

The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc.

Annual Report

1989 to 2009



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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."

2009 Board Highlights:

2009, following the national economic recession, started out causing a great deal of concern with the cancellation (due to lack of sign-ups) of four week-long residential camps – Swedish Immersion, two weeks of Spanish Immersion, and the Adult Ecology program. However, the Program Committee introduced some new August day camp programs which quickly filled up – even on short notice; and a new UW-Green Bay Upward Bound residential camp also helped to fill the void. The end result was program growth in attendance and revenue over last year! Membership growth is +30% over 2008. A Strategic Planning session was conducted by our FOHHAS Board of Directors – including an electronic survey of our FOHHAS members for their support, concerns, and suggestions. Plans are now being finalized through each of our operating committees for continued improvements and growth of Hunt Hill, following the wishes of Frances Andrews for family strengthening, environmental education, and the preservation of Hunt Hill.

1. Partnership building with:

- Washburn County Lakes & Rivers Association, the Long Lake Preservation Association, and the DNR in the Youth Ecology Stewardship (YES) Project to bring more school groups and more new students out to Hunt Hill on fieldtrips studying water quality issues in our area.
- Northwest Wisconsin Regional Food Network on SoupStock III
- UW-Stevens Point, UW-Barron Co., UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire
- WITC
- camperships from Rice Lake Kiwanis, Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter, Spooner Kiwanis, Cumberland Optimists, and Long Lake Preservation Association
- Hunt Hill neighbors at the second annual "Neighbors' Open House"
- Treehaven (UW-SP) on a new National Science Foundation mosquito survey project
- Spooner Community Ed.
- Shell Lake Community Ed.
- Birchwood Community Ed.
- Lakeland Family Resource Center
- Rice Lake Boys' & Girls' Club
- Kinship
- Northwood Community Education Foundation

2. Financial stability through:

- earlier Board budget approval process
- a focus on foundation grant writing - with over twenty new foundations contacted
- healthy 2008 budget
- plans to expand our local FOHHAS Endowment
- new membership growth (up over 20%)

3. Protection/sustaining of Hunt Hill itself
 - negotiating on property acquisition around the main property
 - 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
 - new Cakes-At-the-Lake programs
 - timber wolves in northern Wisconsin
 - support of local food producers
 - recycling
 - citizen science programs expanded to include: mosquito surveys, crane count, state-wide salamander survey, and the sturgeon watch
5. New program highlights (for details see Programs 2009 below):
 - new outreach programs through Washburn Co. Lakes & Rivers Association (WCLRA) and the Long Lake Protection Association (LLPA); and with Kevin McMullin; and trips out to schools
 - Grand Adventures for grandparents and grandkids
 - Dinner-&-A-Movie series
 - Eco-Adventures monthly programs
 - Summer parades to promote Hunt Hill



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 include

Programs 2009

Program Name	2008 (Camper Days/Attendance)	2009 (Camper Days/Attendance)
Summer Camps	512	416
Schools	1217	1344
Programs	190	443
Contracted	1394	1375
Cakes at the Lake Series	1055	1180
Total	4313	4758

Program Staff

2009 was another great year when it came to educators. With an increase in the number of schools, plus the number of students coming with each school, we also had an increase in staff. This spring we welcomed Pahoua Lee, Kyle James Green, Michelle Jondreau, Anitta Anderson, and Colleen Johnson to our school educator staff. They joined our returning staff members: Sue Menzel, Charlotte Snarski, Park Taylor, Gary and Arda Davis, Gerry Garrison, and Margo Cuskey to make this year another success.

The summer staff was AMAZING and brought a wonderful mix of enthusiasm, experience and new ideas! This year we welcomed Pahoua Lee, Park Taylor, Kyle James Green, Elizabeth Shmikler and Kelly Winnum. Pahoua, a recent graduate of UW-Eau Claire and native of Green Bay was the LLPA/Hunt Hill intern. Over the summer she updated kiosks around the lake, greeted guests at the Cakes at the Lake programs and developed new day camps for our youth. Park Taylor, from Stone Lake, joined our summer team after working the last two springs with our school groups. His ridiculous humor coupled with his true passion for working with youth made a positive impact on our campers. Kyle James Green, from Chetek, was always a great help! His friendly personality coupled with his 'cool' demeanor made him an instant hit with everyone he met. Plus his motivation to make camp better lead to the creation of some very impressive nature center displays (check out the track box, scat matching and track matching games). Elizabeth Shmikler joined us from UM-Duluth where she studies outdoor recreation. She kept us enthusiastic through her happy personality, innovative programs and a song for every occasion! Kelly Winnum, a recent graduate of UW-River Falls in Conservation, and a native of Milwaukee was our city girl in the woods. Her calm personality coupled well with the other staff and helped to create a wonderful atmosphere to work and learn in. In addition to training, getting first aid and lifeguard certifications, creating their own programs, and leading camps the staff also created some wonderful displays to help create our nature center. Park Taylor took on the task of fungus and created a very cool mushroom display, Elizabeth recreated our glass box bird display, Kelly made an interactive microscope station and a soil display, and Pahoua cleaned up our plant area. Hunt Hill was very lucky to have such a wonderful group of motivated and dedicated people working here this summer! In addition to our seasonal summer staff, we also had one week of Spanish camp lead by Marco Mena, Luis Gatgens and Amp

Fall 2009 Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 10th 1-3pm

Outdoor Photography

Are you interested in capturing the changing of the season and the splash of fall colors? Come and practice your skills with hands-on assistance from Northern Lights Camera Club and learn the tips that will help you get those memorable images. Bring your own camera and **extra batteries**. Cost: \$5/person or \$15/family



