2011 Recap

Wow, what a great summer! Our lake levels have risen, the weather has been good to us and we have had a wonderful attendance to our programs. The season officially kicked off with our helping hands weekend which brought together new and returning volunteers to help open camp. Thanks for all of their hard work. Following helping hands weekend, we filled our spring with 20 school groups from across Northwestern Wisconsin. In June we welcomed adults to our first Birding camp and had around 20 participants. Day camps were busy and we were happy to see average enrollment around 20 youth per camp – which kept us all on the run! We welcomed our new Spanish camp director, Pete Ducos to our team and had a very successful week of Adult Spanish Immersion – filled with ethnic foods, language lessons and plenty of fun. It’s been a great year so far and we hope you’ll consider joining us for more programs this fall.

2011 Annual Meeting of FOHHAS

Saturday, September 24th from 4 pm till 6 pm will be our Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary’s Annual Meeting at the Hunt Hill Dining Hall Barn. First, there will be a fun Chili Cook-Off. Watch for contest details on our website (www.hunthill.org) or call our Hunt Hill Camp Office at 715-635-6543.

All of our members, supporters and “just curious” friends are invited and encouraged to bring their favorite family chili for the tasting.

After the frivolities, our short Annual Meeting will review the year of 2011, honor our volunteers, elect Board members for 2012, amend our By-laws, look ahead to the new programs of 2012 and then enjoy year-end shopping specials at our Nature Store.
Summer Staff 2011

2011 was a busy and nice summer! We welcomed back Nikki R to staff as well as our new educators: Sarah from Rhode Island, Sydney from Rice Lake, Kelsey from Washington state and Catie from Green Bay. We wish all of these ladies good luck as they continue their scholastic journeys both near and far.

Land Donations for Hunt Hill . . .

While there are no acquisitions being undertaken at this time, the Board of Directors for the Friends of Hunt Hill has determined that additional land for the growth of our facilities is a critical need.

Almost half of the 400 plus acres of Hunt Hill is designated as a State Natural Area excluding any new development, roads, trails or building. The remainder is already reserved as the central camp area with the Farmhouse, Library, Barn Dining Hall, Shower House, Program Learning Center and Dorms; or in the three lakes and wetlands within the property, or in the restored “Prairie.”

Additional land is therefore necessary to allow for more parking, a true Nature Exhibits/Visitors’ Welcome Center, maintenance/storage area and a larger meeting space. Contiguous or adjoining land would be preferable to allow efficient management of all of Hunt Hill and its programs.

If anyone is able and willing to help us secure additional land, please get in touch with one of our Board of Directors, or Executive Director Storme Nelson by calling 715-635-6543 or emailing to: director@hunthill.org.

Thank you!
Karen’s Farewell

When my daughter, Mary, got married last summer and settled in Columbus, Ohio, where I grew up and where my two sisters live, I began to consider the possibility of moving there. It was a very difficult decision - I have lived in Rice Lake for over 35 years and have many friends and connections here. Some of the strongest ties are those with Hunt Hill - the staff, the people who volunteer and participate in the programs and the beauty of the place are all very important to me and are very difficult to leave behind.

When I put my house on the market at the beginning of May I fully expected it would be on the market a year or two so I was surprised when the 2nd couple who looked at the house made an offer. Since then I have been to Columbus twice to find a home there, make an offer and handle all the details involved in moving. The closing on my house in Rice Lake is September 16th and I will be packing up and leaving that day.

I will miss being at Hunt Hill, working and laughing with Storme, Nikki, Larry and Colette and visiting with all of you as you come and go during the year. If you would like to keep in touch my new email will be kkress32@gmail.com. My address will be 5932 Effingham Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43213.

You will be in my heart until we meet again.

Jan’s Greetings

Greetings from the front office of Hunt Hill! I am very excited to be here working with Storme, Nikki, Colette, Larry and look forward to meeting you all. I know I have very big shoes to fill following Karen’s excellent management for the last 9 years.

A little bit about me…. After graduating from the U of MN, Waseca I worked as a certified Veterinary Technician for 9 years and then started the Bed & Biscuit Boarding Kennel in Balsam Lake 24 years ago. I sold my business last September and moved to a wonderful home in Cumberland with my husband Barry, 6 rescue dogs, 5 rescue cats, 6 birds and a house rabbit. We are enjoying our many gardens, wildlife and the peace and quiet of the country.

My life has always been about animals, plants and nature. I grew up on the back of a horse, which along with my dogs and cats were my best friends. My mother was a wonderful gardener and I learned my love of plants at an early age. I was taught to respect all things living and more than took it to heart!

