The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Annual Report

1989 to 2007

Chicken Polypore mushroom found at Hunt Hill August 2007

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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)

Board of Directors’ Highlights

2007 has been a year of new directions for the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc. (FIGGAS). These developments mean new and exciting times are ahead for Hunt Hill.

New directors Tracey Mofle, Carolyn Cleveland, Adam Liegl, and Sue Menzel all joined the Board in 2007; and have all become very active with various operating committees.

Strengthening our operating committees (Facilities, Finance, Membership, Program) at Hunt Hill is a key part of our long-term strategic plan, as set forth by the Board of Directors. This is being accomplished through higher expectations, assigning responsibilities, and seeking new members. The committees have become more organized and functional as the chairs have stepped up. Additional members have joined each committee, bringing new perspectives and enthusiasm. The long-term strength and successes of FOHHAS can only increase as more volunteers get involved.

Only one Board member retires this year – we are sad to say good-bye to Carol Heim in her formal Board role, but are hopeful to have her continue as an active volunteer member of Hunt Hill. The addition of at least two new Board members will mean the Board is growing as we move into 2008. The past Bylaws revision allowing from twelve to fifteen board member positions gives us this opportunity to grow.

2007 Year-To-Date Highlights Including Facility Improvements (through 9/30/07):

- New Head Cook Erik Severson did a good job all summer
- Day Camps expanded to 8 weeks of single day camp offerings
- “New” used copy machine purchased to replace non-functioning office copier.
- New furnace in the Farmhouse Camp Office
- Program Learning Center (garage) sheet rock ceiling – unfinished since the ‘70’s – cleaned, taped, mudded, sanded, primed, and painted by volunteers, under direction of Waldo Asp
- New hillside steps east end of Program Learning Center near maintenance area
- New double-hung windows in Square dorm for improved ventilation for summer staff
- New Borell Beach Waterfront Gateway and laser-etched dedication sign
- New front entrance sign
- Log Cabin repairs and replacement of rotted logs, and exterior staining
- Revitalization and reorganization of the “Prairie” bluebird house trail with guidance of Dr. Kent Hall, Stevens Point and Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (BRAW)
- Donation received from Bill and Maureen Farrell of used golf cart for use by the disabled to see Prairie Trails
- Receipt from the Wisconsin Audubon Council and the National Audubon Society of a Bird Observation Kit (binoculars and field guides) for outreach programs in northwest Wisconsin
- 2008 Annual Program Guide is being written now – to focus on the summer camps and programs for 2008. Additional special Hunt Hill events will be highlighted in the quarterly newsletter and on the website throughout the year
• expansion of the international language camps to include a full week of a new Swedish Language and Cultural camp under the enthusiastic direction of Eva Apelqvist; as well as three full weeks of the “Time of Your Life” Spanish Immersion Camp. One of the original Hunt Hill donor Frances Andrews’ wishes was to foster international exchanges of goodwill, cultural understanding and environmental education, so this fits very well with the mission of Hunt Hill.
• More Upward Bound camps (UW-Green Bay, UW-Eau Claire, and UW-BC and LCO College)
• Expanded participation in the spring Crane Count
• Fourth annual bird hike and program at the Reclaimed Flambeau Mine nature area, Ladysmith
• Addition of a Fall Artists’ Workshop
• SoupStock weekend celebration of local foods, local artisans, local writers, sustainability, alternative energies, new technology and old-fashioned family and community values
• Hosting the beginning and end points of the “Get Runnin’” relay race around Long Lake, sponsored by the PLAY (Promoting Lively and Active Youth) Foundation, Inc., Rice Lake, WI
• New interpretive materials added to the Nature Trail signs around Hunt Hill, through a grant from the WEEB (Wisconsin Environmental Education Board), Stevens Point, WI
• New outreach programs including Earth Day celebrations in Spooner and Hayward; and presentations about Hunt Hill to the Rice Lake Golden K Kiwanis, Spooner Kiwanis, Sunshine Rotary, Rice Lake Fortnightly Club, The Birkie Girls at Hayward, , the Blue Hills Unitarian Universalist Church, and the Gull Lake Association

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.

Programs 2007
In 2007 we changed the scheduling of our Day Camps for 5-13 year olds. We instituted 8 weeks of daily Day Camps – each day a new program with the option to sign up for one week or to select any convenient day. We combined the teen and pre-teen groups into one week of River Ecology Adventure on the Namekagon. In April, Resource Center of the Americas cancelled Spanish Immersion Time of Your Life and we took over management of that camp. With the help of previous Spanish Immersion staff, we recruited and held one week of Spanish Immersion camp in August – receiving rave reviews from campers. We continued the Cakes at the Lake program with Long Lake Preservation Association monthly with outstanding programming and increased attendance. We once again hosted the UWGB Math and Science youth in July and co-sponsored SoupStock in September.
### Program Staff

In 2007 we have been blessed with superior staff for both school and summer programs. School educators for 2007 were Marlo Schield, Sue Menzel, Janine McNulty, Amanda Kostner, and Amy Young. Summer Educators were Megan Pierce, Seeley, Wi; Ashley Lokken, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Katie Haines, Birchwood, WI; Jessica Pettersson, Sweden; Natalia Sudakina, Ukraine. We were very fortunate to have two international staff hired through the Camp America program.

