

The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Annual Report

1989 to 2006



Hunt Hill Audubon Rain Garden Education Site at Farmhouse Office
Joint Grant: LLPA/Wisconsin DNR/Hunt Hill

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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)

Strategic Plan Scorecard

Goals:

1. Increase financial base
2. Stabilize financial base
3. Enhance image/awareness of mission in programs
4. Expand volunteer and program participant base
5. Form partnerships/networking
6. Increase buffer zone through acquisition of properties
7. Become respected repository for scientific information
8. Define new relationship with National Audubon Society
9. Expand promotion efforts
10. Expand/update/maintain facilities
11. Expand youth education
12. Increase membership
13. Develop first class, comprehensive, creative program mix
14. Make all activities ecologically conscious

Committee(s) assigned:

Fundraising
Fin, Fundraising
Membership, Program
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Member, Program, Fundraising
Facilities
Program
Entire Board
Membership, Program
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If you have questions regarding Action Steps to implement these goals, please contact Board members.

2006 Year-To-Date Highlights Including Facility Improvements (through 8/15/06):

- New Head Cook Bill Wolf, Birchwood was promoted from Assistant Cook in 2005
- New Assistant Cook Audrey Harker, Rice Lake joined the summer staff
- Six new day camps were added to the summer schedule in addition to the familiar “Frog and Tadpole” and “Lost In the Woods” Survival day camps
- The nature series of guest speakers/presentations was moved to a “second Saturday of each month” format to encourage better attendance, and it worked very well
- The Nature Store underwent a major makeover with new flooring, brightened shelving and walls, a new window and door, new lighting and new display areas
- New insulated steel doors with windows were installed in the Barn Dining Hall
- A new roll-in aluminum dock replaced the old warped and splintering dock at the beach
- A new/used lifeguard “crash boat” (row boat and motor) was donated for the beach
- The fourth and fifth new demonstration rain gardens were built and planted
- “Cakes-at-the-Lake” pancake breakfasts and programs hit new records in attendance with 137 eating breakfast (broke 100 twice during the summer), and 87 at the program
- A new indoor bathroom was added to the Program Center Garage
- Displays and staff office in the Program Center Garage were moved, improved and reorganized
- New Board Room stackable chairs were purchased
- A new oak plank floor is being added to the side porch west of the front door of the Farmhouse to replace the broken up cement slab floor
- A new deer-proof fence was placed around the vegetable garden

- Perennial and butterfly gardens were reworked and, with new plantings, are beautiful
- The historic Andrews' Log Cabin is scheduled in September for the first half of a major two year log renovation project, including log replacement, insect control and re-chinking
- A waterproof/sunproof protective cover for the new (last year) pontoon was purchased
- New program equipment was purchased - including fishing poles, a large tracking 10" Cassegrain reflector telescope, new ponding nets, and recreation equipment for the "game field" by the dorms



New Dock at Waterfront

Land

FOHHAS, Inc. currently is responsible for managing land totaling 513 acres. Approximately 180 acres are designated part of the State Natural Area. 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.

Program Staff

2006 has gone by so fast, and looking back this year's staff was one of the best in Hunt Hill history! School educators for 2006 were Marlo Schield, Addison Mohler, Janine McNulty, Sharon Johnson, and Jennifer Rothe. They helped make the spring groups go well and brought a great amount of knowledge with them! With their knowledge we were able to do several new programs with school groups that focused more on science than awareness. We're looking forward to their help again in the fall 2006, and spring of 2007!

Summer Educators were Jennifer Rothe, from Oshkosh, WI; Erin Henegar, Maryville, TN; Paul Cigan, Chippewa Falls, WI; Katie Haines, Rice Lake, WI; Reed Perkins, Apple Valley, MN; Whitney Flohr, Apple Valley, MN; and our very own maintenance person Larry led Fishing Camp. Thank goodness for the drought so he had less mowing to do this summer. This group worked well together, formed a strong bond, and acted as one! They each brought their own area of expertise and all were exceptional teachers! We wish we could have them all back next summer, but due to their college careers, and commitments, several of them will not return

unfortunately. We hope that Paul, Katie, and Reed will return next summer.

