The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Annual Report

1989 to 2004

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 Gozdzialsiki
William “Chip” Wood, Secretary  Tim McRaith
Scott Hanson, Treasurer John Works
Nick Allen

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS
Technology: Nancy Chick  Finance: Vicki Shaffer  Legal: Katherine Stewart

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
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
Other Summer Staff
Anna Mielke, Junior Counselor
Chris Hagen, Junior Counselor
Nathan Tisdell, Lifeguard
Our 2004 Volunteers

Nick Allen       Mike Lemoine       Sue Schroeder
Eva Apelqvist   Brittney Lepley    Vickie Shaffer
Linda Austin    Richard Long      Kenny Slabaugh
Jan Bliss       Jennifer 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 Keye 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 Paul 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
Dawn and Storme Nelson
DoryVallier

Donald Cornue

Sandhill Crane Level
Nick Allen
Janice McClelland & Jeffrey
Peter & Karen Quam
Bill and Carol Dresser
Marquardt
Rita Schroepfer
Carol Heim
Ann Penton & Connie Nadeau
William and Jan Wood

Osprey Level
Mark Aderman
Buzz & Karen Flolid
Lois Nissen
Janet Balding
Linda & Calvin Harfst
Diane & Roger Noe
Judy and Mark Brigham
Robert Hasman
Wayne Sabatke
Jennifer Brigham & Dan Beebe
Betty Keough
Bob & Sally Schwarz
Carol and Don Buckman
Marilyn & Bruce Konkler
Mrs. Judith B Shepard
Nancy Chick & Peter Davidson
Linda Krach
Peter Spink
Gary and Arda Davis
Bill and Dori Littell
Beverly Stencil
Alice Droske
Joel & Barbara Mielke
Marilyn Vig
Edwin & Akemi Fischer
Sam Nadon-Nichols

Individual Level
Matt Achor
Carol Beatty
Andrea Belka
Lori Allard
Stephanie Becker
Connie Breunig
Individual cont’d

Cecillia Brierton
John Broadfoot
Jeanne Chamberlain
Russell Dougherty
Mary Dresser
Jamie Dunn
Susan Fahlberg Erway
Tim Filbert
Patrick Fox
Carol Gainer
Karol Gresser
Dennis Griva
Sue Gunder
Scott Hanson
Shirley Hile
Greg Hill
Mildred Holen
Carol Hughes

Cecillia Brierton
John Broadfoot
Jeanne Chamberlain
Russell Dougherty
Mary Dresser
Jamie Dunn
Susan Fahlberg Erway
Tim Filbert
Patrick Fox
Carol Gainer
Karol Gresser
Dennis Griva
Sue Gunder
Scott Hanson
Shirley Hile
Greg Hill
Mildred Holen
Carol Hughes

Senior Level

Arden Aanestad
Francene Ackerman
Ardis and Dale Amundson
Marvin and Carol Anderson
Ray and Pat Andress
Gerry Baker
Judith and Robert Balderson
Nita Baum
Carol and Duane Berg
Charles and Janet Bregh
Clara Bleak
Helen Blumer
John Bolles
Gayle and Milan Brecka
Char and Doug Brown
Ruth Brown
Doret Burnett
Trudy Cayo
Clyde Charette
Earl and Linda Cook
Dale and Carolise Crisler
Donald & Ruthanna Davidson
Douglas Dunlap
Jack and Vonnie Durand
Donald and Jan Erickson
John and Bernadette Friedell
Ron Gehler

Helen German
Grant Gilbertson
Pat Graven
David and Mary Herrick
Patricia Hoffman
Marjorie Hoyer
Mary Ann Kies & Phil Mayer
Harold & Jenny Kiesewetter
Mary Ann Kies & Phil Mayer
Mary Lou Kay
Bob and Mary Lee
Irene Lindberg
Harold & Marjorie Lindemann
Shirley Lindquist
Dan and Linda Lubensky
Pauline Ludwig
Mary Kay Lynch
Delores Magnus
Marvis Maron
Martha and Robert Matte
Mr & Mrs. John Mauritz
Jom and Elissa McAlear
David & Delores McMullin
Peter Medehill
Lois and Miles Miller
Betty Morland
Lanie Paymar & Curt Sward

Laura Sandstrom
Sue Schroeder
Teri Schult
Judy Slocum
Barb Spranger
Marty Springer
Marie Sweeney
Daniel Tholen
Bill Thomas
Paul Tobiason
Del Tura
Marsha Van Buskirk
Keith Veldhuizen
Lori Lynn Walljasper
Joan Weaver
John Wendt
Alan Zimbrick
Mabel Perry
Duane and Marjorie Peterson
Francis Petras
Sandra Raby
George Radl
Rita Reffner
Lorraine Richter
Edgar and June Rogier
Carlotta and Eugene Romans
Fran & William Roney
Evelyn Safeblade
Ron Sandas
Mary Sandberg
Ted Schwener
D.K. and Marilyn Sippy
Dr. Stanley & Nancy Skadron
Kenneth Slabaugh
Maryellen Smith
Barb & Richard Sweet
Roy Swenson
John and Patricia Telfer
Jean Tesmer
Roger and Marianne Thompson
Mary Ellen Vetter
Pat and Pete Waglar
Frankie and Ralph Zenisek
Susan and Don Zenisek

Family Level

Elaine Adams
Wickham and Margaret Allen
Kristen Allen and David
Trechter

Del and Laurie Bakkum
Victor and Ruth Barela
Allen and Judie Barta
Gail Behrens & Myk McArdle

Harry and Nancy Blaisdell
Fred Blake
Jan Bliss and Jay Hands
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