2009 Staff

Executive Director
Storme Nelson

Program Coordinator
Nikki Nelson

Office Manager
Karen Kress

Maintenance Team
Larry Piskie
Colette Piskie

Cooks
Ava Gustafson
Sue Menzel
Lynn Esperson

Seasonal
Kyle Green
PaHoua Lee
Elizabeth Shmikler
Park Taylor
Kelly Winnum

Our 2009 Volunteers
(as of September 15, 2009)

Marco Alamilla
Paul and Maryann Amacher
Thor and Tray Benham
Jan Bliss

Cecelia Brierton
Ian Cain
Carolyn Cleveland
Jaida Couture

School Educators

Charlotte Snarski
Kyle Green
Colleen Johnson
Michelle Jondreau
Anitta Anderson
PaHoua Lee
Gerry Garrison
Park Taylor
Margo Cuskey
Sue Menzel
Shawn Tisdell

Volunteer Educators

Chris Cold
Arda and Gary Davis

Contract Educators

Terry Dorsey
Marco Mena
Luis Gatgens
Patricia Amparo Manrique

Gary and Arda Davis

Georgia Dettmers
Ashley Enoch
Judy and Amber Fischer

Nina Harrington
Paul Herrmann
Krissi Hoffmann
Tonya and Christopher Jahnke
Charlie Jump
Becky Knapmiller
IKodiak Koessl
Lou Kondeau
Tony Korthals
Amanda Kostner
Becky and Lynn Lambert
Kriss Lazouli
Adam Liegl
Tony Lyne
Mike and David Mancini
Nancy and Sean McMahon
Tim McRaith
Sue Menzel
Tracey Mofle
Nikolaus Morris
Nick Muen

Sean Murphy
Dawn and Storme Nelson
Mary and Jed Nelson
John and Judy Neste
Linnea Olesen
Jodi Olmstead
Taylor Page
John and Shane Pisa
Colette and Larry Piskie
Jeremy Reed
Walt Reul
Carlotta and Gene Romsos
Linda Romsos
Jennifer Rothe
Janine Rueter
Terri Sabby
Larry Samson
Jessica Schalkowski
Sue and Michael Schroeder
Rhona Schuebel
Dave Seis

Charlotte Snarski
Bernie and Danny Snarski
Gus Stelzer
Bill Stewart
Park Taylor
Linda Thompson
Elvina Thompson
Mary Thostenson
Shawn Tisdell
Marilyn Vig
Roberts United Church of
Christ Youth Volunteers
Tracy White
William Wood
John Works
Alissa and Adrianna Young

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

Over 100 volunteers and 1114 hours worked through September! Thank you!

2009 Year to Date Budget Summary

As of August 31, 2009

Total Income	\$197,879.54	Income/Loss	\$18,973.05
Total Expense	\$152,000.09	Current Assets	\$192,971.01

In Kind Donations (Gifts & Services)

Paul and Maryann Amacher	Judy and Don Haseleu	Mary Nelson
Judy and Mark Brigham	Bill and Jan Hoveland	Dawn Nelson
Carol and Don Buckman	Ed and Mary Jo Janisin	Randy and Linda Poznanski
Mary and Tom Chido	Katty Shack Restaurant	Walt Reul
Barb Emerson	Tony Korthals	Christine and Dan Rice
Paul Erickson	Long Lake Bait and Tackle	Rollingwood Nursery
Paul Finger	Long Lake Woodland Crafts	Carlotta and Gene Romsos
Garden Shed	Kevin McMullin and Karen	Sandy's Reel-Em Inn
Jim Garey	Kauffman	Sue Schroeder
Ron Grams	Tracy Mofle	William and Jan Wood

Donations of Funds 9/15/08 to 9/15/09

Allan and Judie Barta	Bill and Maureen Farrell	Burnell and Paulette Hanson
Jan Bliss and Jay Hand	Andy and Sarah Freeman	Carol and Jim Heim
Austen and Cynthia Cargill	Louis Gerteis & Janice Parker	Dr. Lee Jacobson
Ellie Chapman & Jim	Paul Goellner and Bette	Kevin McMullin and Karen
O'Bannon	Colville	Kauffman
David and Carolyn Cleveland	Grand Foundation	Michael and Judi Mollerus
Diane Ericksen	Dale and Kathy Hanson	Storme and Dawn Nelson

John and Judy Neste
Linnea Olesen
Randy and Linda Poznanski
Douglas and Sue Raether
Les and Louise Rogers
Gene and Carlotta Romsos

Wayne and Barb Sabatke
Jim and Susie Schmitz
Gus and Marsha Stelzer
Bill and Katherine Stewart
Don and Pauli Storm
Neil and Sue Tollander

David and Ronda Tworek
Tom and Gloria Vonasek
Tracy and John White
Lois Whitehorn
Roberta and Jeff Wilkes
John Works

Memorial Donations

To Vivian Hovey Memorial:

Laurie Behrends
Lisa Calvert
Kevin and Sandra Campbell
Jerry and Joan Coffey
Karin and Robert Crain
Elizabeth Ebsen
Susan Fahlberg Erway

Sue and Schoffield Gross
Colleen Hay and Lauren Cody
Mr. and Mrs. Erik Jensen
Gary Kampf
Ruth Larson
Catherine Love
Nancy Gray McKelvey
Shirley Misare

Ruth Purcell
Nancy Purcell
Michael and Connie Schmidt
Robert and Carol Sprunger
To Dorothy McIlquham Memorial:
Kathleen Serley

Scholarships and Grants

Long Lake Preservation Association
Minnesota River Valley Audubon

Terri Rethwisch
WCLRA

Endowment

Donations to Endowment Fund in 2009 totaled \$175. Donations were received from Judith Shepard, Janine Rueter, and J. Coffey. Total endowment value as of August 31, 2009 is \$13,973.98.

