarvis	Jean Rasmussen	Dorie Washburn
Char Komoto	Linda Ruedy	Tracy White
Cary Komoto	Don Ruedy	William Wood
Kara Komoto	Wayne Sabatke	Jan Wood
Kendra Komoto	Laura Sandstrom	John Works

**Over 73 volunteers and 969 hours worked! Thank you!**

## 2004 Budget Summary

As of October 31, 2004

Total Income	\$185,232.07	Income/Loss	-\$20,615.84
Total Expense	206,894.17	Current Assets	\$119,151.60

## **In Kind Donations** (Gifts & Services)

Nick Allen	Jodee Kulp	Dianne Seyler
Linda and Bill Austin	Pam and Don Loftus	Barb and Ken Stern
Jim Brown	Barb Mielke	Marge and Roger Thorp
Mary Dresser	Storme and Dawn Nelson	Shawn and Rhonda Tisdell
Barb Emerson	Mike Powers	USDA/ Scott Haley
Bobbie and Rick Freitag	Michael and Dawn Richter	Marsha and Ted Van Buskirk
Dennis and Marlys Grivna	Ron Rosencrans	Marilyn Vig
Staci Hammersberg	Ruth Saari	Patricia Wack
Bill and Jan Hoveland	Mary Lou Saterbak	William and Jan Wood
Carol Kettner and John Peter	Sue and Michael Schroeder	Dr. John Works
Karen Kress	Terry Schultz	

## **Donations of Funds**

Del and Laurie Bakkum	Paul and Sue Johnston	Vickie and Dave Shaffer
Stephen and Gloria Carlson	Zehra Avsar Key	Mrs. Judith Shepard
Paul Chase	Dwight and Lynda Marquardt	Spooner Master Gardeners
Community First Bank	Bob and Diane Marsh	William and Katherine Stewart
Mort and Stephanie Dahl	Jan Meese & Charlie Mayo	Don and Pauli Storm
Terry and Diane Dorsey	Minneapolis Hiking Club	Drs J Bradley & Ann Swanson
Edwin and Akemi Fischer	Storme and Dawn Nelson	Linda Thompson & Jeff
Andy and Sarah Freeman	Linnea Olesen	Southern
Paul Goellner & Bette Colville	Nicholas Olmsted	Roberta and Richard Wilkes
Carol Heim	Michael and Patricia Pesko	Jerry and Becky Woelfel
Gary and Mary Jane Horvat	Les and Louise Rogers	William and Jan Wood
Mark and Barbara Johnson	Wayne Sabatke	

Gail Fuad in honor of Marion and Marvin Borell  
Karen Goelzer-McKaig in memory of her mother Ellen Chase  
Nancy LaFreniere in memory of Mary Raboin  
Linnea Olesen in memory of Jim Olesen  
Virginia Roise in honor of Marion Borell  
Dennis and Karen Sackreiter in memory of her mother Mabel Foss  
Nicholas Olmsted in honor of William and Wendy Olmsted

### ***Adopt a Chair or Leopold Bench***

Jennifer Brigham and Dan Beebe  
Nancy Chick and Peter Davidson  
Eunice Laveau  
Janice McClelland and Jeff Marquardt

### ***In Memory of Arnold Hovey***

Marion Borell  
Stuart and Martha Greene

## **Scholarships and Grants**

Kiwanis Club of Spooner	Richard Grand Foundation
Minneapolis Audubon Society	Spooner Tourism
Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter	WEEB
Minneapolis Foundation	

## **Endowment**

Jennifer Brigham and Dan Beebe	Janice McClelland and Jeff Marquardt
Terry and Diane Dorsey	Judy Brigham Shepard
Greg Hill	





