

The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Annual Report

1989 to 2005



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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. (from Strategic Planning 2005)

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 2005:

- New Program Director Brian Arnold joined Hunt Hill, from Mauston, WI
- Foreign camp staff member Andrew Kirby, from Wales, and new Assistant Cook Bill Wolf, from Birchwood, WI, joined our summer staff
- University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Upward bound program welcomed to Hunt Hill as another week-long residential camp
- Transitioned the Spanish Immersion camps to new sponsor Resource Center of the America's, Minneapolis, MN, assuring its continuation as one of the most popular, longest running programs at Hunt Hill
- Added two more (5 total) Cakes at the Lake pancake breakfasts and programs
- Finished clean up of the two historic Andrews' cabins to make them usable again
- Stained exteriors and trim of all the dorms in central camp
- New thermal pane windows installed in the Farmhouse Camp Office second story
- Refinished floor of Cross Dorm central lobby area
- Added three rain garden demonstration sties by the Barn/dining Hall and Dorms
- Re-roofed the Kitchen
- New waterfront canoe storage rack and launch walkway thanks to Eagle Scout Sam Erickson, St. Paul, MN
- Tedious, painstaking, refinishing of all 75 wooden chairs in the Barn Dining Hall completed by Colette
- Cleaned up and replanted the perennial flower and organic vegetable gardens around main camp buildings

- Removed old dock at Waterfront – new roll-in dock to be installed in spring
- Plans made for handicapped accessible observation deck/outdoor classroom looking over the Twin Lakes
- New State Natural Area signs received and put up
- Repainted or replaced all the white directional arrow signs on roads coming to Hunt Hill
- Bought two new desk top computers for the office, a new laptop computer for field work, and a new PowerPoint projector for computerized slide show presentations to camps, youth groups, service clubs, other community groups, and schools – all through a grant from the Grand Foundation

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. Future changes in the land holdings are being pursued and additional land buffers around the core property of Hunt Hill will hopefully be acquired to prevent development too close to Hunt Hill. New State Natural Area signs have been put up along our road to show people which areas are included.

Programs

2005 offered another year of successful programs. **98 programs** were offered with **5107 people**(counted as camper days, meaning if a camper was here for a 4 day camp, they are counted as 4 visitors) attending Hunt Hill programs throughout the year. Staff also represented Hunt Hill at several speaking engagements, conferences and seminars. This year witnessed both Day camp programs doubling their numbers, Youth Ecology Adventure doubling its numbers, Spanish Immersion having 3 weeks of 40 plus attendees, and a Department of Natural Resources Training Session of Forest Raptors. Other programs included two sessions on Building and planting Rain Gardens, Excel Energy Foundation meeting, PEO meeting, 5 “Cakes at the Lakes” Breakfast and programs in cooperation with the Long Lake Preservation Association, and the LLPA Fall Watershed Fair. 162 family members attended the Trail of Myths, including Girl Scout Troops from Spooner, Shell Lake, and Hayward, and Pioneer Church Youth Group.

Staff

Hunt Hill welcomed many new faces to the staff in 2005! Brian Arnold came in as the Program Director; Bill Wolf as the assistant Cook; Kristin Lulich, Shannon Severud, and Janine McNulty as School Educators; Alice Croisant, Jennifer Rothe, Kristin Lulich, and Jhon Afridi as Summer Educators; Katie Haines, Amelia Wack, and Janae Bruenig as Camp Counselors; and Bjorn Larson, Marty Smith, Amelia Wack, Janae Bruenig, and Keith Trembath as Life Guards. Returning staff members were Maija-Liisa Phernetton as the Head Cook; Arianne Wack as and Summer Educator and Life Guard; Linda Austin, Gary Davis, Arda Davis, Patty Wack, Shawn Tisdell and Marlo Scheild as School Educators; Chris Hagen as Camp Counselor; And Shawn and Nathan Tisdell as Life Guards. Special mention of our foreign camp staff member from Wales – enthusiastic, and entertaining Andrew “Drew” Kirby.

Facilities

2005 was a great year for the Facilities committee – Chair Nick Allen and members: Larry Piskie, Chip Wood, Tim McRaith, and Storme Nelson. Many of the improvements for the year (see Highlights) were the results of work by this group of volunteers, or maintenance staff Larry and Colette Piskie.

