The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Annual Report 1989 to 2008

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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.”

2008 Board Highlights:

2008 will go down IN HISTORY as the beginning of an exciting new era of programming for Hunt Hill, with the hiring of new Program Director Nikki Nelson. Additionally, it was a year of very active participation of Board members in the day-to-day operations of the camp, great membership growth, expanded partnership building, new and exciting opportunities for involvement in our area communities, financial growth in spite of economic downturns, a refocusing on the future direction for Hunt Hill, and addressing current environmental issues head-on.

1. Partnership building with:
   - support for UW-GB’s continuation of their Upward Bound Program at Hunt Hill
   - Northwest Wisconsin Regional Food Network on SoupStock II
   - growth of partnerships with: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Barron Co., UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire, WITC, LCO College, and Northland College
   - new scholarships from Cumberland Kiwanis, Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter, Spooner Kiwanis, and the Long Lake Preservation Association
   - we held first “Neighbors’ Open House” at Hunt Hill with almost 50 attending
   - working with Treehaven (UW-SP) on a new National Science Foundation project

2. Financial stability
   - earlier budget approval process
   - third “Evening For Hunt Hill” fundraising event coming in October
   - a focus on foundation grant writing - with over twenty new foundations contacted
   - healthy 2008 budget

3. Protection/sustaining of Hunt Hill itself
   - negotiating on the Schultzs’ property acquisition across Audubon Road to the south
   - first prairie burn in 8 years – thanks to DNR-Spooner
   - completion of the transfer of the Schricker tract to the Beaver Brook Wildlife Area
   - pursuing the transfer of ownership of Hunt Hill from the National Audubon Society back to our local non-profit Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

4. Education on current issues
   - emphasis on sustainability efforts at Hunt Hill itself
   - Cakes-At-the-Lake program on colony collapse disorder of bees
   - purple loosestrife beetle rearing
   - timber wolves in northern Wisconsin
   - support of local food producers
   - work with NW WI Regional Plan Commission on sustainability and recycling
   - citizen science programs expanded to include: crane count, state-wide salamander survey, and the sturgeon watch at Arpin Dam near Radisson, WI

5. New program efforts:
   - selected Nikki Nelson as new Program Director out of 21 applicants
   - new outreach program with Washburn Co. Lakes & Rivers Association (WCLRA) and Kevin McMullin
   - see rest of details in the “Programs 2008” portion of this report
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 2008
2008 has been a busy year! We started the year off with a winter camping program, which happened to be on one of the coldest nights of this year! After the success of winter camping, (there were about 39 participants), we followed with a wolf tracking program that brought 21 people together for a day of exploring way up north. A series of bad weather brought us much lower numbers for our Egg Hunt and Arbor Day events (however, now we are already preparing for next year!) The spring quickly picked up as we hosted 14 school groups. Thanks to the Long Lake Preservation Association Scholarship, 3 of those groups were able to come. This summer was successful and very busy as we juggled summer camps, Upward Bound groups, a summer school program and various activities for other organizations. We ran 14 single-day day camps and 2 week long camps this year, with Rock Collectors camp being the most popular. Three Upward Bound groups, UW-Stout and UW-Green Bay’s RCMS, stayed with us in July and UW-BC/LCO in June. Cakes at the Lake saw a huge boom this summer as we topped the pancake charts with 500 people being served. With the help and direction of Eva Apelqivist we ran our first Swedish Immersion camp in June. In our second year of running Spanish Camp on our own, we saw a doubling of enrollment and were able to run all three weeks of camp. We have also contracted a few school groups for this fall as well as beginning to spread the word on our new Outreach Programs.

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Program Staff
One of the most important reasons our school programs and summer camps were successful was due to the amazing educators we had for 2008. School educators included: Shawn Tisdell, Chip Wood, Jan Bliss, John and Judy Neste, Gary and Arda Davis, Sue Menzel, Charlotte Snarski, Cheryl Pippin, Cody Myers, Molly Raben, Gerry Garrison, Bailey Woodruff, Park Taylor, Margo Cuskey, Keith Trembath, Dennis Grivna, and Alex Bezzereides.
Our summer staff was made up of five bright and enthusiastic educators: Bailey Woodruff, from LeSueur MN, and Cody Myers, from Spooner, continued on from the spring to join our summer team; we also had Jessica Pettersson, from Sweden, return for a second summer. Jillian Bjorklund from Red Wing, MN, joined our team from UW-Stevens Point. Finally, Amber Mealman joined us from Northland College. We certified all summer staff through the Red Cross program for CPR, Lifeguarding, and 1st Aid, and had on the spot lifeguards for all our summer programming. Our language camp instructors included Eva Apelqivist, Margaret Dorer and Jessica Pettersson for Swedish; Marco Mena, Bianca Pinsky, Luis Gatgens, Patricia Amparo Manrique, Carla Belistri, Dago Sepulveda and Doris Cade.
Fall 2008 Upcoming Fall Events
October 11, 2007 Trail of Myths noon to 4 p.m.