## Membership Giving 2004

### Frances Andrews Club Level

William and Katherine Stewart

### Organizations/Other

Schmitz Economart

Indianhead Credit Union

Ventures Unlimited

### Loon Level

Marion Borell

Donald Cornue

Dawn and Storme Nelson

DoryVallier

### Sandhill Crane Level

Nick Allen

Bill and Carol Dresser

Carol Heim

Janice McClelland & Jeffrey

Marquardt

Ann Penton & Connie Nadeau

Peter & Karen Quam

Rita Schroeffer

William and Jan Wood

### Osprey Level

Mark Aderman

Janet Balding

Judy and Mark Brigham

Jennifer Brigham & Dan Beebe

Carol and Don Buckman

Nancy Chick & Peter Davidson

Gary and Arda Davis

Alice Droske

Edwin & Akemi Fischer

Buzz & Karen Flolid

Linda & Calvin Harfst

Robert Hasman

Betty Keough

Marilyn & Bruce Konkler

Linda Krach

Bill and Dori Littell

Joel & Barbara Mielke

Sam Nadon-Nichols

Lois Nissen

Diane & Roger Noe

Wayne Sabatke

Bob & Sally Schwarz

Mrs. Judith B Shepard

Peter Spink

Beverly Stencil

Marilyn Vig

### Individual Level

Matt Achor

Lori Allard

Carol Beatty

Stephanie Becker

Andrea Belka

Connie Breunig

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▽	<b>Individual cont'd</b>	Julie Hustvet	Laura Sandstrom
▽	Cecillia Brierton	David Jacobson	Sue Schroeder
▽	John Broadfoot	Glen Johnson	Teri Schult
▽	Jeanne Chamberlain	Linda Kewith	Judy Slocum
▽	Russell Dougherty	John Krakau	Barb Spranger
▽	Mary Dresser	Barbara Kratochvil	Marty Springer
▽	Jamie Dunn	Adam Krowka	Marie Sweeney
▽	Susan Fahlberg Erway	Mary Leaf	Daniel Tholen
▽	Tim Filbert	Charles Lewis	Bill Thomas
▽	Patrick Fox	James Lola	Paul Tobiason
▽	Carol Gainer	Mary Mercier	Del Tura
▽	Karol Gresser	Evelyn Mommsen	Marsha Van Buskirk
▽	Dennis Grivna	Carol Nulsen	Keith Veldhuizen
▽	Sue Gunder	Mindy Ahler Olstead	Lori Lynn Walljasper
▽	Scott Hanson	Eric Olson	Joan Weaver
▽	Shirley Hile	Diann Parker	John Wendt
▽	Greg Hill	Bonnie Picard	Alan Zimbrick
▽	Mildred Holen	Charlene Roise	
▽	Carol Hughes	Ruth Saari	
▽	<b>Senior Level</b>		
▽	Arden Aanestad	Helen German	Mabel Perry
▽	Francene Ackerman	Grant Gilbertson	Duane and Marjorie Peterson
▽	Ardis and Dale Amundson	Pat Graven	Francis Petras
▽	Marvin and Carol Anderson	David and Mary Herrick	Sandra Raby
▽	Ray and Pat Address	Patricia Hoffman	George Radl
▽	Gerry Baker	Marjorie Hoyer	Rita Reffner
▽	Judith and Robert Balderson	Mary Ann Kies & Phil Mayer	Lorraine Richter
▽	Nita Baum	Harold & Jenny Kieseewetter	Edgar and June Rogier
▽	Carol and Duane Berg	Marilyn and Bruce Konkler	Carlotta and Eugene Romsos
▽	Charles and Janet Bregh	Eunice Laveau	Fran & William Roney
▽	Clara Bleak	Bob and Mary Lee	Evelyn Safeblade
▽	Helen Blumer	Irene Lindberg	Ron Sandas
▽	John Bolles	Harold & Marjorie Lindemann	Mary Sandberg
▽	Gayle and Milan Brecka	Shirley Lindquist	Ted Schwenker
▽	Char and Doug Brown	Dan and Linda Lubensky	D.K. and Marilyn Sippy
▽	Ruth Brown	Pauline Ludwig	Dr. Stanley & Nancy Skadron
▽	Doret Burnett	Mary Kay Lynch	Kenneth Slabaugh
▽	Trudy Cayo	Delores Magnus	Maryellen Smith
▽	Clyde Charette	Marvis Maron	Barb & Richard Sweet
▽	Earl and Linda Cook	Martha and Robert Matte	Roy Swenson
▽	Dale and Carole Crisler	Mr & Mrs. John Mauritz	John and Patricia Telfer
▽	Donald & Ruthanna Davidson	Jom and Elissa McAlear	Jean Tesmer
▽	Douglas Dunlap	David & Delores McMullin	Roger and Marianne Thompson
▽	Jack and Vonnie Durand	Peter Medchill	Mary Ellen Vetter
▽	Donald and Jan Erickson	Lois and Miles Miller	Pat and Pete Wagar
▽	John and Bernadette Friedell	Betty Morland	Frankie and Ralph Zenisek
▽	Ron Gehler	Lanie Paymar & Curt Sward	Susan and Don Zenisek
▽	<b>Family Level</b>		
▽	Elaine Adams	Del and Laurie Bakkum	Harry and Nancy Blaisdell
▽	Wickham and Margaret Allen	Victor and Ruth Barela	Fred Blake
▽	Kristen Allen and David Trechter	Allen and Judie Barta	Jan Bliss and Jay Hands
▽		Gail Behrens & Myk McArdle	John and Sandy Bonneville