My other passion in life is art. I love watercolor painting, felting, rughooking and my newest passion is photography. I have my art in stores in the area and also do some art shows. I look forward to being a part of Hunt Hill and spreading the word about this wonderful treasure!
PLEASE!! Don’t Miss the Internationally Acclaimed “BIRDS IN ART” EXHIBIT IN WAUSAU, WI This Fall

Open to the public each fall with new exhibits since 1976, it opens on the Saturday after Labor Day and runs for only nine weeks – it’s the premier collection of the very best contemporary artistic interpretations of birds and related subject matter in North America – perhaps the world! Two- and three-dimensional artworks in all media (other than crafts and photography) are eligible for submission. Approximately 100 works are selected by a jury review of digital images.

As the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum’s flagship exhibition, Birds in Art enables the Museum to meet its goals of presenting and collecting art of the natural world having birds as the primary or secondary focus. Go online at: http://www.lywam.org/ to learn more.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum's Birds In Art Exhibit 2010

Amphitheater Progress

Over the past year, Hunt Hill has begun looking at the possibility of constructing a natural form amphitheater in the main camp. This amphitheater could serve as a program setting, a romantic wedding location, a nice seating option for our large group programs and so much more.

In addition to pursuing volunteer and grant support, Hunt Hill is so proud to announce that we have received our first donation towards construction of the amphitheater. Each year Hunt Hill welcomes UW-Green Bay’s Regional Center for Math and Sciences’ high school students to spend a week here discovering the natural world. While at Hunt Hill they conduct research and stewardship projects in addition to enjoying canoeing, swimming and educational programming. This year’s group was so thoughtful, that following their trip, they hosted a car wash and gave all their proceeds to Hunt Hill! Thank you so very much to the staff and students who made such a generous contribution to Hunt Hill.

If you would like to help us achieve our dream of creating the amphitheater, please consider donating to this project, or contact Nikki to learn more. Donations can be made online at www.hunthill.org through PayPal or by sending a check to Hunt Hill. Thank you!
**Nighthawks!**

This is the time of the year to see Nighthawks! They usually start gathering in September in large flocks to start their early annual migration to South America.

![Nighthawk Image]

We have already received several reports of flocks of Nighthawks feeding on flying insects, dragonflies, grasshoppers, moths, etc., stirred up by farmers working in their fields. Usually they fly at higher altitudes and are not as noticeable. However, this time of year coupled with their erratic flight, wide wing span, pointed wings and white wing bars, are all very helpful identifying field marks. Enjoy!

A note on one of their unusual common Family names, “Goatsuckers.” This name comes from an old European belief that, because they have large mouth gapes (for feeding on flying insects in reality) and often were seen at dusk around their goats and other farm animals (which were probably stirring up or attracting flying insects), they must have been suckling on the goats. The other Family name is “Nightjars” also due to their nighttime feeding habits.

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**Nature updates on Facebook!**

Storme Nelson will now be posting daily updates on phenology, nature, Hunt Hill programs and more through our Facebook account. Please consider friending us! You can find us on Facebook, by searching for Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary under PEOPLE (not the group). If you have questions, feel free to contact Nikki at 715 635 6543.

![Nature Updates Image]

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**Nature Store**

*What does a Birthday, Anniversary, Christmas Gift and nature have in common???
OUR NATURE STORE!!!!!!*

Our Nature Store hours are 9-4 weekdays by request….check out all our nature themed fun stuff!

We have T-shirts, books, stationary, games, jewelry, cards……and lots more!

Not only will you have fun shopping, but what a great way to support Hunt Hill!
We wish we had...

MACHINERY
Skid steer/bobcat

BUILDINGS
Wooden porch swing
New 9V batteries
*Compact fluorescent bulbs (75 or 100 watts)
New/new condition area rugs- 6x9 or 9x12
Garden sculpture: metal, wood or tin
Name of person who can repair hand cranked victrola

PROGRAM SUPPLIES
Newer Laptop Computers
*Kayaks—1 & 2 person
Snowshoes—assorted sizes
Adult Lifejackets
*Telephone poles or landscape timbers, 4x4s, 4x6s
*DVD/VCR player
Animal Pelts and skulls

KITCHEN
Full size sheet pans
Extra large grill for pancake breakfasts
*Sources for unbleached paper products
Rectangular, flannel back vinyl tablecloths
Food Processor—large
100 cup coffee maker
Food warming stands w/sterno holders

TOOLS
Loppers, pruning shears
Deepwell sockets
Wood clamps
Pipe Clamps
Backpack Blower

Drywall square
Rubber Mallet
Heavy tined garden rakes
Table saw
Hole saws—all sizes
18V battery operated drill
Tin Snips-L,R, Strait