In addition to the many small projects, there were several multi-year projects completed and work was begun on some future major improvements for Hunt Hill. All the **gardens** (vegetable, perennials, butterfly, annuals) received a major boost from Colette Piskie and volunteers. The butterfly garden was especially enhanced with a **hand-made picket fence** from Colette. Attempts were even made to “deer-proof” gardens around the camp by planting flowers that deer are not normally interested in – didn’t work very well. The **rain gardens through the LLPA** were also a big success in just their first year – everyone is anxious to see them fill out even more in following years. **Exterior staining and trim of all the central camp buildings and the cabins** up on the hill has now been completed in-house by our own maintenance staff saving thousands of dollars and they look great! **Three more roofs were replaced** guaranteeing the long-term protection these old buildings deserve. The old waterfront dock with eighteen of the 20’ pipe pilings extracted an inch at a time by come-along) has been removed so the brand **new aluminum roll-in dock** through the Grand Foundation can be put in next spring. This fall the plans, permits and footings will be completed for a new **handicapped-accessible observation deck and outdoor classroom** looking out over the Twin Lakes from an area just in back of the Farmhouse Camp Office. This new structure will enhance our program offerings and meeting space for everyone – including the disabled and elderly – to enjoy the view of the lakes and observations of eagles, osprey, herons, and cranes in the valley. Several attempts were made to do a prairie burn, but the weather continued to be uncooperative. Finally, the committee continued prioritizing future work projects, including additional winterized buildings to serve more visitors with new programs

Membership

There was a decrease of 18 members from 2004 to 2005. (464 in 2004 and 446 in 2005) Our membership contains a geographical mix of 71% Wisconsin, 17% Minnesota and 12% other (FL, CO, CA, IA, IL, KY, MI, MO, MT, ND, NH, PA).

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+).

2005 BOARD MEMBERS

Carol Heim, President	Jan Bliss
Wayne Sabatke, Vice President	Tim McRaith
William “Chip” Wood, Secretary	Linda Thompson
Adam Liegl, Treasurer	Tracy White
Nick Allen	John Works

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Website: Nancy Chick *Finance:* Vicki Shaffer *Legal:* Katherine Stewart

STAFF 2005

Executive Director

Storme Nelson

Program Coordinator

Brian Arnold

Office Manager

Karen Kress

Maintenance Team

Larry Piskie

Colette Piskie

Cooks

Maija-Liisa Phernetton

Bill Wolf

Volunteer Educators

Bob Dreis

Chris Cold

Chad Uran

Contract Educators

Terry Dorsey

Dennis Grivna

Other Summer Staff

Chris Hagen, Camp Counselor

Amelia Wack, Camp Counselor
Lifeguard

Janae Bruenig, Camp Counselor
Lifeguard

Katie Haines, Camp Counselor

Nate Tisdell, Lifeguard

Bjorn Larson, Lifeguard

Marty Smith, Lifeguard

Keith Trembath, Lifeguard

Shawn Tisdell, Lifeguard

Season/Educational

Linda Austin

Arda Davis

Gary Davis

Kristin Lulich

Jhon Afridi

Jennifer Rothe

Alice Croisant

Andrew "Drew" Kirby

Marlo Schield

Shawn Tisdell

Arianne Wack

Patty Wack

Shannon Severud

Janine McNulty

Our 2005 Volunteers

Jhon Afridi

Nick Allen

Brian Arnold

Linda Austin

Alex Bezzerides

Julie Bezzerides

Jan Bliss

Nancy Chick

Nancy Christel

Peter Davidson

Arda Davis

Gary Davis

Georgia Dettmers

Bob Dreis

Betty Dreis

Amber Fischer

Judy Fischer

Girl Scouts

David Haessig

Natalie Haley

Peggy Hanson

Carol Heim

Steve Henshrot

Mary Henshrot

Annette Hoffman

Kurt Holtz

Karen Kaufman

Jim Kleven

Bruce Konkler

Adam Liegl

James Lola

Kristin Lulich

Tony Lyne

Gary Marko

Laurie Marko

Tim McRaith

Storme Nelson

Judy Nelson

Larry Piskie

David Piskie

Colette Piskie

Gene Prigge

Jean Rasmussen

Eugene Romsos

Carlotta Romsos

Janine Rueter

Wayne Sabatke

Laura Sandstrom

Sue Schroeder

Dave Seius

Alyssa Smith

Bill Thomas

Linda Thompson

Marge Thorp

Marsha Thorp

Marsha Van Buskirk

Patty Wack

Dorie Washburn

Joan Weaver

Tracy White

William Wood

Jan Wood

John Works

Over 80 volunteers and 1010 hours worked! Thank you!