**Family cont'd**

Bruce and Laura Bray  
John and Sharon Brodhum  
Ron and Jeanne Brown  
Carolyn Burnett & John Cook  
Kevin & Sandra Campbell  
Michael and Leslie Connelly  
Pat Cowan and Tim Bell  
Mark & Cindy Cummings  
Ann Cunningham  
Elaine & Fred Dietrich  
Terry & Diane Dorsey  
Betty & Bob Dreis  
Tim and Rose Dulac  
Dorothy and George Dumontier  
Keith Dunder and Katie Kraemer  
Nancy Endsley  
Audrey and Daryl Erdman  
Diane and Jim Erdman  
Fran and Robin Fate  
Bobbie and Rick Freitag  
Brad Genereaux  
Mary Grau & Allan Rosewald  
Doug and Sheila Crow  
David and Janeice Haessig  
Kevin Hagen & Kathy Bartilson

Helen and John Hoar  
Harry and Sandy Hoecherl  
Bud and Jerri Hoekstra  
Lyle Holm  
Mary Holman & Neil Brastad  
Gary and Mary Jane Horvat  
Bill and Jan Hoveland  
Don and Sharon Jerabek  
Donna and Mark Johnson  
Paul and Sue Johnston  
Sharon and Rudy Kessler  
Carol Kettner and John Peter  
Greg and Edith Kittensen  
Cary, Char, Kendra, Kara Komoto  
Paul Lorentzen & Sandy Buecul  
Karen Margolis and Robert Simonds  
Dick and Linda Martens  
Rudy and Avis Matzke  
Richard and Carol Meyer  
Steve and Tammy Miltz-Miller  
Lisa Mink  
Tracey Mofle  
C. John and Judy Neste  
Cora and Bill Noble  
Linnea Olesen

Dr. Gary Pearson  
Allen and Anne Pederson  
Jodi and Dick Plummer  
Cindy and Mark Polson  
Bruce and Sara Qualey  
Les and Louise Rogers  
Janine Rueter & Dorie Washburn  
Mary Lou Saterbak  
James and Susan Schmit  
Kathie and Lou Schneider  
Gordon Shay  
Don and Jenny Strunk, Jr  
Steve Strusinski  
Lee and Dotty Swan  
Kathy and John Terrell  
Linda Thompson & Jeff Southern  
Marge and Roger Thorp  
John Voigt Family  
Mark and Darcy Vrieze  
Patricia Wack  
Paul Wagner & Cindy Schlosser  
Heidi and Mark Weber  
Dr. John, Ann & Robert Works