We certified all summer staff through the Red Cross program and had on the spot lifeguards for all our summer programming.

### Fall 2007 Upcoming Fall Events

October 27, 2007 Trail of Myths 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### Membership

As of December 31, 2007, there was an increase of 10 members from 2006 to 2007, (375 in 2007 and 365 in 2006). Our membership contains a geographical mix of 68% Wisconsin, 21% Minnesota and 11% other (CA, CO, IL, KY, MI, MT, ND, NH, PA).

### 2007 BOARD MEMBERS

- Wayne Sabatke, President
- Nick Allen, Vice President and Facilities Chair
- Jan Bliss, Secretary and Fundraising Chair
- Adam Liegl, Treasurer and Finance Chair
- David Haessig – until June 2007
- Carolyn Cleveland
- Carol Heim
- Tim McRaith, Program Chair
- Sue Menzel
- Tracy Mofle
- John Neste
- Linda Thompson, Membership Chair
- Tracy White
- John Works

### COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS (not Board or Staff)

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

**Program:** Alex Bezzerides, Cary Komoto  
**Facilities:** Chip Wood, Larry Piskie
Staff 2007
Executive Director
Storme Nelson

Program Coordinator
Brian Arnold until June, 2007

Office Manager
Karen Kress

Maintenance Team
Larry Piskie
Colette Piskie

Cook
Erik Severson

Season/Educational
Katie Haines
Megan Pierce
Ashley Lokken
Natalia Sudakina
Jessica Pettersson

Volunteer Educators
Chris Cold
Arda and Gary Davis

School Educators
Janine McNulty
Amy Young
Amanda Kostner
Sue Menzel
Marlo Schield
Dana Butler
Sean Tisdell

Contract Educators
Terry Dorsey

Our 2007 Volunteers
(as of September 1, 2007)
Nick Allen
Brian Arnold
Irene Asp
Waldo Asp
Mike Behling
Tray Benham
Thor Benham
Alex Bezzerides
Julie Bezzerides
Jan Bliss
Janae Breunig
Cecilia Brierton
Mark Brigham
Pam Campbell
Nancy Chick
Carolyn Cleveland
Chris Cold
Peter Davidson
Arda Davis
Gary Davis
Denise DeGidio
Georgia Dettmers
Diane Dorsey
Betty Dreis
Bob Dreis
Jessica Floren
Greg Furtman
John Haack
Alyssa Hack
David Haessig
Jeneice Haessig
Mary Hamilton

Dan Hansen
Ashley Hanson
Caleb Hanson
Peggy Hanson
Levi Harrington
Carol Heim
Kurt Holtz
Josh Hunter
Bruce Konklker
Marilyn Konklker
Adam Liegl
James Lola
Tony Lyne
Mary Manson
Tim McRaith
Sue Menzel
Angela Merritt
Tracey Mofle
Jonah Mofle-Bisonette
Storme Nelson
Judy Nelson
Dawn Nelson
John Neste
Cader Olive
Collette Piskie
Terry Podulke
Gene Prigge
Jean Rasmussen
Students Rice Lake
Carlotta Romsos
Eugene Romsos
Jennifer Rothe

Don Ruedy
Linda Ruedy
Janine Rueter
Wayne Sabatke
Barb Sabatke
Laura Sandstrom
Sue Schroeder
Michael Schroeder
Dave Seis
Erik Severson
Dee Smith
Alyssa Smith
Jesse Sprenger
Marsha Stelzer
Carlin Stelzer
Linda Thompson
Mary Thostenson
Chad Uran
Marsha Van Buskirk
Amelia Wack
Arianne Wack
Aaron Weaver
Amanda Wells
Tracy White
Lorna Wilson
William Wood
Jan Wood
John Works
Students Spooner
Over 90 volunteers and 2098 hours worked through August! Thank you!

2007 Year to Date Budget Summary
As of August 31, 2007
Total Income $161,790.40  Income/Loss $7,450.72
Total Expense $135,927.25  Current Assets $93,336.47

In Kind Donations (Gifts & Services)
Sue Gunder
Marilyn Vig
Linda Thompson/Jeff Southern
Pam Campbell
Carlotta and Eugene Romsos
Barb Emerson
Tracey Mofle
Bill and Maureen Farrell
Karen Kress
David and Carolyn Cleveland
Mort and Stephanie Dahl
Waldo and Irene Asp
Wayne and Barb Sabatke
Buzz and Karen Flolid
Ashley Lokken
Don Buckman

Donations of Funds
David and Carolyn Cleveland
Randy and Linda Poznansky
Carolyn and Hokey West
Paula Haus
Allan and Judie Barta
Duffy and Bill Sauer
Forthnightly Club
Nancy La Freniere
Gull Lake Property Owners

Shell Lake Cooperatives
Flambeau Mining Company
Birchwood Christian Women’s Fellowship
Linda Thompson
Terry and Diane Dorsey
Allan and Carol Bensman
Lakeview Medical Center
Ann Fox

Antonia Foundation
Jan Wise
Walmart
Gail Fuad
Grand Foundation
Minneapolis Foundation

Scholarships and Grants
Long Lake Preservation Association

Endowment

Day Campers in August
Eagle from May program