2005 Budget Summary

As of October 31, 2005

Total Income	\$159,168.90	Income/Loss	\$-8,638.34
Total Expense	\$168,135.46	Current Assets	\$103,207.41

In Kind Donations (Gifts & Services)

Sue Schroeder	Saterbak Family	Nick Allen
Linda and Bill Austin	Karen Kress	Pat and Pete Wagar
Kevin McMullin	Robin Williamson	Jerry Sigmund
Karen Kaufman	Bonzi Wuebben	David and Jeneice Haessig
Lois Nissen	Arrow Building Center	John Haack

Donations of Funds

John and Alice Droske in memory of Margaret Gutche
Maro and Mary Tozzi in memory of Robert Lawson
Nancy LaFreniere in memory of Dorothy Jensen
Bill and Dori Littell

In Memory of Eugene Goellner

Robert and Joan Kocher	William and Katherine Stewart	Dr. Paul Sanford
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Bob and Yvonne Colville	Myrna and Robert Ulland	
D.K. and Marilyn Sippy	Linda and Bob Peterson	

Scholarships and Grants

Kiwanis Club of Spooner
Minneapolis Audubon Society
Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter
Paul and Sue Johnston
Dawn and Storme Nelson

Endowment

Drs Mark Van Etten and Beverly Bohac	Bill and Dori Littell
Kathie and Lou Schneider	

Membership Giving 2005

Frances Andrews Club Level

William and Katherine Stewart

Organizations/Other

Holm Electric	Community First Bank	Long Lake Preservation Assoc
Indianhead Credit Union	Dale Hanson	David and Jane Toft
Schmitz Economart	Delores Nickels	

Loon Level

Carol Heim	Storme and Dawn Nelson
Steve and Tammy Miltz-Miller	Dory Vallier

Sandhill Crane Level

Nick Allen	Janice McClelland and Jeffrey	Bill Thomas
Bill and Carol Dresser	Marquardt	William and Jan Wood
	Bob and Sally Schwarz	

Osprey Level

Janet Balding	Peggy Hanson	Dr. Gary Pearson
David Bihrlle and Michele	Linda and Calvin Harfst	Peter and Karen Quam
Byron	Robert Hasman	Douglas and Sue Raether
Patricia and James Bollensen	Jean Howell	Les and Louise Rogers
Carol and Don Buckman	Betty Keough	Janine Rueter and Dorie
Stephen and Gloria Carlson	Linda Kewith	Washburn
Stephen Cornelius	Linda Krach	Wayne Sabatke
Gary and Arda Davis	Karen Margolis and Robert	Kathie and Lou Schneider
Angie and George Farrell	Simonds Family	Judith Shepard
Edwin and Akemi Fischer	Joel and Barbara Mielke	Marilyn Vig
Buzz and Karen Flolid	Lois Nissen	Janice Wise
Bobbie and Rick Freitag	Diane and Roger Noe	John Works
Jim and Sharon Gary	Linnea Olesen	

Individual Level

Matt Achor	John Gozdziwski	Mary Mercier
Elaine Adams	Karol Gresser	Evelyn Mommson
Carol Beatty	Dennis Grivna	Cathy Mundt
Mike Becker	Sue Gunder	Carol Nulsen
Andrea Belka	Shirley Hile	Mindy Olmstead
David Benson	John Hoar	Eric Olson
Harry Blaisdell	Mary Holman	Sandra Raby
Emily Bollensen	Kurt Holtz	Jean Rasmussen
Connie Breunig	John Hughes	Laura Sandstrom
David Brown	Julie Hustvet	Sue Schroeder
John Chandler	David Jacobson	Jody Slocum
Russell Dougherty	Bruce Konkler	Barb Spranger
Mary Dresser	Barbara Kratochvil	Beverly Stencil
Dorothy Dumontier	Adam Krowka	Marie Sweeney
Gary Dunsmoor	James Lola	Ikristin Tuenge
Patrick Fox	Tony Lyne	Marsha Van Buskirk
Carol Gainer	Al Manson	Lori Lynn Walljasper
Mary Ann Gallant	Meredyth McIlwaine	Joan Weaver