As with last year one staffing issue we had was lifeguards. It was better this year, with having one educator a lifeguard also, but it was still a challenge to have enough lifeguards when needed. In 2007 we hope to have as many of our staff as possible lifeguard certified.

For recruiting staff for Summer 2007 we will be advertising in The Job Seeker, local papers, and attending job fairs at UW Stevens Point, Northland College, and perhaps UM Duluth.

We hope to put together another great staff with talented and knowledgeable staff for 2007.



Teaching Survival Skills to Lost in the Woods Campers

Programs 2006

2006 saw many changes come to programs. First of all we changed the “Rockin” Nature Series programs to Saturdays. This year we saw a general increase in program attendance, with record attendance to Nature Series programs with 43 people to the Owl Prowl by Chris Cold. We also saw record attendance at the Cakes at the Lakes Programs (sponsored thanks to Long Lake Preservation Association) with 136 people eating pancakes on one Saturday morning, and 86 people attending the program afterwards. This summer saw several new day camps: Fishing Camp in July, and in August Archeology Camp, Ecology Camp, and Canoe and Kayak Camp. We think we are on track to break last year’s attendance to all our programs of 4,867 camper days to the end of the year, and we are already at 4,792 camper days as of August with four months to go!

Program Comparison		
Program Name	2005 (Camper Days/Attendance)	2006 (Camper Days/Attendance)
Summer Camps	412	396
Schools	1,153	1,045
Programs	1,503	1,589
Contracted	1,702	1,762
Meetings	57	0
Scouts	40	Included in Contracted
Cakes at the Lake Series	388	651
Total	4,867	4,792

Looking Ahead to 2007

Our Program Committee started planning the calendar for 2007, and though it is not finished, it is going to have many new programs as well as the old. There will still be the “Rockin” Nature Series, Conservation Egg Hunt, Trail of Myths, Helping Hands, Day Camps, Residential Camps, and Cakes at the Lake. We will be bringing in some new programs for “Rockin,” Cakes, and new day and residential camps. We hope to bring in some new Contracted Camps, plus we will still have Joining the Circle Dance Camp, Regional Center for Math and Science- UW Green Bay Program, UW Eau Claire Upward Bound, and Artists Workshop next year. “Rockin” Nature Series will see many new programs, including a Valentine’s Day program, Special Frog program, and some interesting individuals all around!

Fall 2006 Upcoming Fall Events

September 9, 2006 Glacial Features of Hunt Hill 1pm
September 23, 2006 Fall Helping Hands 8:30 – 4:00
October 7, 2006 S.U.W.A. Presentation 1:00 pm
October 14, 2006 Trail of Myths 1:00 – 3:00
November 4, 2006 Make your own Walking Stick 1pm
November 11, 2006 Northern Lights 6pm
December 2, 2006 Volunteer Recognition/ Holiday Party
December 9, 2006 Natural Christmas 1pm

Membership

As of August 15, 2006, there was a decrease of 81 members from 2005 to 2006. (446 in 2005 and 365 in 2006). However, the membership dues income increased by \$3247.45 from 2005 to 2006. Our membership contains a geographical mix of 68% Wisconsin, 21% Minnesota and 11% other (CA, CO, IL, KY, MI, MT, ND, NH, PA).