Membership
As of September 15, 2008, there was an increase of 2 members from 2007 to 2008. (375 in 2007 and 377 in 2008). Our membership contains a geographical mix of 73% Wisconsin, 12% Minnesota and 15% other (CA, CO, FL, IA, IL, IN, MO, MT, ND, NH, OH).

2008 BOARD MEMBERS
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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS (not Board or Staff)
Website: Nancy Chick  Finance: Vicki Shaffer  Legal: Katherine Stewart

Program: Alex Bezzerides, Cary Komoto, Nancy Chick  Facilities: Larry Piskie

Staff 2008
Executive Director
Storme Nelson

Program Coordinator
Nikki Nelson

Office Manager
Karen Kress

Volunteer Educators
Chris Cold
Arda and Gary Davis
Greg Hill
Park Taylor
Chip Wood
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Dennis Grivna
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Seasonal
Amber Mealman
Jillian Bjorklund
Cody Myers

Bailey Woodruff
Jessica Pettersson

School Educators
Charlotte Snarski
Cheryl Pippin
Cody Myers
Bailey Woodruff
Molly Raben
Gerry Garrison
Park Taylor
Margo Cuskey
Sue Menzel
Joan Jacobowski
Shawn Tisdell

Jerry Wacek
Keith Trembath

Contract Educators
Terry Dorsey
Marco Mena
Eva Apelqvist
Bianca Pinske
Luis Gatgens
Patricia Amparo Manrique
Carla Belistri
Dago Sepulveda
Doris Cade
Margaret Dorer
Our 2008 Volunteers  
(as of September 15, 2008)

Nick    Allen       Tony    Lyne       Victor    Sacco
Paul    Amacher    dee      Martin     Jaci     Sacco
Maryann Amacher  Janine   McNulty    Jacob    Sacco
Irene   Asp        Tim      McRaith    Aaron    Sacco
Waldo   Asp        Sue      Menzel     Sue      Schroeder
Jan     Bliss       Tracey   Mofle      Dave    Seis
Cecilia Brierton  Jonah     Mofle-Bisonette
Nancy   Chick      Storme   Nelson     Erik     Severson
Carolyn Cleveland Judy     Nelson     Park     Taylor
Margo   Cuskey     Dawn     Nelson     Linda    Thompson
Arda    Davis      Mary     Nelson     Mary     Thostenson
Gary    Davis      Jed      Nelson     Amanda  Wells
Georgia Dettmers    John     Neste     Tracy    White
Ann     Drake       Judy     Neste     Helen    White
Betty   Dreis      Nancy    Neumann    Anna     White
Bob     Dreis      Anna     Neumann    William  Wood
Judy    Fischer     Lois     Nissen     John     Works
Bev     Grocke      Doug     Olson      Students Winter
Katie   Haines      Colette  Piskie     Students Winter
Greg    Hill        Haleigh  Rafalski    
John    Hughes      Dakota   Robinson    
Bonnie  Johnson     Krys     Robinson    
Charlie Jump       Carlotta Romsos    
Lorna   Kology      Eugene   Romsos     
Adam    Liegl       Janine   Rueter     
Renae   Lloyd       Wayne    Sabatke    

Our apologies if we missed anyone who did not sign in as a volunteer at the events.

Over 95 volunteers and 1280 hours worked through September! Thank you!

2008 Year to Date Budget Summary
As of August 31, 2008
Total Income         $186,649.70     Total Expense    $135,215.34
Income/Loss $21,507.21  Current Assets $176,629.98

**In Kind Donations** (Gifts & Services)
Maryann Amacher  Karen Kress  Bruce and Sara Qualey
Ardis Amundson  Kevin McMullin  Christine and Dan Rice
David and Carolyn Cleveland  Marco Mena  Don and Linda Ruedy
Bob and Betty Dreis  Roger and Nancy Nash  Marilyn Vig
Bonnie Johnson  Mary Nelson

**Donations of Funds**
Arnold and Linda Angeloni  Robert Fortenbaugh  Peter Martin – Lakeville Motor Express
Michele Byron & David Bihrle  Fortnightly Club  Minnesota River Valley Audubon
Austen and Cynthia Cargill  Andy and Sarah Freeman  Wayne and Barb Sabatke
Centurytel  Jessie Gerteis  Linda Thompson
David and Carolyn Cleveland  Grand Foundation  William and Jan Wood
Cumberland Women’s Club  Burnell and Paulette Hanson  Xcel Energy
Terry and Diane Dorsey  Jim and Carol Heim
Angie and George Farrell  Judy and Lee Jacobson
James and Linda Farrell  Cumberland Kiwanis
Akemi Fischer

**Memorial Donations**
Cora and Bill Noble in memory of Evelyn Davis
Gus and Marsha Stelzer in memory of Phyllis Schieffer
Larry and Colette Piskie in memory of Darlys Theos

**Scholarships and Grants**
Long Lake Preservation Association  Tracey Mofle
Minnesota River Valley Audubon  WCLRA – pending scholarship school program

**Endowment**