Senior Level

Francene and Lewis Ackerman
Ardis and Dale Amundson
Ray and Pat Address
Liisa Arthur
Gerry Baker
Judith and Robert Balderson
Carol and Duane Berg
Charles and Jaent Bergh
Clara Bleak
Helen Blumer
John Bolles
Gayle and Milan Brecka
Char and Doug Brown
Doret Burnett
Cloyce and Florence Campbell
Trudy and Dean Cayo
Clyde Charette
Earl and Linda Cook
Dale and Carole Crisler
Ann Cunningham
Dr. Donald and Ruthanna
Davidson
Dale Dick
Vonnie Durand
Donald and Jan Erickson
John and Bernadette Friedell
Ron Gehler

Helen German
Pat Graven
Don and Peggy Hall
David and Mary Herrick
Harry and Sandy Hoecherl
Vivian Hovey
Marjorie Hoyer
Richard and Maxine Indrebo
Sam Jacobson
Don Jerabek
Glenn Johnson
Mary Ann Kies and Phil Mayer
Harold and Jenny Kiesewetter
Greg and Edith Kittelsen
Eunice Laveau
Irene Lindberg
Shirley Lindquist
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Pauline Ludwig
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Delores Magnus
Allen and Jackie Mantell
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Duane and Marjorie Peterson
Francis Petras
Bonnie Picard
Lorraine Richter
Carlotta and Eugene Romsos
Fran and William Roney
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Ted Schwenker
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Ann Smith
Maryellen Smith
John and Patricia Telfer
Jean Tesmer
Del Tura
Mary Ellen Vetter
Pat and Pete Wagar
Francis and Henrietta Watson
John Wendt
Frankie and Ralph Zenisek

Family Level

Wickham and Margaret Allen
Waldo and Irene Asp
Del and Laurie Bakkum
Victor and Ruth Barela
Allan and Judie Barta
Gail Behrens and Myk McArdle
Fred Blake
Jan Bliss and Jay Hands
John and Sandy Bonneville
Marion Borell
Bruce and Laura Bray
Cecillia and Michael Brierton
Donna and John Broadfoot
Ron and Jeanne Brown
Kevin and Sandra Campbell
Sam and Pam Campbell
Jeanne Chamberlain
Paul Chase
Nancy Chick and Peter
Davidson
Michael and Leslie Connelly
Mark and Cindy Cummings
Mort and Stephanie Dahl

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Terry and Diane Dorsey
Betty and Bob Dreis
John and Alice Droske
Tim and Rose Dulac
Keith Dunder and Katie
Kraemer
Dexie Dunham
Diane and Jim Erdman
Fran and Robin Fate
Edwin and Akemi Fischer
Andy and Sarah Freeman
Joel and Lee Friederich
Samantha and Jack Generaux
Paul Goellner and Bette Colville
Doug and Sheila Grow
David and Jeneice Haessig
Kevin Hagen and Kathy
Bartilson
Carol Heim
Greg Hill and Yuan Wang-Hill
Lyle Holm
Gary and Mary Jane Horvat

Bill and Jan Hoveland
Mark and Barbara Johnson
Paul and Sue Johnston
Sharon and Rudy Kessler
Carol Kettner and John Peter
Zehra Avsar Keye
Mike and Michelle Klechefski
John and Nellie Krakau
Mary and Willard Leaf
Lucia Leck
Charles and Gina Lewis
Harold and Marjorie Lindemann
Jane and John Lokken
Bob and Diane Marsh
Dick and Linda Martens
Rudy and Avis Matzke
Kevin McMullin and Karen
Kaufman
Jan Leslie Meese and Charlie
Mayo
Steve and Kathy Metcalk
Richard and Carol Meyer
Lisa Mink

Family cont'd

Tracey Mofle
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Voldemars and Linda Narins
Wendy and William Olmsted
Brad and Debbie Olson
Chris and Nicole Orson
Diann and Russ Parker
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Ann Penton and Connie Nadeau
Michael and Patricia Pesko
Jodi and Dick Plummer
Cindy and Mark Polson
Bruce and Sara Qualey

Michael and Dawn Richter
Allan Rosenwald
Saterbak Family
James and Susan Schmitz
Vicki and Dave Shaffer
Gordon Shay
Silvis Family
Peter Spink
Lee and Dotty Swan
Drs Jan Bradley and Ann Swanson
Kathy and John Terrell
Barbara and Hank Thomas
Roger and Marianne Thompson

Linda Thompson and Jeff Southern
Marge and Roger Thorpe
Keith Veldhuizen and Vicki Collins
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Patricia Wack
Paul Wagner and Cindy Schlosser
Heidi and Mark Weber
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William and Jan Wood
Dr John, Ann, and Robert Works

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