2006 BOARD MEMBERS

Wayne Sabatke, President	Carol Heim
Nick Allen, Vice President and Facilities Chair	Tim McRaith, Program Chair
	John Neste
Jan Bliss, Secretary and Fundraising Chair	Linda Thompson, Membership Chair
Adam Liegl, Treasurer and Finance Chair	Tracy White
David Haessig	John Works

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

<i>Website:</i> Nancy Chick	<i>Finance:</i> Vicki Shaffer	<i>Legal:</i> Katherine Stewart
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Staff 2006

Executive Director

Storme Nelson

Program Coordinator

Brian Arnold

Office Manager

Karen Kress

Maintenance Team

Larry Piskie
Colette Piskie

Our 2006 Volunteers

Nick Allen
Jan Bliss
David Haessig
Carol Heim
Adam Liegl
Tim McRaith
John Neste
Wayne Sabatke
Linda Thompson
Tracy White
John Works
Bob Dreis
Carlotta Romsos
Gene Romsos
Marsha VanBuskirk
Peggy Hanson
Jeff Johnson
Bruce Konkler
Marilyn Konkler

Cooks

Bill Wolf
Audrey Harker

Volunteer Educators

Bob Dreis
Chris Cold

Contract Educators

Terry Dorsey
Dennis Grivna
Cory Schroeder
Dru Stantz
Dan Haller
Curtis Matton
Trapper Davis
Travis Livingston
Tyler Miniatt
Erick Keeley
Jordan Stensfield
Todd Torgeson
Mary Hamilton
Dee Smith
Alyssa Smith
Laura Sandstrom
Georgia Dettmers
Erik Dahlgren
Angela Merritt
Dan Hanson and 2 children
Chip Wood

Other Summer Staff

Amelia Wack, Lifeguard
Janae Bruenig, Lifeguard
Keith Trembath, Lifeguard

Season/Educational

Jennifer Rothe
Katie Haines
Whitney Flohr
Paul Cigan
Reed Perkins
Erin Henegar

Jan Wood
Tracey Mofle
Kaylin Block
Nicholas Phillips
Amanda Sanders
Jonah Mofle-Bissonette
Waldo Asp
Irene Asp
Audree Rothe
Bill Rothe
Jennifer Rothe
Chuck Geraden
Gene Prigge
Peter Davidson
Storme Nelson
Dawn Nelson
Chris Cold
John Haack
Cader Olive

Greg Furtman	Spooner Ag Class	Dan Hansen
Larry Piskie	Brian Arnold	Ashley Hanson
Colette Piskie	Tom Powers	Josh Hunter
Chad Uran	Jim Baisden	Mary Manson
Lorna Wilson	Jamie Gentry	Amanda Wells
Alex Bezzerides	Jean Rasmussen	Terry Podulke
Julie Bezzerides	Judy Nelson	Janine Rueter
Arianne Wack	JoAnn Wallis	Jesse Sprenger
Katie Haines	Erin Hennegar	Sue Schroeder
Amelia Wack	Carolyn Marquardt	Aaron Weaver
Janae Bruenig	Cecelia Brierton	
Barb Sabatke	Mike Behling	
David Seas and 10 Students	Nancy Chick	
20 RLHS students	Jessica Floren	

Over 130 volunteers and 998 hours worked through August! Thank you!

2006 Year to Date Budget Summary

As of August 15, 2006

Total Income	\$132160.30	Income/Loss	-\$4,180.65
Total Expense	\$136,478.18	Current Assets	\$106,071.34

In Kind Donations (Gifts & Services)

Donna and John Broadfoot	Richard and Maxine Indrebo
Wayne Sabatke	Judy Haseleu
William and Jan Wood	Marilyn and Bruce Konkler

Donations of Funds

Xcel Energy	Town of Madge
Dr Donald and Ruthanna Davidson	Nelson Armour and Kathy Weaver
Allen and Jackie Mantel	Jim and Carol Heim
Barbara Kratochvil	Rio Tinto Mining/ Kennecott Minerals

Scholarships and Grants

Kiwanis Club of Spooner
Dawn and Storme Nelson
Wayne Sabatke

Endowment

Donations to Endowment Fund in 2006 totaled \$250. Donations in 2005 totaled \$200. Total endowment value as of 8/15/2006 is \$15,461.70.