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

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**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 2009

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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
Saturday, October 17th 12-4pm  
Trail of Myths  
Bring the family and learn and laugh through this theatrical production. You will encounter a variety of wildlife with their entertaining tales of real life in the forest. Our cast of characters is sure to captivate you! Visitors may arrive at any time to take the guided hike along the Trail of Myths between noon and 4pm. When you have finished your hike, enjoy refreshments and crafts. A perfect activity for church, scout and neighborhood play groups. Cost: $5/child or $15/family

Saturday, November 7th  
Wildlife Detectives 1-3pm  
Ever wonder what those tracks were leading away from your garbage, found a pile of scat, or wondered about a hoot you heard in the night? Join Hunt Hill as we discuss how to identify animal signs and then we’ll test our knowledge by hitting the trails to search for animals signs, tracks, and scat. Cost: $5/person or $15/family **** MUST PRE-REGISTER BY DECEMBER 7th ****

Saturday, December 12th  
Ice Fishing 1-3pm  
Whether you are an experienced ice fisherman or brand new to the ‘sport’ join Hunt Hill staff as we head down to our lakes to see what’s biting. Learn how to set tip-ups, pick a location, proper bait and even drill a hole! We’ll have hot cocoa and snacks along with our heated PLC if you need to warm up! Cost: $5/person or $15/family

Membership
As of September 15, 2009, there was an increase of 112 members from 2008 to 2009. (377 in 2008 and 489 in 2009). 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). Family Membership is counted as three members; Individual as one member; Senior as one or two, depending on payment; Loon, Osprey, Sandy Hill Crane, Frances Andrews are counted as two members.

2009 BOARD MEMBERS
Jan Bliss, President  
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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS (not Board or Staff)
Website: Nancy Chick  
Finance: Vicki Shaffer  
Legal: Katherine Stewart

Program: Alex Bezzerides, Dave Seis, Amanda Kostner, Jessica Schalkowski, Gene Romansos, Kelly Lehnert
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

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

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
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 Knappmiller
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
Colette and Larry Piskie
Jeremy Reed
Walt Reul
Carlotta and Gene Romso
Linda Romso
Jennifer Rothe
Janine Rueter
Terri Sabby
Larry Samson
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
Total Expense $152,000.09
Income/Loss $18,973.05
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 Romso
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
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 Schofield 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
- Terri Rethwisch

Minnesota River Valley Audubon
- 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.